

The Commissioning Academy: Group Application Form

Organisation Information (single organisation or theme/place-based group)	
Organisation (s) Name:	
Address:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone:	
Contact E-mail:	

The Commissioning Academy is a development programme for those responsible for transforming service delivery in all parts of the public sector, including central government, local authorities, health bodies and justice organisations. It has been carefully tested with and by senior commissioners and is designed to equip participants with the tools to tackle the challenges facing public services and commission the right outcomes for their communities.

If you have read the Guide for Applicants and think that your organisation could benefit from the Academy we would be pleased to hear from you. Please send your completed application form to the Commissioning Academy email: info@commissioning.academy

The information you provide on this form will be used to review your application and suitability for the Commissioning Academy and for course administration purposes.

How to Apply
Applications are welcomed from all sectors involved in public service transformation
<p>Participants usually join the academy as part of a small group from each organisation with at least one person at director or assistant director level (local government), SCS1 or deputy director level (central government) or equivalent, accompanied by two to four colleagues. This will enable them to learn together and work as a team to apply their new thinking to their organisation's commissioning practice. We will consider individual applications in exceptional cases. They will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ enthusiastic and committed to make the necessary step change in commissioning outcomes ➤ keen to learn from experts and other participants ➤ responsible for driving transformational and cultural changes across services ➤ able to take back practical input to their own commissioning challenges, showcase their results and gain recognition for their organisation ➤ willing to commit to attend five full days over about 6 months
<p>Candidate organisations will go through the Academy programme as part of a mixed sector cohort of up to 30 individuals. They will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ at different stages along the road to good commissioning ➤ able to demonstrate the commitment of at least one senior sponsor to making changes to commissioning practice in response to the Commissioning Academy ➤ able to nominate a group of 2 - 4 individuals with the attributes necessary to participate ➤ able to release those individuals to participate fully ➤ able to describe the scale of their commissioning budget/spend, their current challenges and what they want to get out of the Academy
<p>Successful applications should demonstrate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A clear and compelling commissioning challenge ➤ The context and why participating in the academy will contribute ➤ How group participants will enable transformation ➤ Evidence of senior sponsor commitment

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Contribution and Commitment

Please provide a statement of what your organisation(s) will gain from participating in the Commissioning Academy and the specific services that your candidates anticipate addressing as a consequence of participating in the programme.

Max 300 words

Participant Background & Group Rationale

We will take into account the experience of the participants so that each cohort contains a diverse mix of individuals and organisations with a range of commissioning perspectives and challenges. Please provide a brief background on the experience of each of your participants and the rationale behind submitting an application for this group.

Max 300 words

Your Commissioning Context

Please provide an overview of your organisation's approach to designing and delivering services or policy:

- How are commissioning activities structured?
- What are your primary policy or service change objectives?
- What progress have you made to date and what are your anticipated next steps?
- Do you have a diverse provider base? (internal, external; private & voluntary sector, mutuals etc.)
- Where relevant, please describe your relationship with important delivery partners and stakeholders.

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Participant Information

1st Participant:

Full Name:	Work Address
Job Title	Telephone
Grade/Pay Band	Email Address
I confirm my commitment to participate in the whole programme, to provide input to future cohorts, and to participate in the alumni if my application is successful.	
Participant Signature	Date

2nd Participant

Full Name:	Work Address
Job Title	Telephone
Grade/Pay Band	Email Address
I confirm my commitment to participate in the whole programme, to provide input to future cohorts, and to participate in the alumni if my application is successful.	
Participant Signature	Date

3rd Participant

Full Name:	Work Address
Job Title	Telephone
Grade/Pay Band	Email Address
I confirm my commitment to participate in the whole programme, to provide input to future cohorts, and to participate in the alumni if my application is successful.	
Participant Signature	Date

4th Participant

Full Name:	Work Address
Job Title	Telephone
Grade/Pay Band	Email Address
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Sponsorship	
I confirm my full support to this application and confirm that the organisation(s) will take forward the 100 day plan that our participants will develop as part of the Commissioning Academy programme in order to achieve a step-change in our commissioning approach and public service delivery.	
Sponsor Name :	Position:
Sponsor Signature	Date:

Return the completed application by email to: info@commissioning.academy

The Commissioning Academy Commitment	
Our commitment - The offer	Your commitment - The ask
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five full days of development activities, covering a range of topics including; joining up central and local; co-commissioning across sectors; bringing new policy initiatives together; new delivery models. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at all the days of your programme.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team-level participation to give participants support, top-level commitment and time to work on their 100 day plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants tell colleagues about the Academy and pass on what they learn.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical focus on transformation and culture change back at the organisation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants commit to transformation and culture change by applying what they've learnt, through 100 day plan. Senior leaders support change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing cross-sector alumni network and online resources throughout and after the programme, joining up expertise across sectors and signposting sector-based learning materials and guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants play ongoing role in alumni network and give a few days over the following year to future cohorts (giving talks, round tables or offering site visits). Participants share what they've learned from the Academy with colleagues in their region.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prestige and recognition for your organisation – publicity for alumni organisations' successes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing information on successes, to help the Academy publicise positive change.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants should anticipate making a contribution of £2,000 towards these costs.