

Institutional Accreditation for ACE Impact

International institutional accreditation for quality assurance

The Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence (ACE) is the first World Bank project aimed at capacity building of higher education institutions in West Africa. The ACE Impact Project was initiated to strengthen the quality and quantity of postgraduate education and applied research, in areas that are essential for Africa's economic growth.

Within Disbursement Linked Indicator 7 (DLI 7), ACE Impact institutions are expected to pursue International Institutional Accreditation.

International Quality Review (IQR) for ACE Impact has been specially developed by the UK's Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) to provide ACE Impact institutions with an independent peer review, leading to institutional accreditation by QAA.



Benefits of accreditation

IQR for ACE Impact accreditation will demonstrate that your quality assurance processes are not only effective, but also conform to international standards.

It provides opportunities to:

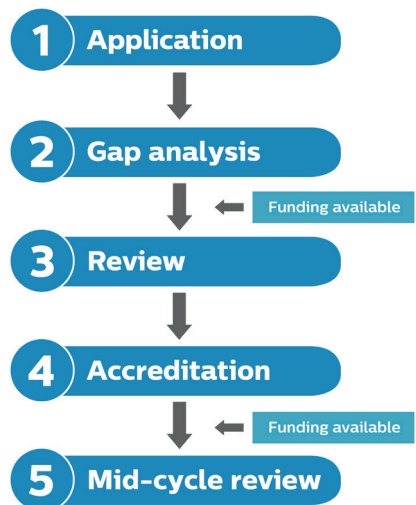
- strengthen your global positioning
- share best practice with institutions around the world
- drive improvement and excellence
- develop partnerships with UK institutions.

What is involved?

Throughout the process, international standards are used to consider how and whether your institution meets the standards for internal quality assurance.

IQR for ACE Impact takes place over five stages as illustrated here. The gap analysis is a key stage in the process and a valuable exercise for your institution – it offers the opportunity to analyse your quality assurance systems and identify where further development or capacity building may be required before review can take place.

Within the ACE Impact project, ACE Impact institutions can earn DLR 7.3 monies after successful completion of each of two stages in the process.



Find out more

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