Working with you to safeguard academic standards, enhance the student learning experience and secure the global reputation of UK higher education.
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.

"Membership keeps us well informed and up to date with sector developments and provides a trusted perspective on upcoming areas for development and focus." — Dr Ravi Kumar, Executive Director, London School of Management Education
2022-23: QAA Membership offer for small providers

We are bringing together our previous Core and Quality Insights membership packages. This means all QAA Members will have access to the full range of resources we produce and share on the Membership Resources Site. We are continuing to offer our smallest providers the opportunity to join with an Introductory Membership or the full QAA Membership package.

Introductory Membership provides access to resources but not the full range of events and training or wider opportunities such as leading a Collaborative Enhancement Project. Below we outline the key differences between our Introductory and Full Membership offers.

What's included

**Introductory Membership**

- Access to all resources published in the Membership Resources Site for all staff and students, including:
  - guidance documents
  - toolkits
  - practical resources
  - policy and strategy briefings
  - event presentations.

- Online network events enabling you to engage with the latest thinking through debate and facilitated discussion, such as:
  - College HE Policy and Practice Network
  - Conversations with Quality Leads.

- Use of QAA Membership Badge.

- Access to your Membership Engagement Manager.

- Opportunities to join Advisory Groups such as for Subject Benchmark Statements.

- Opportunities to join a Collaborative Enhancement Project as a partner. These funded projects are developed by groups of members who work collaboratively to enhance the quality of their students’ learning experience and develop outputs that benefit the wider QAA membership.

- One free place at the QAA Annual Conference while this is delivered online (a fee will be chargeable if the annual conference returns to in-person delivery).

- Opportunities to contribute to the development of new resources.

**Access to expert advice through membership quality clinics.**
Full Membership

Full membership includes everything in the Introductory Membership plus:

Programme of events offering opportunities to learn, exchange ideas and share practice to enhance your delivery, including:
- topic-based webinars and workshops
- membership conferences: Quality Insights, Quality Matters and Membership Network annual conference/event series
- in-person events.

Training and development – building capacity across your organisation, with topic-specific training and the popular Introduction to Quality and Quality in Practice programmes.

Opportunities to lead and receive funding for a Collaborative Enhancement Project.
Themes and topics

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 membership themes, we are supporting 17 Collaborative Enhancement Projects.

Future Approaches for Learning and Teaching

- 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

Reassessing Assessment

- 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
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
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

- 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

Evaluation and Use of Data

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

Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

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

Apprenticeships

It’s really important that similar institutions are able to get together through QAA membership to share their opinions and their experiences, and explore what it means for us as a higher education provider and also to be able to forge some really valuable conversations.

Zulakha Desai, Assistant Principal for Higher Education, Myerscough College and University Centre
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

**Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**

- Supporting members with institution and subject-level engagement in ESD
- Incorporating ESD with quality and evaluative processes
- Collaborative Enhancement Projects

**Global Engagement**

- Managing risk and enhancing quality in TNE
- Support for the international student experience
- Sustainability and internationalisation
- Engaging with governments and international agencies to ensure we have a strong voice in Europe and around the globe

Important cross-cutting topics will thread throughout the programme:

- Equality, diversity and inclusivity
- Professional development and training
- Student engagement and support
- Postgraduate provision
- Student transitions
- PSRB engagement
- Mental health and well-being
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

QAA Membership is also an outward facing commitment to quality and to making sure we do our best – people know we are members of QAA, we are choosing to be members of QAA because we take quality and standards really seriously.

Mandy Edmond, Vice Principal, Head of Quality and Standards and Registrar, Norland College Ltd
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.