



### **Information for potential Specialist Leaders of Education**

**Who can apply?** To become an SLE, you need to have been in a leadership role below the Head teacher for at least 2 years, Subject Leader / Co-ordinator up to Deputy Headship. Your Head teacher will be asked to confirm that you are in an appropriate role. Higher level teaching assistants are not eligible to apply.

You can be from any type or phase of school.

You don't need to be in an outstanding school or a school that is part of a teaching school alliance (<https://www.gov.uk/teaching-schools-a-guide-for-potential-applicants>), as long as your school has the capacity to release you to work in other schools. You must have at least one specialism from our areas of expertise, which are based on the 4 areas of focus for Ofsted.

<i>Ofsted focus</i>	<i>Areas of expertise</i>
Leadership and management	Academies and academy transition; assessment; leadership of continuing professional development; school business management and financial management; leadership of curriculum
Pupil achievement	Art; closing the gap; drama; design and technology; early years; English; geography; history; information and communication technology; maths; modern foreign languages; music; phonics; physical education; personal, social and health education; religious education; science; special educational needs; support for the most able pupils
Quality of teaching	Initial teacher training and newly qualified teacher development
Behaviour and safety	Behaviour and discipline; attendance

To be successful in your application, you should have:

- A successful track record of working effectively within your own school and / or across a group of schools, or working with a range of leaders within a single school
- Evidence of successfully using coaching and / or facilitation skills to bring about sustainable improvements
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Riding Forward TSA is looking to recruit SLEs in the following areas however we are interested in applications from all of the specialisms listed in the table above:

- *Science*
- *English*
- *Maths*
- *School Business Manager*
- *ITT/NQT Development*
- *SEND*

***SLEs are deployed by Riding Forward Teaching School to support schools, deliver training and take part in research projects. An SLE's school is funded for any outreach work and any requests are negotiated with the Teaching school, SLE and their school.***

You apply by completing the Riding Forward application form and returning it via email to Andrea Tonks: [atonks@molescroftprimary.net](mailto:atonks@molescroftprimary.net)

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