



## PROGRAM FOR QUALITY TEACHING (PQT)/TEACHER INQUIRY

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This long-standing BCTF professional development service supports teacher inquiry groups in schools, PSAs, and local/district partnerships. Facilitation and resources are provided.

### What opportunities does it offer participants?

- collaboration with colleagues
- control of your own professional development
- development of data collection and research skills
- understanding of teaching practice
- investigation of innovative strategies.

### What inquiry processes/methods are included?

- action research
- book studies
- collaborative conversations
- learning teams/partners.

### What possibilities and challenges does it offer?

- available for small or large groups in schools or locals/districts
- choice of questions and inquiry project focus
- planning, collaborative conversations, observation, writing techniques, and presentations
- reflection, observation, and conversation practice.

### How does it work?

#### The BCTF offers:

- training workshops and follow-up sessions with facilitators.
- instructional and follow-up materials.
- ongoing support for problem-solving, planning, and research.

#### The districts and the locals provide:

- funding for some release time for five to six sessions (i.e. combination release time, pd days, after-school time).
- onsite costs (i.e. facility, food).
- ongoing support.

## For application and information

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## Teachers:

- commit to the inquiry question and project.
- attend all sessions.
- present project results on conclusion.

## Interested?

### Selection criteria

1. Application made jointly by a district or school and the local association.
2. Preference is given to 12–16 teachers per group.
3. The district/local supports the program by cost-sharing onsite expenses.
4. Participating districts and teachers agree to a minimum of one-year's involvement.

**Note:** BCTF will provide in-service, materials, and ongoing facilitation support.

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