

Application task

In addition to completion of the online application form we also require you to read and review a research article. This is in order to give a flavour of the kind of reading you will be experiencing during the course if you are accepted. We are not expecting a professional critique at this application stage, but we would like you to have a go at writing a brief review and to say (i) what you believe the research is about and why the researcher conducted it. We would like you to set out (ii) what you believe is important about the research and why, (iii) what are its strengths, (iv) any weaknesses or limitations, (v) any ways that you believe it could have been improved and (vi) whether you think it is something education leaders should read and why or why not. The review should be roughly 1000 words in length.

The article to be reviewed

Monika Louws, Rosanne Zwart , Itzél Zuiker , Paulien Meijer , Helma Oolbekkink-Marchand, Harmen Schaap, and Anna van der Want. (2020) Exploring school leaders' dilemmas in response to tensions related to teacher professional agency. *Professional Development in education*. 2020. Vol 46. No. 4. 691-710.

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