

# QAA Membership 2024-25

**Supporting you to meet regulatory requirements,  
while focusing beyond the baseline.**

In a rapidly changing higher and tertiary education environment, QAA Membership enables you to establish effective ways of securing academic standards and demonstrating excellence in quality.

## Benefits for your whole institution

- **Horizon scanning:** equipping you with the latest intelligence on policy, regulatory, social and technological trends across the UK and globally.
- **Securing UK higher education's global reputation for excellence:** providing a collective sector voice that protects academic standards and champions academic integrity, amplified by QAA's close links with policymakers, international partners and governments.
- **Keeping sector reference points meaningful and accessible:** demonstrating your commitment to securing standards and enhancing quality, giving you a strong voice in the creation of vital sector reference points such as the UK Quality Code and Subject Benchmark Statements to ensure these reflect your needs and those of your students.
- **Being part of an effective membership community:** facilitating learning and shared insights across providers and other partners including professional, statutory and regulatory bodies.
- **Driving innovation:** developing innovative approaches to enhancing, evaluating and reporting on all aspects of the student journey to improve outcomes and address internal and external demands.
- **Empowering your staff and increasing efficiency:** supporting the professional development of your staff, equipping them to develop efficient and effective systems safeguard academic standards and enhance the learning experience of your students.

QAA Membership provides access to a vital source of knowledge and support across the University that underpins our quality assurance and enhancement approach.

Our departments value the sector insights captured in the Subject Benchmark Statements and make extensive use of them to evaluate and refine the design of our portfolios.

The facilitation of learning and development of educators, professionals and students through the comprehensive programme of events, digital resources and peer networks is invaluable for our quality and enhancement regime, from the strategic to the individual level.

Professor Tim Quine, Vice-President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience), University of Exeter



## An engaging and supportive community

### Providing support and solutions for...



Students' unions



Quality



Partnerships



Senior leadership



Strategic planners



Academic departments and leadership



Data and information



International and global development

Our Membership offer is tailored to providers of different types, missions and sizes. Staff and students across all roles can collaborate and exchange ideas with peers and sector experts through regular networks for colleges, independent and specialist providers, students, programme leaders, senior academic managers, leaders for international partnerships, and quality leads.

In addition, QAA Membership provides valuable opportunities for you to showcase your excellent practice to UK and international audiences by contributing to a variety of events and resources.

## Helping you learn and innovate



Webinars and workshops



Toolkits



Networking



Events and conferences



Training and professional development

**Your Membership includes**



Collaborative Enhancement Projects



Guidance documents



Individual quality support



Policy and strategy briefings



Practical resources

In 2023, over 6,000 of you participated in events, networks and training programmes to share innovative approaches, discuss challenges, develop knowledge and keep up to date with the latest policy developments. You accessed a wide range of resources, providing insightful, practical approaches and templates - with over 24,000 downloads in 2023 alone.

Over **6,000** event participants

Over **24,000** resource downloads

Over **30,000** web page views

# Priority topics and activities for 2024-25

Our activities cover a wide range of topics including:



## **Trends in learning, teaching and assessment**

Competence-based education; Innovative approaches to assessment including inclusive assessment, compassionate assessment, optionality and authentic assessment; Student representation and engagement



## **Global engagement**

Country resources; International partnerships; Developing, monitoring and managing risk; Supporting and enhancing the international student experience; Ensuring UK HE has a strong voice in Europe and around the world



## **Equity and inclusion**

Understanding differential outcomes and closing awarding gaps



## **Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship**

Apprenticeships design and delivery; Supporting students moving between work and study



## **Flexible pathways and student transitions**

Implementation of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement; Use of credit; Student transitions; Differing modes of study



## **Generative Artificial Intelligence and Academic integrity**

The opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence; Engaging staff and students in promoting academic integrity across all levels and modes of provision



## **Effective quality processes and evaluation**

Quality processes that work, support innovation and value externality; Effective evaluation; Evidencing educational gain; Using data in decision-making



## **Professional development and training**

Formal and informal training programmes and development opportunities including Step into Quality; Introduction to Quality; Quality in Practice



## **Quality and standards**

Subject Benchmarks Statements; Refreshing the UK Quality Code Advice and Guidance; Working with professional, statutory and regulatory bodies; Delivering and awarding in partnerships; Postgraduate taught and research provision



## **Collaborative Enhancement Projects**

Over 60 projects on priority topics led by you including: Generative AI; Assessment; Innovative quality processes; Partnerships; Student engagement; Future of exam boards

QAA Membership has been an invaluable resource throughout my journey as a manager and strategic leader. One of the standout benefits is the relevance and the convenience it brings to the table. Instead of having to start from scratch I can utilise the wide range of resources to support my role. This has significantly boosted my productivity and allowed me to allocate more time to other critical aspects of my responsibilities.

The chance to connect with HE professionals from similar institutional settings is also incredibly valuable. This networking opportunity has been instrumental in broadening my perspective and finding innovative solutions to common problems faced in the wider landscape of higher education.

Jane Nickisson, Trafford College Group

## Explore your membership

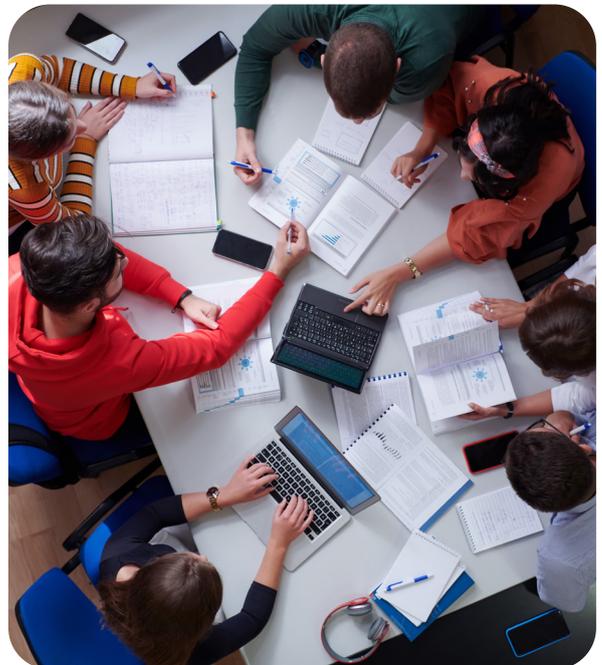
We love hearing your suggestions, feedback and questions. Each provider has a named Membership Engagement Manager and you can also get in touch by email.

➤ Access the [Membership Resources site](#)

📄 Sign up for our [Member Newsletter](#)

📅 Register for [events](#)

📘 Find out about [QAA Membership](#)



## Renewing your membership for 2024-25

Renewing is simple. We will email you a link to your renewal form in early May. Just click on the link to submit your form and we will do the rest!

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



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