



INTERNATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP

QAA International Membership

2023-24



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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 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.



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.

Who can join QAA International Membership?

Full International Membership is exclusively for those institutions who have achieved International Quality Review (IQR) accreditation from QAA. Details of how to become a member can be found on page 7.

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.

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 relevant to 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.
- An annual series of **country-focused reports** that explore and enable members to gain insight and learn about quality assurance, accreditation and partnership in many countries - for example, UAE, China, Vietnam, Indonesia and Morocco.

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

Events, workshops and briefings



Members also have access to a number of free places for staff and students at a comprehensive programme of events, workshops and virtual briefings that enable members to hear latest developments and best practice in all aspects of international quality assurance. 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 20 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 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).
- An **Academic Symposium** which features interactive discussion, reflection and practice (up to 20 online places per institution).
- **Webinars and events** on topics important to members - for example, approaches in evaluation and review; student mental health and wellbeing; and embedding education for sustainable development.
- An annual series of **country-focused briefings** from experts, exploring issues raised in our Country Reports for members. These briefings provide a comprehensive analysis of each country's higher education landscape and the opportunities and challenges of developing partnerships in country.
- A series of **webinars** exploring managing risk and assurance in international partnerships (up to 3 online places per institution).



Networking and support

As an International Member you will be invited to **International Member Clinics** sessions held three times a year. These provide an opportunity for a number of your staff to meet with QAA colleagues and talk about specific issues you might have, agreed in advance.

The **International Member Network** provides a termly forum for International Members to come together to learn about and talk through latest developments in international quality assurance and enhancement, at the same time helping members to build up their own network of contacts. The sessions provide an opportunity for staff across our member institutions to come together to discuss a theme that members are finding topical or challenging.



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.

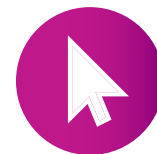
Last year the full suite of funded projects included one led by a QAA International Member in the UAE, working with providers in the UK and the West Indies

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.



QAA Membership Resources Site



As an International Member, **all your staff and students** will benefit from the support and constructive challenge membership offers to help you enhance your quality culture across your institution. You will enjoy unlimited access to the QAA Membership Resources Site, as well as the opportunity to attend different events and conferences.

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, country reports 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 member. To register for the site, all you need is an email address from a QAA International Member institution.

International Membership Badge

As an International Member you will be able to display the QAA International Membership Badge.



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.



Future approaches for learning, teaching and assessment



Evaluation and quality processes



Flexible pathways and student transitions



Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship



Quality and standards



Academic integrity



Global engagement



Collaborative enhancement projects



Professional development and training

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.



Email: 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