



INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATE
MEMBERSHIP

QAA International Associate Membership 2023-24



QAA International Membership

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 a new 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.



There are two tiers of QAA International Membership:

Full International Membership

Offers access to a range of services and expertise including resources, guidance, networking opportunities and briefings. It is available only to those institutions who have achieved International Quality Review (IQR) accreditation from QAA.



International Associate Membership

Delivers a range of resources, guidance and networking opportunities for higher education institutions who do not yet have QAA's IQR accreditation but are recognised by their local quality agency.

Benefits of International Associate Membership

As a QAA International Associate 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.



Who can join QAA International Associate Membership?

International Associate Membership is for higher education institutions recognised by their local quality agency/regulator and is suitable for those who have not yet achieved International Quality Review (IQR) accreditation from QAA.

Institutions that subsequently receive IQR accreditation status have the option to apply for Full International Membership within the current year. Please contact us for more information about the benefits of Full International Membership.

Details of how to become a member can be found on page 7.



What's included

As an International Associate 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.

Resources

All staff and students can access practical written resources, recordings and presentations on our exclusive Membership Resources Site. These include:



- **Individual papers and briefings** on topics most pertinent to International Members, for example, the use of micro-credentials; assessment and learning outcomes; and enterprise and entrepreneurship.
- **Case studies and opinion pieces** that build on these resources and briefings, including QAA's publicly available Quality Compass series, designed to help members navigate and respond to future challenges and opportunities.
- An **International Membership Newsletter** from the International Membership team that will keep you up to date with the latest activities, resources and opportunities for members every month.

Events and networking

Members also have access to a number of events and networking opportunities that will enable you to hear latest developments and best practice in all aspects of international quality assurance, bringing to life resources in our membership area. These include:



- QAA's high-profile **Annual Conference** which includes a range of informative and thought-provoking sessions and the opportunity to hear from high-quality speakers about different perspectives and institutional approaches to the hot topics in quality and standards (up to 5 online places per institution).
- The **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 5 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 5 online places per institution).

QAA Membership Resources Site



As an International Associate Member, **all your staff and students** will benefit from the information, support and enhancement challenges that membership offers including access to the QAA Membership Resources Site.

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.

The **QAA Membership Resources Site** gives access to a wealth of resources including briefings, research outcomes and materials relating to our events. Resources are relevant to students and staff with a wide range of roles.

Each month, the newsletter highlights the latest resources that will be of interest to you as an International Associate Member. To register for the site, all you need is an email address from a QAA Member institution.

Staff development



International Quality Assurance Training is open to staff from member institutions. Six sessions are offered each year on the basis of feedback from our International Members. Topics planned for 2023-24 include:

Academic integrity/ChatGPT and artificial intelligence

Programme design

- Exploring the relationship between programme design, outcomes and assessment
- Involving stakeholders in programme design

Micro-credentials/ qualifications frameworks

Student experience

- Engaging students in quality assurance
 - Closing the feedback loop
- Exploring student training and support

There are two free places for each International Associate Member.

Collaborative Enhancement Projects



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

Last year 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

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. Applications for project funding are expected to open in October 2023.

Examples of projects in 2022-23 include student choice in assessment, developing a pilot peer evaluation system, and a student intrapreneur and entrepreneur toolkit and community of practice.



Membership Themes

Informed by our horizon-scanning and co-created through engagement with members, the themes and topics for 2023-24 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.



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International Associate Membership fees

To become a QAA International Associate 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 Associate Member

To become an International Associate Member your institution will need to demonstrate that you are recognised by your local quality agency/regulator - for example, through a letter of approval or a quality assurance report.

It is easy to become a QAA International Associate Member. 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.



Email: internationalmembership@qaa.ac.uk

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

www.qaa.ac.uk/international-membership

Keen to progress to the next tier of QAA International Membership and access even more resources and events? It could be time to build **International Quality Review (IQR)** into your plans. An IQR unlocks access to QAA full international membership. To find out more about IQR and the benefits it offers to your organisation and its approach to the quality of higher education, visit: www.qaa.ac.uk/iqr