Do you work in the FE and Skills sector? Do you have a good educational research idea – but need some help and thinking time to make it happen? Would you like to study for an MA 30 Credit Short Course or an MPhil potentially leading to a PhD? Would you like to work with a professional team of University of Sunderland teacher-educators and active researchers committed to getting your research from conceptual idea to conference presentation and through to possible publication? If your answer is yes - then the ETF Practitioner Research Programme 2017-2018 is for you!

Introducing for 2017-18 ......

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) is continuing to work with the University of Sunderland’s Centre for Excellence in Teacher Training (SUNCETT), to provide two innovative practitioner-research support programmes. Take your research to the next level with our brand new ETF - University of Sunderland MPhil specifically designed for practitioners with some experience in research who want to improve their practice through a systematic and sustained applied investigation of teaching, learning or assessment. For beginning researchers, we can offer an accredited ETF-University of Sunderland MA Short Course for specialist teachers of maths\English\New Apprenticeships interested in engaging in small scale, evidence based and practice focused research. Support to help you develop your research expertise is provided by the SUNCETT team who have a proven-track record in building research capacity across the sector. All ETF- SUNCETT practitioner researchers will have the opportunity to present their findings at the National ETF Research Conference in London on Tuesday 3rd July 2018.
Dates for your diary

All ETF-SUNCETT practitioner researchers will be required to attend residential research development workshops related to their route and level of study.

MPhil Year 1

ETF - University of Sunderland  MA Short Course

Residential 1: Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd November 2017
Residential 2: Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd February 2018
Residential 3: Thursday 24th May & Friday 25th May 2018

ETF - University of Sunderland  MPhil Year 1

Residential 1: Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th November 2017
Residential 2: Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th February 2018
Residential 3: Wednesday 6th June – Friday 8th June 2018

ETF - University of Sunderland  MPhil Year 2

Residential 1: Thursday 19th & Friday 20th October 2017
Residential 2: Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th March 2018

If you are interested in applying for these research opportunities please follow the link to the ETF website for more information and details of how to apply. You can also see testimonials from previous RDF participants by clicking the second link below.
All applications must be received by Monday the 25th of September 2017 at 5pm
Telephone Interviews will take place in the week beginning 2nd of October 2017 / week beginning 9th of October 2017