



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

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In support of self-directed and collegial professional development, teacher inquiry groups in schools, PSAs, and local/district partnerships are an alternative to one-day conferences or workshop-centred PD. Facilitation and resources are provided to schools, locals, or PSAs.

### 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 professional conversation.

### 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 at concluding event.

### 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.

#### PQT/Inquiry sample application template

- Name of school/local/PSA.
- Name of project co-ordinator in the school/local/PSA.
- How many teachers will be involved in the PQT Inquiry?
- Names of teachers involved.
- What is the focus of the inquiry?
- What is/are your specific question(s)?
- Description of the project (include a proposed timeline and how the criteria will be met).
- Additional supporting information.
- For local PQT/Inquiry, please include a letter confirming a matching grant from the school district and local.

