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Eligibility criteria for FE providers wanting to utilise a 'Mentoring Network' grant

To be eligible for the 'Mentoring Network' grant opportunity, organisations must meet the following criteria which will be confirmed during your expression of interest submission.

1. In order to be eligible for mentoring network grants, public and private Further Education providers (excluding the exemptions listed below) must hold one of the following approved contracts directly with ESFA:
 - Apprenticeships (including carry-in, procured non-levy and Apprenticeship Service non-levy and levy)
 - 16-19 Programmes (excluding Academy/School Funding)
 - 16-18 Traineeships
 - Adult Education Budget (excluding devolved AEB)
 - 19+ Traineeships
 - National Careers Service
 - European Social Funding
 - Advanced Learner Loans Facility & Bursary
 - Skills Bootcamps Funding

Please note: you cannot apply if you are a School / School Sixth Form, Academy, Studio School or University Technical College even if you're in receipt of one or more of these funding streams. Sixth Form Colleges that are currently in the process of, or planning conversion to, an academy in 2023 to 2024 academic year are also not eligible to apply for the TMP.

2. Providers must have an allocated UKPRN number - <https://www.ukrlp.co.uk/>
3. Providers must be located in England and offer training in England.
4. Providers will need to confirm that the mentoring network grant will not be used for any other DfE funded programmes or subscriptions to avoid duplicate and overlaps in funding. This also applies to not cross funding between the main TMP programme and networking grants.
5. The overall beneficiaries of mentoring network grant funding must be FE organisations (embedding mentoring culture) and FE teachers (helping to retain and develop).

6. All members of the mentoring network must be contracted directly by providers (this includes permanent full-time and part-time positions, sessional and those on 0-hour contracts).
7. Providers will need to confirm that they will not submit applications to be part of more than one mentoring network within the same financial year.
8. Mentoring networks can apply to deliver the same mentoring network programme in the following financial year. However, existing mentoring networks would need to demonstrate new, distinct objectives to achieve / focus on different outputs.
9. Mentoring networks will need to confirm that they will complete all reporting and assurance requirements as part of accessing the mentoring network grant.

Where mentoring networks are comprised of a number of different FE providers, all providers receiving grant funding must meet the eligibility criteria.

Please note: the eligibility criteria for the 'Mentoring Network' grant opportunity is subject to change. Cognition Learning Group and the DfE reserve the right to update and amend the eligibility criteria at any time. Please check this document ahead of submitting an application.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please refer to our FAQ document. If this does not answer your question, please contact the Teacher Mentoring Programme Team on tmpenquiries@cognitioneducation.com