

Call for Expressions of Interest to join QFI's 2025 UK Autumn Institute and Continuing Learning for Arabic Teachers

We are currently making arrangements for our 2025 UK Autumn Institute.

The focus of this year's Institute is Student Motivation and Engagement, including adaptive teaching and other areas related to the theme. On Friday and Saturday, we will have interactive workshop sessions on activities and approaches to student motivation that will help educators in their Arabic teaching.

This year, we have an expanded number of places available for teachers of Arabic in UK primary and secondary schools. We are giving priority to Arabic teachers working in state-funded schools, QTS teachers of other subjects who have Arabic and are interested in adding Arabic as one of their subjects, and/or current PGCE-seeking students.

The Autumn Institute is intensive but full of interesting ideas that can be applied in everyday Arabic teaching. Participants will have a chance to meet other teachers of Arabic and share ideas, challenges and successes.

The 2025 UK Autumn Institute will be held November 6-9 in the Midlands, England.

Participants arrive Thursday late afternoon/early evening in time for dinner and the opening session in the evening. Friday and Saturday will include full days of CPD sessions, including opportunities for independent and group reflection. Teachers will be divided into groups to design class activities, with the mentorship of an institute facilitator, to be presented on the final morning. The event ends at 13:00 on Sunday.

Please note the following commitment: Selected teachers will be required to attend all institute sessions beginning Thursday evening and staying until 13:00 on Sunday. Attendees are expected to be active participants throughout the institute and beyond. This year, institute facilitators will remain in contact with attendees for two follow-up sessions in the Spring and Summer terms to offer guidance on the implementation of institute ideas in the classroom.

The 2025 Autumn Institute will have around 30 participants. QFI covers all the costs of travel and accommodation. If any state school teachers need cover for the Thursday and Friday of the institute, QFI will provide that support on a case-by-case basis.

Expression of Interest Information

If you would like to be considered for a place in the 2025 Autumn Institute, please send an expression of interest of around 200 words containing the following:

- Your current role as an Arabic teacher
- Why you are interested in attending the 2025 Autumn Institute
- What you hope to gain from attendance
- Commitment to implement new ideas and teaching techniques in classroom practice, including participating in two virtual meetings after the institute
- If you have attended a previous Autumn Institute, why you are interested in attending again

Deadline: Send to Chase Smithburg and Tony Calderbank at ukarabic@qfi.org by Thursday, October 9. We will notify selected participants and reserve places by Wednesday, October 15. Selected participants will have until Monday, October 20 to confirm participation and secure leave from teaching, when necessary.