The Brilliant Tutoring Programme – Information for Tutors

What is the Brilliant Tutoring Programme (BTP)?

• The Brilliant Tutoring Programme is The Brilliant Club’s contribution to the National Tutoring Programme. The National Tutoring Programme has been designed and developed by a collaboration of five charities, working in partnership with the Department for Education, to provide heavily subsidised tutoring to school pupils.

• BTP will be an important part of helping pupils catch up on learning they have missed during the school closures.

Who can be a Brilliant Tutoring Programme tutor?

• A PhD researcher with a subject specialism that would allow them to teach English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

• Tutors must have a relevant undergraduate degree if they have gone on to conduct their PhD research in an area outside of these core curriculum areas. If a tutor’s undergraduate degree is related to but not in one of these specific subjects, they must also have an A Level or equivalent in the subject they wish to teach.

• Current Scholars Programme tutors do not need to apply separately; they need to meet the criteria above and state their interest in the programme on their availability forms.

How is the programme structured?

• Pupils will be in groups of 3, and each placement will be made up of 6 pupils

• 15 hours tuition per group – 2 x 1-hour weekly sessions per placement (30 hours total)

• Close communication between tutors and lead teachers throughout the programme – facilitated by Brilliant Club Programme Officers

• Placements are available across two terms in 2021

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What are the expectations of tutors?

• Tutoring will be online, so tutors must have access to good Wi-Fi and the hardware to run tutorials virtually.

• Tutors must sign our Tutor Agreement and Safeguarding Agreement.
What must tutors commit to?

- Completing Brilliant Tutoring Programme training.
- Delivering at least one full placement (30 hours of tutoring).
- Preparing fully for each tutorial, so that tutors feel confident in the subject content they will deliver, have pre-empted misconceptions and planned their explanations and the activities pupils will complete.
- Marking a baseline and end of programme assessment for each pupil and providing written feedback.

Who would make a ‘Brilliant’ Tutor?

- Brilliant Tutoring Programme tutors should feel confident that they have expertise in the subject they plan to teach and should be prepared to get to know the curriculum content they will teach in detail before they begin the programme.
- They should also feel confident delivering a course wholly online, ensuring they still build relationships with pupils and run interactive and engaging sessions in this format.
- They should be well organised, and frequently in contact with both the lead teacher and their Brilliant Club Programme Officer to ensure the programme runs smoothly.
- Both experienced Scholars Programme tutors and new tutors are welcome to deliver Brilliant Tutoring Programme placements, and both will need to undertake specific Brilliant Tutoring Programme training.

How much will I be paid?

- Tutors will be paid £500 per placement, as they would be for The Scholars Programme.

Why is the pay for NTP the same as it is for TSP?

- While the total amount of tutoring hours for NTP is 30 hours compared to 14 hours for TSP, we have calculated pay on the basis that the overall time commitment for each programme is similar. Tutors on NTP will not need to spend the same amount of time on preparation for the course and will not attend a full day launch trip. Tutors on NTP will also work with 6 pupils across a placement rather than 12, so we would expect that the time needed for marking and tutorial prep for NTP would be less per tutorial than for TSP.

How do I apply if I am not already a tutor?

- Researchers should apply though our usual Scholars Programme application form, as we would like our tutors to be able to work on either programme. Successful applicants will then be able to select either programme (or both) on their termly availability forms.