

# The Scholars Programme 2020-21

The Brilliant Club's Researcher Development Programme offers PhD and Early Career Researchers a meaningful, paid, professional development opportunity.

Its mission is to support pupils from underrepresented backgrounds to have fair access to university. It does this by training PhD researchers as tutors to deliver The Scholars Programme in non-selective state schools.

## Opportunity for PhD researchers and Post Doc Researchers

### Researcher development benefits

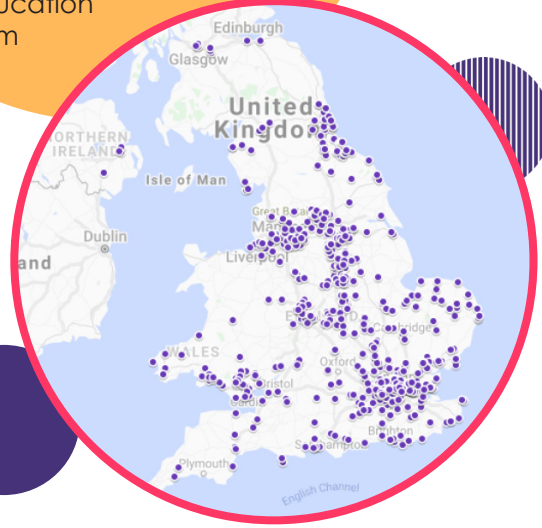
Training and working with The Brilliant Club develops Vitae compatible competencies. Our outcomes framework enables researchers to:

- Communicate their research to a non-specialist audience
- Gain valuable teaching and public engagement experience
- Deepen their knowledge of the UK education system

### Tutors working with us will:

- Support local pupils from underrepresented backgrounds to access university
- Get expert training and real experience to develop their teaching and other transferable skills
- Earn £500 per placement, plus an additional £100 for designing a new course, and travel expenses
- Join a nationwide community of like-minded researchers making a significant impact on university access

A recent survey of researchers showed **85%** of tutors reporting that **"working as a tutor has boosted their employability skills"** and **96%** agreeing or strongly agreeing that their latest placement **"provided me with a meaningful opportunity for public engagement."**



Current School Partners

## Training

Researchers are supported to deliver university-style tutorials to small groups of pupils. For pupils aged 13 and above, they design and deliver programmes based on their own research. For pupils aged between 9 and 12, researchers deliver a pre-designed programme which is pitched at the appropriate level for these learners.

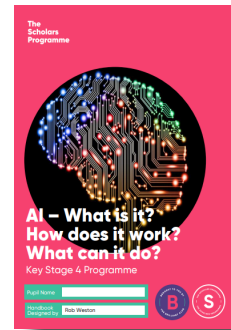
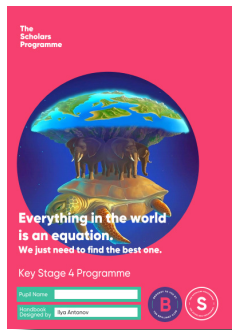
To prepare for their placements, all tutors take part in a weekend of pedagogical training. We offer three training weekends throughout the year, hosted regionally.

A typical training weekend will consist of the following:

- **Core pedagogy sessions focusing on course design, tutorial planning, pupil engagement, and assessment**
- **Elective sessions which focus on topics such as the UK school system, differentiation, and effective questioning**
- **Child protection and safeguarding**
- **Social events**

