

NPQ Funding Announcement

- **DfE NPQ Funding Announcement for Autumn 2026:**
- **NPQ for Headship, NPQ for Senior Leadership and NPQ for SENCOs** will be fully funded to participants working in eligible educational settings, regardless of disadvantage criteria
- **NPQ for Early Years Leadership** will now be fully funded for participants working in Early Years settings regardless of disadvantage criteria
- **Early Headship Coaching Offer** will continue to be available if the participant is also in the first 5 years of headship & is undertaking or has completed the NPQ for Headship
- Scholarships for **all other NPQs** will continue to be based on disadvantage criteria
- Participants in settings that are ineligible for funding can access NPQs through school-funded or self-funded routes.

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- Teaching School Hubs expect to receive notification of disadvantaged criteria eligibility in June.
- **There will only be 1 cohort of scholarship funded NPQs in 2026/27.**
- **We expect demand for places to significantly outstrip supply again** (particularly for SL, SENCO and Headship) and for there to be a cap on the number of scholarship funded places available.

ACTION: Headteachers to contact their respective Teaching School Hub with the names of staff and NPQs they wish to complete so that they can notify you when the application process officially opens.