The University of Buckingham iDE
School Partnership Programme Application

About the University of Buckingham iDE

The iDE is a 9-month professional Diploma delivered in a hybrid mode, with teaching organised asynchronously on a mobile app, and mentoring and practical application synchronously with expert mentors. The courses were designed by an international team from the UK, Nigeria, and India to equip teachers with foundational pedagogical and professional skills. The Diploma runs throughout the regular school academic calendar (September to July), which gives teachers the opportunity to practise and perfect what they learn on the programme in the classroom.

For more information about the University of Buckingham's iDE check our website at www.ubttp.com.

The School Partnership Programme

The University of Buckingham iDE School Partnership Programme is a global community of schools committed to improving the quality of their teaching and learning. The programme helps school leaders and teachers identify and respond to daily school life's many opportunities and challenges. It has been designed to give practical and commensurate 21st-century training based on research.

Partnership with the UoB iDE is key to school and teacher improvement. In addition to participating in the iDE, partner schools have ongoing links and additional input from UoB and can promote themselves as a "partner school" in their marketing. The school partnership agreement is awarded for two years after which it can be renewed.

Requirements to Become a Partner School

There are **four requirements**, all of which need to be met, for a school to be an official partner.

These are the following:

1. At least 50% of their present teaching staff have either completed or are on the course, and 20% of their teaching staff must have completed the course successfully.

2. A senior leader (in teaching and learning) from the school must have been through the course to ensure oversight of the implementation at a school level. Actively facilitating the teacher(s) implementing the lessons in their classes.

3. Must have a demonstrably good reputation with government authorities, parents and the host community.

4. Be actively supporting their teachers' enrollment in / involvement in the programme. This may take the form of one or more of the following:

    -   Paying all or a proportion of their teachers' programme fees,
    -   Taking positive account of successful implementation and completion of the course in teachers' annual reviews / annual performance evaluations.
    -   Involving the PTA to reward notable students' transformation through teachers' outstanding performance on the programme.

Benefits for Partner Schools

The University of Buckingham iDE partnership programme is able to offer the following:

1. A certificate from the University of Buckingham as an official "Partner School" (dated for the years of partnership) that can be renewed after re-evaluation from the UoB team.
2. A 5% cash back on fees for larger numbers of trainees once they had passed all their termly exams and graduated successfully.
3. The partner schools will be listed on the UoB iDE official website on the "Partner schools" page, join our global network of partner schools and participate in exclusive events for our network.
4. Priority for partner schools' successful teachers to become mentors on the UoB iDE.
5. Subsidized refresher training/additional training for teachers who have graduated from the course.
6. Our partner schools' certificates will be rated as gold, silver, and bronze based on students' transformation and parents' satisfaction brought by our collaboration and renewed yearly.

Additional Involvement

Partner schools also get the exclusive opportunity to join and support our UoB team as:

1. As a place for ongoing research into the impact of the programme on the pupils and the school at the level of enrolment, progress and outcomes.
2. As a place where good practice can be highlighted and implementation modelled.
3. As an official UoB iDE exam centre where trainees can go and be invigilated for their exams.
4. As an official UoB iDE location for mentoring groups to meet.

Application

Schools need to complete an **Application Form** with the school's name, address and owner's name. Also, you will need to provide us with the names and registration numbers of the teachers who had passed the course (with their graduation dates) and/or the name(s) of the present mentor(s). You will also need to add the names and registration numbers of the present teacher(s) on the programme with their matriculation dates. You will also need to write a brief answer to the question 'Why do you want to join the UoB iDE School Partnership Programme?', and an explanation with evidence on the nature of your support for the teacher(s) on the programme.

While there is no financial cost to the school, the commitment of the school principal/head teacher and school owner to the scheme is required and is outlined in the paragraph above on requirements.

The "Partner School" status lasts 2 years and can be renewed on a biannual basis if the school continues to meet the requirements of the scheme.

Application Form Here

Timeline for the application:

The First phase - Please submit your online application and pay the application fee of 5,000 Naira. Please complete these **two steps** - the application submission and application fee - **before October 28th 2023**. Late applications will not be considered.

The Second phase - If you are successful in the first phase, you will be sent an invitation for a school visit and interviews (with school leaders, teachers and pupils) in November 2023.

The Final phase - Final decisions will be communicated in early December via email to all successful candidates.

We wish you all the best,

The UoB iDE Team

Contact Us

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