Working with you to safeguard academic standards, enhance the student learning experience and secure the global reputation of UK higher education.
QAA Membership delivers inspiring, innovative and developmental activities and resources which help you deliver your priorities for your students.

Our activities and networks enable you to:

- shape strategy, policy and practice at sector, institutional and subject level
- develop and exchange ideas on the latest policy and practice
- extend knowledge and skills for all staff and students
- enhance your delivery with the right information and practical tools at your fingertips

Being part of QAA Membership brings influence and insight. We work closely with governments and sector bodies in the UK and internationally to ensure you have a strong expert voice on quality and academic standards so, together, we achieve positive outcomes which benefit UK higher education. A recent success is our work on academic integrity, combining policy work with practical support for our members and students.

"QAA Membership gives the University of Cambridge access to valuable resources that help us manage and enhance the quality of education at the University. Its events facilitate our interaction with other and diverse higher education providers to share problems, practice, challenges and solutions. QAA continues to stay true to its co-regulatory principle of designing supportive resources for and with the sector. This serves as a timely reminder of how the sector remains stronger by working together."

Professor Graham Virgo, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education, University of Cambridge
Informed by our horizon-scanning and co-created through engagement with members, the themes and topics build on learning from previous years to help you prepare for the future.

Aligned with the 2022-23 themes, we are supporting 17 Collaborative Enhancement Projects.

**Themes and topics**

- What does good look like? (building on our Hallmarks of Success playbooks)
- Impacts on diverse student groups (Made Digital project development)
- Sense of belonging in hybrid delivery and the campus experience
- Collaborative Enhancement Projects

**Future Approaches for Learning and Teaching**

- Hybrid and digital formats
- Skills and competencies
- Postgraduate taught and research
- Student designed assessment
- Collaborative Enhancement Projects

"The Hallmarks of Success Playbooks are useful tools for initiating discussions with course teams during development and review and we will also be using them as part of our Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice in Higher Education."

*Martin Jenkins, Head of Academic Development, Coventry University*

"I would recommend QAA events to anyone who is involved in assessment in higher education at any level."

*Dr Pam Birtill, Teaching Excellence Framework Lead and Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Leeds*
QAA Membership provides opportunities for sharing ideas, good practice and opportunities for collaborative working. We enjoy and welcome discussing what is most important to us all with such a critical friend and supporter as QAA.

Jo Coward, Academic Registrar, University of Bedfordshire

**Flexible Pathways and Micro-credentials**

- Creating flexible learning pathways
- Portability, stackability and coherence
- Engagement with the Micro-credentials Characteristics Statement

**Quality and Standards**

- Effective external examining
- Leading sector discussion on degree classification approaches
- Future role of the Quality Code
- Managing risk in UK partnerships
- Subject Benchmark Statements review
- Re-engagement with the Master’s Degree Characteristics Statement

**Academic Integrity**

- Considering impact of new legislation, for example on academic regulations
- Approaches to penalties and impact on students
- Academic integrity within postgraduate research degrees and practice-based disciplines
- Academic integrity taxonomy
- Collaborative Enhancement Projects

We are proud to have co-created a Subject Benchmark Statement for History that captures the innovative, inclusive and student-centred ways in which History courses are delivered across the country.

Professor Elaine Fulton, Chair of the Advisory Group, Professor of History Education, University of Birmingham
Reflecting and responding to the evolving apprenticeships landscape
Supporting member engagement with the Apprenticeships Toolkit and Characteristics Statement

We really value our membership of QAA - it helps us calibrate our approach to quality with the sector and, crucially, provides timely opportunities to explore new national developments with colleagues.

Peter Watson, Academic Registrar, University of the Arts London

Evaluation and Use of Data

- Innovative and evolving quality processes
- Using data to inform decision-making
- Upskilling in collecting, analysing and reporting evidence for enhancement
- Data collection and analysis for academic integrity cases

Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

- Supporting the inclusion of these skills in and out of the curriculum
- Good practice in enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Collaborative Enhancement Projects

Apprenticeships

- Reflecting and responding to the evolving apprenticeships landscape
- Supporting member engagement with the Apprenticeships Toolkit and Characteristics Statement

QAA as a membership organisation plays a consistently thoughtful, independent, and challenging role in the sector and contributes significantly to the quality of higher education.

