



Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers

The Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers (ACDAP) considers applications for degree awarding powers.

Below are details of the current members.

Members (between them) also have experience in research into science, technology, humanities or new ideas.

Dr Vanessa Davies

Director General, Bar Standards Board

Category of membership:

Chair, Independent QAA Board member

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

Alumna and former employee of Kings College London (KCL) (1981-1997). Family members connected to KCL as alumni and an emeritus professor position. Family member connected by employment to Newcastle University, 2019 onwards.

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Director General of the Bar Standards Board - regulatory body for barristers, which gives a connection to most law schools in England and Wales and a direct supervisory and contractual relationship with the following universities: Cardiff, Northumbria, Manchester Metropolitan, West of England, Nottingham Trent, City, University of Law, BPP. Close working relationships with Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Connections with other bodies:

Bencher of Inner Temple; Trustee of Law for Life: The Foundation for Public Legal Education; Non-Executive Director, Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal (Scotland) (2019-2022); Lay Member, House of Lords Conduct Committee (2019-2022).

Professor Robert Allison

Former Vice-Chancellor and President, Loughborough University

Category of membership:

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

None

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Royal Geographical Society

Connections with other bodies:

Board member, Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership; Shadow Board member, East Midlands Development Corporation

Professor Phil Cardew

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Leeds Beckett University

Category of membership:

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Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

None

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

None

Connections with other bodies:

None

Mr Ian Dunn

Provost, Coventry University

Category of membership:

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

None

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Ministry of Justice, Justice of the Peace; Board membership of several multi-academy trusts; charity trusteeship

Connections with other bodies:

None

Mr Charles Hunt

Vice-Chancellor, University College of Osteopathy

Category of membership:

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

Partnership with the University of Bedfordshire for Prof Doc validation

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Chair, Osteopathic International Alliance; Director, Council of Osteopathic Education Institutions; Member of Register of General Osteopathic Council; Member of Osteopathic Development Group Management Board

Connections with other bodies:

None

Professor Neal Juster

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Glasgow

Category of membership:

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Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

None

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Fellow, Institution of Mechanical Engineers

Connections with other bodies:

Member, Board of Management, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; Director, Glasgow

University Holdings Limited

Professor Jackie Labbe

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Gloucestershire

Category of membership:

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Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

None

Connections with professional and subject- based bodies:

Member, British Association for Romantic Studies

Connections with other bodies:

Member, Office for Students, TRAC Development Group; Co-Convenor, PVC/DVC Network, AdvanceHE

Ms Clare Viney

Chief Executive Officer, The Careers Research and Advisory Centre (CRAC)

Category of membership:

Member providing an employer of graduates or professional body perspective

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

Chair, University of Southampton, Chemistry Advisory Board; Member, University of Sheffield, Employability Board. Vitae (programme managed by CRAC) has over 200 university members in 23 countries.

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Fellow, Royal Society of Chemistry; Chartered Chemist; Chartered Scientist

Connections with other bodies:

None

Ms Leonie Milliner

Director of Education and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, General Optical Council

Category of membership:

Member providing an employer of graduates or professional body perspective

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

GPhC Team Leader/member, Accreditation Panel; CILEx Qualifications Committee

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Legal Executive/Law; Pharmacy

Connections with other bodies:

GPhC; CILEx

Professor Philip Wilson

Chief Executive, Conde Nast College

Category of membership

Member of QAA Board. Member with experience in a higher education provider in England without degree awarding powers.

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

None

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Member of the Institute of Directors; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management

Connections with other bodies:

Chair, Trustee and Director of Burnley FC in the Community

Dr Steven Wright

Director of Academic Standards, Nelson and Colne College

Category of membership:

Member from an English further education provider

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

Validating partners: University of Bolton; Buckinghamshire New University; University of Cumbria; University of Huddersfield; Liverpool John Moores University; Pearson Education

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Member of Institution of Engineering and Technology and Fellow of Higher Education Academy

Connections with other bodies:

Member of Association of Colleges Higher Education Policy Group

Mr Damian Day

Head of Education & Quality Assurance, UK, General Pharmaceutical Council

Category of membership:

Member with experience of encouraging competition in industry or another sector of society

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

Accreditation of pharmacy courses

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

Chair, Governance Board, Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Connections with other bodies:

None

Dr Nicola Watchman-Smith

Deputy Director Student Learning, Teesside University

Category of membership:

Member co-opted by the QAA Board

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

Governor at New College Durham; External Examiner at the University of Bedfordshire

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

None

Connections with other bodies:

None

Mr Aaron Lowman

Director of Academic Services, Academy of Live and Recorded Arts

Category of membership:

Student member, co-opted by the QAA Board

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):

Doctoral student at St Mary's University, Twickenham

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:

None

Connections with other bodies:

Inspector & Member of the Accreditation Council at The British Accreditation Council

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