**Aurora Programme 2023/24 Application Form**

*Please complete this form as indicated and return to* [*hr-equality@qmul.ac.uk*](mailto:hr-equality@qmul.ac.uk) *by end of play on Wednesday* ***16th August 2023.***

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| **Your Name** |  |
| **Department/School/Institute** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Job Role** |  |
| **Line Manager’s Name** |  |
| **Line Manager’s Approval given (Y/N, date)** |  |

The dates for the South of England cohort are as follows. It is part of the commitment to Aurora that candidates are able to attend all sessions, and willing to protect their time to do so. Should an emergency arise that means you cannot attend a session, please [contact Katharina Smith-Müller](mailto:k.smith-muller@qmul.ac.uk).

Please enter the dates as follows into your diary – you will be notified of the outcome of your application by Monday 28th August 2023.

* **Introduction and Guest Speaker:** Tuesday 26th September 2023
* **Identity, Impact and Voice:** Tuesday 3rd October 2023
* **Core Leadership:** Tuesday 7th November 2023
* **Action Learning Set 1:** Tuesday 21st November 2023
* **Politics and Influence:** Tuesday 12th December 2023
* **Adaptive Leadership Skills:** Tuesday 16th January 2024
* **Your Future in Higher Education (in person):** Friday 26th January 2024
* **Action Learning Set 2:** Tuesday, 6th February 2024

Please answer the following questions, linking them to the learning areas that the Aurora programme offers (*Identity, Impact and Voice; Core Leadership; Politics and Influence; Peer to peer support; Adaptive Leadership Skills* – for more information see https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/programmes-events/aurora/how-does-aurora-work#day for details), using **500 words max per answer.**

1. Why would you like to participate in the Aurora programme and how do you expect to benefit from it – how would it build on your current leadership aims and ambitions, and/or training you have undergone so far?
2. How will your attending this course benefit your department/school and QMUL as a whole? How would you be able to apply or test out your leadership learning within your current role?
3. An important part of the Aurora programme is mentoring – the expectation is that you would find a mentor to meet with you between 4-6 times a year, in person or virtually. Please share how you would go about identifying a mentor, giving as concrete an action plan as possible, as well as examples of what topics you would like to cover to boost your leadership learning. This introduction to mentoring might help: <https://profdev.qmul.ac.uk/media/hr/organisational-amp-professional-development/documents/IntroductionToMentoring.pdf>