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# Academic mentors

How schools and academy trusts can apply for subsidised tutoring as part of the national tutoring programme to help pupils catch up on missed learning.

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Academic mentors are graduates or teachers who undergo intensive training before being placed in a school. They are salaried members of staff that will work alongside existing school staff to provide subject-specific work, revision lessons and additional support.

Academic mentors are available through the national tutoring programme and form 1 of 3 subsidised tutoring options. The [national tutoring programme](#) supports disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils from year 1 to 11 to catch up on missed education due to COVID-19.

## Eligibility

To ensure we are reaching as many pupils as possible, we have

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reviewed our eligibility criteria for academic mentor support.

State-funded schools and academy trusts in one of the qualifying [local authority districts prioritised for raising school standards](#) can apply for an academic mentor and receive funding to subsidise the cost.

Schools or academy trusts that are not based in a qualifying area but have 30% or more of their pupils eligible for pupil premium are also eligible for support.

Contact us via email at [academicmentors@nationaltutoring.org.uk](mailto:academicmentors@nationaltutoring.org.uk) for further information.

## Funding

The subsidy rate for the 2021 to 2022 academic year will be 95%.

The remaining costs will be funded by using, for example, the recovery premium or pupil premium.

## How to apply

Register with the national tutoring programme to [apply for an academic mentor](#).

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