



INTERNATIONAL  
MEMBERSHIP

# QAA International Membership

2024-25



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QAA International Membership provides vision, expertise and guidance on the topics that matter to your staff and students, ensuring your institution is well equipped to face the opportunities and challenges of a rapidly changing global higher education environment. We work in partnership with, and for, all our members to deliver high quality services that:



safeguard academic standards and champion academic integrity



enhance the quality of the student learning experience, wherever students are studying



support continuous improvement of approaches to quality assurance

QAA International Membership is an opportunity to become part of an international community of quality professionals and higher education institutions - including QAA's UK Members - that are passionate about the quality of the student experience they deliver.



## Benefits of International Membership

As a QAA International Member you will benefit from:

- informative, timely and responsive quality enhancement resources designed to support you in improving your provision
- opportunities for staff development
- a programme of activities that offers opportunities to learn from international colleagues through sharing of the best of international practice.

For those institutions with, or seeking to establish, UK partnerships it will provide opportunities to make new connections and develop knowledge about the UK higher education system through resources, collaborative projects, conferences and other activities. QAA Membership includes 98% of all UK universities.

## Who can become a QAA International Member?

Full International Membership is exclusively for institutions that have achieved International Quality Review (IQR) accreditation from QAA. Details of how to become a member can be found on page 6.

# What's included

As a Full International Member you will have access to a wide range of resources which cover a broad area of activity centred on the themes chosen for the membership year.

## Membership Resources



All your staff and students can access a wealth of resources on our Membership Resources website.

In your institution, this could include:

- senior leadership teams
- academic staff and academic developers
- international teams
- quality teams and other professional services staff
- students and their representatives
- staff responsible for student engagement.

- Papers and briefings on topics most relevant to QAA Members, for example, advice on engaging with artificial intelligence (AI) while promoting academic integrity, the use of micro-credentials, and assessment and learning outcomes.
- Case studies and opinion pieces that build on these resources and briefings, including our Quality Compass series, designed to help members navigate and respond to challenges and opportunities.
- Podcasts on topics such as neuro-inclusivity, understanding and supporting the experiences of disabled students, and enterprise, entrepreneurship and student ambition.
- Practical toolkits on topics such as making the language of assessment inclusive and hosting virtual career fairs.
- An annual series of country and territory-focused reports that enable members to gain insight and learn about quality assurance, accreditation and partnership in specific countries - for example, Hong Kong, Singapore, Pakistan, Indonesia and Uzbekistan.



A monthly International Membership Newsletter to keep members up to date with the latest activities, resources and opportunities.

“ By being a QAA International Member, ECAE is better placed to strengthen our network of higher education quality assurance professionals in the UK and around the world. We have access to the latest international thinking and can remain up to date with international best practices, using this to inform and shape our own quality assurance systems and processes. ”

Dr Hanadi Kadbey, Head - Institutional Research & Effectiveness,  
Emirates College for Advanced Education (ECAE)

## Professional development

Your staff can benefit from access to workshops which are exclusive to International Members. Six sessions are offered each year, with topics being selected on the basis of our membership themes and taking account of feedback from our International Members on interests and priorities. Topics for 2024-25 are likely to include:



### Student experience and student engagement

### Internal quality processes including programme design and review

Micro-credentials

Artificial intelligence

Academic integrity

## International Member Network

The International Member Network meets three times a year and provides an opportunity to engage with other International Members, hear updates from QAA, participate in themed discussions and share good practice with colleagues from other member institutions.



## Collaborative Enhancement Projects

QAA [Collaborative Enhancement Projects](#) offer a fantastic opportunity for higher education institutions to work together to explore areas of shared interest and engage students, with outputs that benefit the wider QAA membership and higher education sector.



Examples of projects in 2023-24 include support for postgraduate students with Viva preparation, how collaborative partners can enhance student engagement and delivery, and optionality in assessment.

We are delighted to once again invite International Members (Full and Associate) to submit an application as a Project Lead or to work with a UK university as a Project Partner with funding of up to £10,000 available for successful applications.

Previously the full suite of funded projects included one led by a QAA International Member in the UAE, working with providers in the UK and the West Indies.

## International Membership Badge

As an International Member you will be able to display the QAA International Membership Badge. You will also be included in the [list of QAA Members](#) on the QAA website.



## Conferences, webinars and other events



Members have access to a number of free places for staff and students at a comprehensive programme of QAA Member conferences, webinars and other events that focus on the latest developments and best practice in quality assurance. There are also opportunities to submit a proposal to contribute to an event and raise the profile of your institution. Events include:

- QAA's high-profile **Annual Conference** which includes a range of thought-provoking sessions and an opportunity to hear from high-quality speakers about different perspectives and institutional approaches to the hot topics in quality and standards (up to 20 online places per institution).
- The popular **Quality Insights Conference** which showcases leading practice in higher education from a range of dynamic UK and international guest speakers across themes such as inclusive learning communities, assessment design, and innovative approaches to managing quality (up to 20 online places per institution).
- QAA's student engagement conference, **Quality Matters**, which provides an opportunity for students and student representatives to hear about recent policy updates, student voice and representation practice, and examples of enhancement activity from across the UK (up to 20 online places per institution).
- **Webinars and events** on topics important to members - for example, navigating the complexities of the AI era in higher education, and embedding education for sustainable development.
- An annual series of country and territory-focused webinars exploring issues raised in our **Country and Territory Reports** and providing analysis of the higher education landscape, and opportunities and challenges for developing partnerships, in a particular country or territory.
- **Webinars and training** exploring quality assurance and managing risk in international partnerships.



“ Being part of QAA's International Membership allows us to share and learn best practice with a like-minded community of similar institutions around the world. As members, we have found QAA's guidance and good practice papers particularly useful to develop and enhance our own practices. We plan to continue to use QAA's resources to inform our policies, practices and continue to enhance and build upon the quality of learning, teaching and assessment. ”

Emilia Todorova, Academic Quality & Learning Manager, University of Gibraltar

# Membership Themes

Informed by our horizon-scanning and co-created through engagement with members, the themes and topics for 2024-25 will build on learning from previous years to help you prepare for the future.

Each theme includes a range of practical resources and development activity delivered throughout the year that will ensure you have the right information and tools at your fingertips. There are also opportunities to develop and exchange ideas on the latest policy and practice and network with other International Members.



**Trends in learning, teaching and assessment**



**Effective quality processes and evaluation**



**Flexible pathways and student transitions**



**Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship**



**Quality and standards**



**Global engagement**



**Generative Artificial Intelligence and academic integrity**



**Equity and inclusion**



**Professional development and training**



**Collaborative Enhancement Projects**

## International Membership fees

To become a QAA International Member you will need to pay an annual fee. Membership fees reflect the number of students at your institution.

The Membership year runs from 1 August to 31 July.

Please contact our QAA Global Team for more information about fees.

## How to become an International Member

To become a full International Member your institution will need to have achieved [IQR accreditation](#). If you are thinking about joining us, please contact our QAA Global Team who will be happy to hear from you and discuss how we can help.

Not quite ready for full Membership? Talk to our team about International Associate Membership. It's a great place to start your QAA Membership journey.



Email: [internationalmembership@qaa.ac.uk](mailto:internationalmembership@qaa.ac.uk)

Further information including details of QAA International Membership can be found on the QAA website, at:

[www.qaa.ac.uk/international-membership](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/international-membership)

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