**Teaching School Hubs – Test and learn phase**

Building on the government’s first-ever integrated recruitment and retention strategy, launched in January this year, School Systems Minister Lord Agnew, announced the Teaching School Hubs ‘test-and-learn’ phase. This is the first part of the Department’s plans to the review the current structure of system leadership.

The Department would like to invite high achieving schools to apply for 1 of up to 9 competitive grants that will be awarded in up to 9 areas of the country.

To be considered as a Teaching School Hub, the lead school must be:

1. Eligible. See prospectus and eligibility tool for information
2. Located in a test and learn area. See application pack for information
3. Experienced at delivering high quality school to school support, and successfully brokered support for appropriately skilled colleagues at other schools

**Applications that do not meet this criteria will not be assessed**

If your school is not eligible to apply as a lead school, you can work with another school – to support their application.

**Application process**

* Register interest [here](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TSHclarification/)[[1]](#footnote-1) – a clarification event will be held for eligible schools
* Lead school **submit complete application form** to systemleader.applications@education.gov.uk before the deadline, **12 noon on Friday 26 July** (applications from school that aren’t eligible will not be assessed)
* Eligible applications will be assessed and sifted against the published scoring criteria
* If successful in the sift, applicants will be invited to interview
* If successful in the interview, applicants will be appointed

**Grant Start Date:** Autumn term 2019

**Grant End Date:** July 2022.[[2]](#footnote-2)

 **Estimated value**:

The competitive grant award will be an average of £200,000 to cover infrastructure costs, per annum, per Teaching School Hub.

Teaching School Hubs will set out how sustainable improvement can be delivered across their local area over a three-year commitment. As funding over this period will coincide with a new spending review, future funding by DfE is subject to HMT agreement. See prospectus for further details.

**Deadline for receipt of grant application**: 12 noon on 26 July 2019

Please note that DfE is not bound to enter into any grant agreement. Funding for Teaching School Hubs may be subject to change at DfE’s absolute discretion.

1. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TSHclarification/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Funding for TS Hubs, as with other system leader and government funding, is confirmed until the end of the current spending review period. The Department will confirm future funding for financial year 2020-21 in due course [↑](#footnote-ref-2)