The Brilliant Club is an award-winning charity that seeks to support school pupils from underrepresented backgrounds have fair access to university. They do this by training and placing researchers in non-selective state schools, to deliver a course of tutorials designed around their research. There is now the opportunity to apply to work as a PhD tutor in 2019-20 and join a nationwide community of researchers making a significant impact on university access.

The Opportunity
The charity’s Researcher Development Programme offers PhD and Early Career Researchers a meaningful, enjoyable and professionally developmental, paid tutoring opportunity. Over the last eight years, the charity has recruited, trained and placed over 1800 researchers across the UK.

Researchers are supported, through training and individualised guidance, to deliver a course of university-style tutorials to small groups of pupils. In the Autumn and Spring terms, researchers design a programme based on their own research and deliver to 13 year-olds and above. Examples of programmes designed and delivered by PhD Tutors in 2017-18 can be seen below. For the Summer term programme, researchers deliver a pre-designed programme to pupils aged between 9 and 12.

A recent survey of researchers showed 85% of tutors reporting that “working as a PhD 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.”

Why Become a Scholars Programme PhD Tutor?
• Support local pupils from underrepresented backgrounds to access university
• Get expert training and real experience to develop your teaching and other transferable skills
• Earn £500 per placement plus travel expenses
• Disseminate your research to small groups of school pupils
• Join a nationwide community of like-minded researchers making a huge impact on university access

Training Weekends
All PhD Tutors take part in a weekend of pedagogical training before each placement, with three training weekends offered throughout the year. Our training weekends are currently hosted in London, Bristol and Manchester. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses are paid for by The Brilliant Club. A typical training weekend would consist of the following components:

• Core pedagogy sessions
• Elective sessions, chosen by attendees
• Tailored individual support
• Social events

Training Weekend Feedback

99% of PhD Tutors rated the weekend as good or excellent
99% of tutors rated the community and atmosphere as good or excellent
“I am better equipped to teach undergraduates.” 78% agree and strongly agree

 Autumn: 14th - 15th September
 Spring: 14th - 17th November
 Summer: 29th February - 1st March

“IT was such a pleasure to get to know bright young people, and to talk to them about my research and other interesting topics. I cannot recommend The Scholars Programme enough.”
Rachel Williams, Cardiff University

“At each training weekend, I have learned about key pedagogy techniques that I would not have learned elsewhere which have translated directly to my teaching of 1st and 3rd year undergraduates.”
Emma Dunne, University of Birmingham
**School Placements**
Each term, PhD tutors are asked whether they are available and interested in a school placement. For all who answer yes to this, The Scholars Programme team will then look to place the tutor in a local school.

Each placement follows the same model of a launch trip and six in-school tutorials. For every in-school tutorial, tutors deliver to two small groups back-to-back, with a maximum total of twelve pupils.

The dates and times that tutors deliver in-school tutorials are arranged between a Brilliant Club Programme Officer, the tutor and the Lead Teacher in the placement school. Tutorials are therefore organised around researcher’s existing academic commitments.

**Terms and Placement Structure**

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**Outcomes for Pupils**
For the last three years, The Brilliant Club has worked with the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) to evaluate the impact of its programmes on progression to highly-selective universities.

The UCAS analysis shows that pupils who completed The Scholars Programme, studying with a PhD tutor, were significantly more likely to progress to a highly selective university.

To find out more about The Brilliant Club’s Research and Impact, click [here](https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-researchers/get-involved/).

**How To Apply and Next Steps**
For further information about The Scholars Programme for PhD researchers and to access the online application form, please visit [https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-researchers/get-involved/](https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-researchers/get-involved/).

Successful initial applicants will be invited to an Assessment Centre at a nearby location.

All researchers who are successful at Assessment Centre are then asked on a termly basis whether they are available and keen to complete a placement for that term.

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