Tom Ward, PVC Education, Newcastle University
Most importantly, the value of QAA membership is being able to work together on the common goal of enhancement to deliver excellent outcomes for our students.

Alasdair Blair, Associate PVC Academic, De Montfort University
Ways to engage

You will have opportunities to engage with these themes and topics in a variety of ways:

- **What’s included**
  - Webinars and workshops
  - Toolkits
  - Networking
  - Events and conferences
  - Training and professional development
  - Guidance documents
  - Individual quality support
  - Policy and strategy briefings
  - Collaborative Enhancement Projects
  - Events
  - Practical resources

**Professional development**
Building capacity across your organisation, with topic-specific training and the popular Introduction to Quality and Quality in Practice programmes.

**Practical resources**
Access to a range of engaging materials including toolkits, playbooks and advice to help you secure academic standards and deliver a consistently high-quality student experience.

**Networks**
Established networks for specific staff roles and groups of similar providers which enable you to engage with the latest thinking through debate and facilitated discussion with peers and senior QAA staff.

**Collaborative Enhancement Projects**
Funded projects developed by groups of members who work collaboratively to address challenges and produce outputs that benefit the wider QAA membership. [Find out more.]

**Policy briefings**
Providing the information you need to inform your strategies and help shape thinking.

**Events**
Opportunities to learn, exchange ideas and develop new approaches ensuring you are equipped with the latest policy and practice.
All of your staff and students can benefit from the support and constructive challenge available through your membership.

What our Members say...

As a small institution, membership of QAA is an important part of our external connections to support us in maintaining an up-to-date approach to quality management and ensuring we hear the ‘sector voice’ in all we do.

Pearl Slater, Head of Academic Governance, Bath Spa University

Engaging with the Student Quality Network has allowed me to meet engaged students across the UK, as well as be involved in collaboration and discussion with them!

Jack Medlin, Education Officer, Keele University Students’ Union

The Quality Clinic was useful in confirming our thinking and providing us with the clarity around the latest guidance. It was also valuable to get some feedback/consultancy on our proposed approach.

Lynne Braham, Deputy Director of Academic Partnerships, University of Hull
International Insights is an additional enhancement package that provides practical support for your engagement with international partners to develop transnational education (TNE) and recruit international students.

International Insights for 2022-23

If you have also joined the QAA QE-TNE Scheme, you get additional benefits as an international Insights Member including:

- Professional development opportunities through the introduction to partnership training.
- Webinar series to help you manage risk and enhance quality in international partnership.
- Events providing opportunities to engage with agencies and influencers in key countries, for example our annual UK China Higher Education Summit.
- Bespoke strategic support with engaging with regulatory agencies overseas.
- Country reports and webinars to support your TNE development in Pakistan, Singapore and Hong Kong.
- International Partnerships Policy and Practice Network to discuss the latest policy developments that are impacting your international partnerships.
- International Insights clinics for expert advice on your TNE and partnership operations.
- Practical information and guides to support your internationalisation strategy.
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What's coming up?

QAA has an exemplary record in supporting institutions in their TNE activities. Bringing practitioners together in webinars and networks strengthens the community of practice, and we have a common interest in the quality of UK provision through TNE.

Professor David Law, Academic Director: Global Partnerships, Keele University
Renewing your membership for 2022-23

Make sure you’re part of it!

Renewing is simple. We will email you in early July with a link to your renewal form. Simply complete the form, submit and we will do the rest!

We are always available to help. Please contact your Membership Engagement Manager or email us.

membership@qaa.ac.uk

Membership with QAA allows our University to demonstrate its commitment to upholding the highest academic standards and support the UK higher education’s global reputation for excellence. The University has welcomed the wide range of events, workshops, networking and professional development opportunities that QAA Membership offers. In a rapidly changing higher education environment, these opportunities have been valuable in exchanging ideas on the emerging policy landscape.

Professor Malcolm Todd, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Leeds Trinity University

Membership in England

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) operates across the UK. In England, we have a dual role as the Designated Quality Body (DQB) and as a Membership organisation. More information about our DQB role can be found on the DQB in England website.

QAA Membership is entirely separate from our role as the DQB in England. Membership provides you with vision, expertise and guidance on securing academic standards and the quality enhancement topics that matter most to your staff and students. The work we do with and for you to enhance quality and protect standards is funded solely through membership fees.