**Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Provision Expansion pilot**

**Overview**

The Department for Education is launching a pilot to extend the reach of ‘Outstanding’ Initial Teacher Training providers into challenging areas of the country.

We announced in an October 2017 [Press Release](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-education-and-skills-measures-announced) that we would, *“Support our best teacher trainer providers … to expand their reach into challenging areas … so more areas benefit from excellent teacher training, and help increase the supply of great teachers to the schools that need them the most.”*

Currently there are variations in teacher supply challenges across the country, often at school level, including (but not exclusively) some poor-performing schools struggling to recruit the teachers they need to improve their outcomes. While expansion in school-led teacher training provision has been successful, the increase in national training capacity has not yet delivered new supply to some schools most in need of new teachers.

The Department intends to support ‘Outstanding’ ITT providers to expand their provision in challenging areas for teacher recruitment, including to schools not currently involved in ITT that are Ofsted Category 3 or 4. This is intended to improve the supply of trainee teachers, promote school improvement through ITT, support teacher recruitment and retention, and remove obstacles to social mobility in these regions and their schools.

Bids might target one or more of the category 5 and 6 [‘Achieving Excellence Areas’](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/educational-excellence-everywhere) and/or one or more of the 12 [Opportunity areas](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-mobility-and-opportunity-areas). Providers may also propose any other area provided they supply compelling evidence of teacher supply need and impact in their bids. Providers should ensure that they utilise current published data, including, but not limited to the recently published [Teachers Analysis Compendium 3](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/teachers-analysis-compendium-3).

**Eligibility**

To be eligible:

* you must be an accredited provider of ITT in England, rated Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ for either primary, or secondary provision
* you must be able to commit to undertake implementation work in 2018 to deliver your proposal from 2019.
* your proposal must comply with all the current ITT criteria, and use only existing ITT routes

**Objectives**

The content of your bid must address the objectives of this exercise. The Department intends to support providers to:

* increase trainee supply in areas of poor teacher recruitment and retention
* improve the supply of newly qualified teachers to category 3 and 4 schools located in challenging areas
* promote category 3 and 4 school improvement through their involvement in ITT
* remove obstacles to social mobility

**Process**

**Expression of Intent**

In order to be eligible to make a submission, you must first submit an Expression of Intent form to [ITT.INNOVATION@education.gov.uk](mailto:ITT.INNOVATION@education.gov.uk), stating your accredited provider name, target expansion region/partner schools *(where known)*, and provider contact information.

The Expression of Intent form confirms that you have consulted with colleagues and potential partners including schools, and that you will be working on a submission for this exercise. You are not obligated to submit a bid if you express intent, but you cannot submit a bid if you have not submitted the expression of intent form by the stated deadline.

The Expression of Intent form should be submitted to the Department by 30th April 2018, and is available in the bidding documentation.

**Submission**

This is a **single stage submission** -you must complete all sections in the bidding documentation.

**Timings**

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| **Process** | **Date** |
| Expression of Intent deadline | 30/04/18 |
| Submission deadline | 03/06/17 |
| DfE assessment – additional information may be requested | Up to 29/06/18 |
| DfE confirms approval to successful providers once all requested information has been supplied | w/c 02/07/18 |
| Seed funding awarded to successful providers | 2018 TBC |
| Implementation stage | July 2018 – August 2019 |
| Delivery under new model | From September 2019 |

**Successful bids**

Partnerships whose bids are successful will start implementation work in July 2018 to deliver under the new model from the 2019 trainee cohort.

Support for those who are successful will include:

* assistance from a DfE associate
* funding, as set out in the bidding documentation.:

**Contact**

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