Summit Learning (Formerly Ninestiles Academy) Trust Research Bursaries Academic Year 2018-19

Are you curious about improving education? Do you want to expand your educational knowledge and understanding in a way that will benefit your school? Does your creative mind ask key questions that you'd like to answer? A Summit Learning Trust bursary might free up the possibility for you to carry out an action research project.

What are they?

This year, the Trust will make ten bursaries of £1000 available to staff to facilitate action research in our schools. The funding will be given in the form of a voucher which can be exchanged with your school to support:

- Attendance at conferences/courses/visits to other schools
- Cover for meeting time/ research and writing time
- Any other reasonable expenses

Criteria

The research project should link overtly to one of the Trust focuses.

This year our Trust focuses are:

- Challenge and high expectation for all learners, with particular attention on high-prior-ability learners
- Raising the achievement of our disadvantaged learners
- Using creativity to enhance learning and improve learner progress
- Improving attendance
- Improving the teaching and progress of SEND learners

Researchers should seek to find out why, in our context, the chosen aspect is an issue for the school/Trust, examine possible solutions and trial one of these, tracking impact.

Eligibility

All staff who do not currently hold a leadership position. This is to promote the development and succession planning of future leaders in schools and the Trust. Your application will need to be supported by your line manager.

Timeline

Bursaries will be awarded by November 16th; research projects will begin in January 2019; research papers will be submitted at the end of the autumn term 2019, presented to Trust and school leaders, and published on the teaching school website.

Applications should be sent through to David Harper by email – david.harper@cockshuthill.org.uk by **November 7th**.

The application form can be downloaded here.