

Doncaster Research School Evidence Leads in Education (ELEs): FAQs

1. What is a Research School?

Research Schools aim to lead the way in the use of evidence-based practice. Through their local networks they will share what they know about putting research into practice, and support schools in their region to make better use of evidence to inform their teaching and learning. Doncaster Research School is part of the national Research Schools Network, funded and managed by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). The Research School provides training and professional learning for leaders and teachers on how to innovate, develop and enhance classroom practice and pupils' learning experiences, based on the best available evidence. The core purpose is to promote the development of an evidence informed profession by creating a system wide culture of learning and enquiry, enabling teachers and leaders to make evidence-informed decisions and choices.

2. What will an ELE do?

There is a range of activities that an ELE can undertake. For example, an ELE could be deployed to support and contribute to the work of the Research School focusing on encouraging the use of evidence to inform school improvement decisions; lead a network, co-design and co-deliver CPD; act as a coach and mentor for practitioners who are engaged in evidence-informed interventions. A deployment could be speaking at after-school staff meetings, leading a workshop to look at the evidence on a particular area of the curriculum, facilitating a network or leading a community of practice.

3. What skills and knowledge are required to be an ELE?

The ELE recruitment flyer and application form includes information about the eligibility criteria of an Evidence Lead in Education.

4. What support will I receive?

You will be part of a local Research School hub and will be supported by Doncaster Research School staff, other ELEs and the wider Research School network. You will be designated as an ELE by Doncaster Research School in association with the EEF.

5. What training will I be able to access?

You will receive introductory training, with an initial meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 14th July 2021. A full induction is planned for early in the 2021/22 academic year.

You will also be invited to attend regular Research School team meetings with other ELEs and Doncaster Research School colleagues where you will receive updates and information relating to the work of the Research School, EEF and wider Research School network.

6. What is the time commitment?

We expect ELEs to be available to deliver a minimum of 6 days support per year, the times and dates of which will be mutually agreeable to the ELE and the ELE's host school.

7. Are you recruiting ELEs from all phases?

Doncaster Research School's remit is to support all school phases. We will accept ELE applications from all phases and contexts.

8. How much will the ELE's host school be remunerated?

The host school will be remunerated for an ELE deployment at the rate of either £300 or £400 per day (in line with SLE and LLE deployment rates), dependent on senior leadership role. The above rate is fully inclusive of travel and other expenses unless specifically agreed otherwise. A day is defined as 7 hours which could include planning, preparation and write up time.