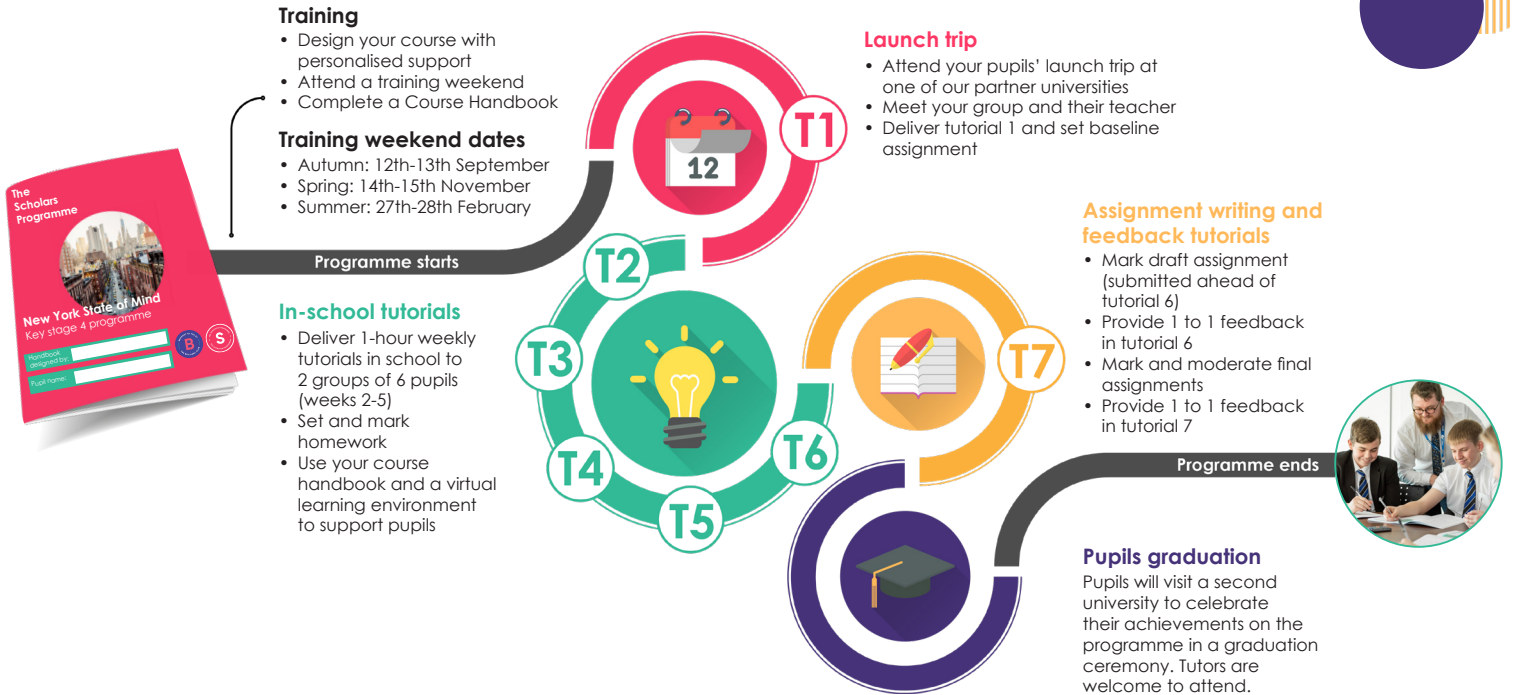
## Designing a course

Tutors create a diverse range of exciting courses, based on their own unique research. Here are some course examples:



# Scholars Programme tutor journey

All researchers who work with us are asked on a termly basis whether they are available. The Scholars Programme team will then look to place every available tutor in a local school.



## Our annual reach and tutor experience

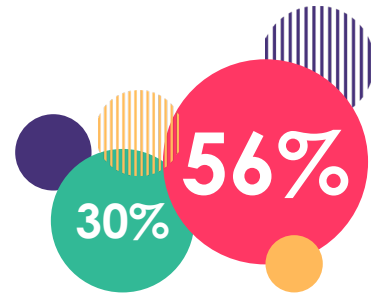
"Working with The Brilliant Club has forced me to look at my research from an outsider's perspective and to ensure that it's accessible for non-experts. I think this is particularly important in my area of research (climate change), and it's taught me a lot about how to engage young people in this area of science. I'm certain this has improved my employability. I feel so much more confident talking about my research now."

Sarah Wilson Kemsley,  
University of East Anglia,  
Scholars Programme PhD tutor

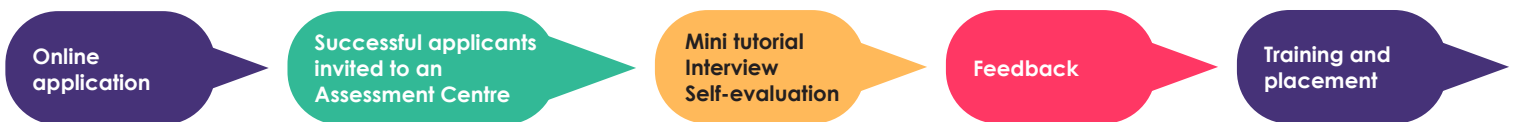


## Programme impact

Independent analysis by UCAS shows that **56% of Year 12 pupils that completed The Scholars Programme** progressed to a highly-selective university, compared to only **30% of pupils with similar backgrounds**. This is a sizeable and statistically significant difference.



## How to apply and next steps



- For Autumn and Spring placements please aim to apply by **May**
- For Summer placements please aim to apply by **November**

For further information about The Scholars Programme and to access the online application form, please visit our [website](#).

## Get in touch

If you have any queries regarding the organisation, the opportunity to work as a Brilliant Club Tutor or the application process please send us an email at [apply@thebrilliantclub.org](mailto:apply@thebrilliantclub.org).