



Ofsted/National College/BLI School Inspection Shadowing Programme

Guidance for applicants

Please complete all sections of the application form **fully** and **electronically**.

Please note that Sections 4 and 5 will be particularly important in judging applicants suitability for the programme.

Sections 1–3

Do not omit any sections and please provide your full career history. We would normally expect to see details of your career for at least the past five years.

Section 4: Reasons for applying

We are keen to know about your aspirations to be a senior school leader, including how far away you judge yourself to be from headship and how you think the programme will support your ambitions.

Section 5: Applying the learning

It may help you to discuss this section with your headteacher. Applications that can demonstrate a commitment from both the applicant and their headteacher to use the experience that you have acquired to inform the **strategic** work of the school will be strengthened.

This could take many forms including contributing to whole school training on preparing for Inspection and the importance of the SEF, being part of a team that leads on the writing of the SEF, presenting to governors and the senior leadership team.

Section 6: Additional information

Don't be tempted to ignore this section, where there is stiff competition for limited places, the information provided here could give you the edge. Do add any relevant additional information that may help your application. Do not repeat what you have said elsewhere or simply pad out the application in order to fill the box, if you genuinely have nothing to add, it will not count against you.

Section 7: Headteacher's statement

It is important that your headteacher is willing not only to release you to participate in the programme (one-day briefing and two two-day inspections, including travelling time) but that once you have completed the programme you will be afforded the opportunity to use your experience to benefit the whole school in the short to medium term.

Section 9: Equality and diversity information

Please complete this section fully.

The Black Leadership Initiative (BLI) is part of the Network for Black Professionals, a progressive, social enterprise that seeks to meet the needs and aspirations of black and minority ethnic (BME) communities