



Join Our Team

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to join us as an Evidence Advocate!

Exchange Research School at Don Valley Academy is recruiting a new cohort of Evidence Advocates (EAs) to support our mission to mobilise research evidence to improve outcomes for children and close the attainment gap.

Applications are welcome from colleagues with effective leadership experience from any phase of education, from Early Years to Post-16, and from a range of specialisms.

Why apply to be an Evidence Advocate?

This is a great professional development opportunity for anyone who is passionate about evidence-informed practice in education, and an opportunity to contribute more widely to support the Education Endowment Foundation's (EEF) mission.

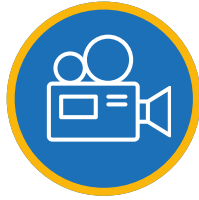
As an EA, you will be supported to develop your expertise through collaboration with fellow EAs and colleagues from the Research Schools Network (RSN) and EEF, while also gaining exclusive access to EEF professional development opportunities. You will benefit from being part of The Exchange Partnership's Facilitator Network, receive early briefings on new EEF publications, and have opportunities to showcase how evidence is used in your own setting.

Examples of Evidence Advocate tasks and deployments:



FACILITATION

Facilitating workshops: twilight, half day, full day, standalone or multi-day programmes.



EXEMPLIFICATION

Drawing on your experience to create case studies, write articles or blogs and record podcasts or videos.



ADVOCACY

Advocating for evidence use and promoting the work of the Research School across current networks and with external audiences.



NETWORKS & TRAINING

Attending termly network meetings and professional learning workshops ran by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).



DEVELOPING A SPECIALISM

Exploring, synthesising and curating the evidence around a particular area of specialism.





What's involved?

1 Commitment

There is no pre-defined time commitment for Evidence Advocate work as models and types of deployment vary according to need and capacity. We expect our EAs to attend induction training (one half day), network meetings (one per term) and at least two EEF online sessions throughout the year.

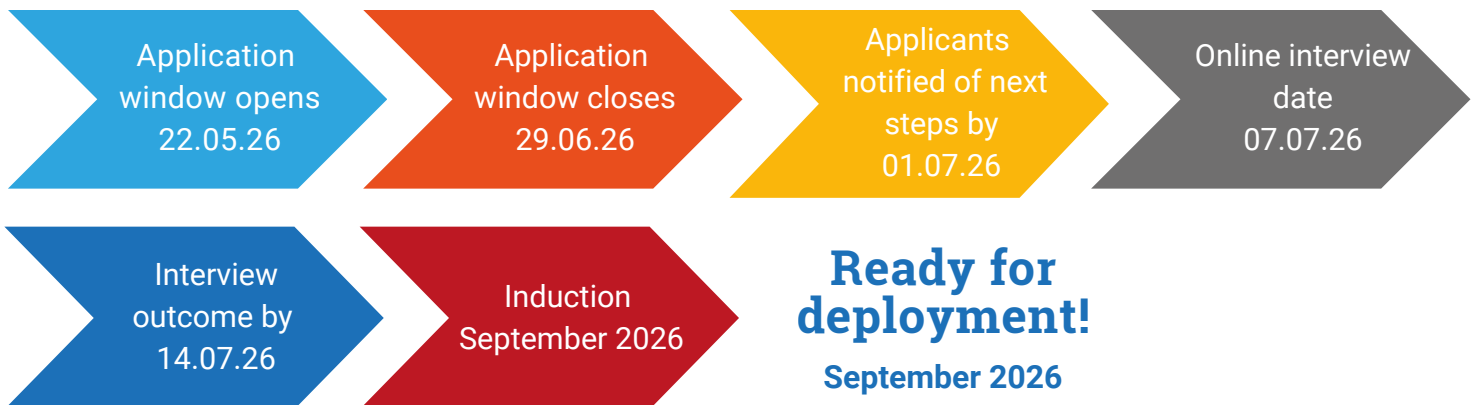
2 Duration

Successful applicants must have the commitment and capacity to support the work of the Research School, with the full support of their Headteacher or line manager for the next academic year.

3 Cost

Successful applicants will be entitled to training at no cost to their school / host organisation. This is an unpaid professional development opportunity, requiring a commitment of time and support from your school for any necessary release. If you are invited to facilitate on an external programme, we may provide funding to your school to help offset associated costs. All schedules will be agreed in advance.

Timeline:



How to apply:

Visit our website for more information: <https://researchschool.org.uk/exchange>. Download and complete a copy of the application form, outlining your suitability to the post, as well as including a supporting statement from your Headteacher or line manager, and return it to us via email: info@exchangepartnership.org.uk by midday on Monday 29th June 2026.

