



ETF-SUNCETT Practitioner Research Programme (PRP) 2024 -2025
Call for Applications

The National Practitioner Research Programme (PRP), sponsored by the Educational and Training Foundation (ETF) in England, supports practitioners in the Further Education and Skills sector to improve the quality of vocational education through practice-focused educational research. The PRP is delivered in partnership with the University of Sunderland's Centre of Excellence in Teacher Training (SUNCETT). Sector participants interested in conducting systematic, postgraduate research into how teaching, learning and assessment in vocational education in England might be improved, are invited to apply for a place on the PRP 2024-2025. **All PRP studies must relate to ETF strategic priorities – specifically:**

- **Professionalism**
- **Teaching and learning**
- **Inclusivity**
- **Sector leadership**

The PRP 2024-2025 provides funding to cover the cost of the first year of University of Sunderland MPhil, together with a supporting programme of intensive research, residential training and mentorship. **Please note that funding to cover fees for the second year of the MPhil is not guaranteed.**

Teachers and leaders of vocational education who are currently working in the sector in England who are interested in being considered for a place on the PRP 2024-2025 should contact: daniel.gregson@sunderland.ac.uk for further information and an application form.

As explained above, all successful applicants to the PRP are required to attend three Intensive Research Training Residential Development Workshops. While the costs of the delivery of these workshops are covered by the PRP, the costs of travel to and from these events and subsistence are not.

**Dates for Practitioner Research Programme Research
Development Workshops 2024-25**

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1. Research Development Workshop 1: **Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th October 2024 (4 days)***
2. Research Development Workshop 2: **Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th March 2025 (3 days)**
3. Research Development Workshop 3: **Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th May 2025 (3 days)**



Applications for the PRP 2024-2025 will be open from **1st August 2024**. The PRP window for applications will **close on Monday 16th September 2024 at midnight**.

As the finalising of the negotiations of contractual arrangements for the PRP are currently underway with the Foundation, the offer of any place on the programme will be subject to successful completion of those contractual arrangements between the Foundation and the University of Sunderland.

Short Listing Dates: **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September 2024**

For candidates who are shortlisted, interviews will be held on Teams (or via a provided mobile number) on **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September 2024** (all PRP applicants are asked to ensure that they are available to participate in Teams interviews on these dates as it may not be possible to offer alternatives).

Links to Testimonials from Previous MPhil Practitioners:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1iDmQLt6R88K5L3ChKNEkUkHBX38_LIJV



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