



INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATE
MEMBERSHIP

QAA International Associate Membership 2024-25



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 an 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.

“ By being a QAA International Member, ECAE is better placed to strengthen our network of higher education quality assurance professionals in the UK and around the world. We have access to the latest international thinking and can remain up to date with international best practices, using this to inform and shape our own quality assurance systems and processes. ”

Dr Hanadi Kadbey, Head - Institutional Research & Effectiveness, Emirates College for Advanced Education (ECAE)



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.

Membership Resources



All your staff and students can access a wealth of resources on our Membership Resources website.

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.

- Papers and briefings on topics most relevant to QAA Members, for example, advice on engaging with artificial intelligence (AI) while promoting academic integrity, the use of micro-credentials, and assessment and learning outcomes.
- Case studies and opinion pieces that build on these resources and briefings, including our Quality Compass series, designed to help members navigate and respond to challenges and opportunities.
- Podcasts on topics such as neuro-inclusivity, understanding and supporting the experiences of disabled students, and enterprise, entrepreneurship and student ambition.
- Practical toolkits on topics such as making the language of assessment inclusive and hosting virtual career fairs.
- An annual series of country and territory-focused reports that enable members to gain insight and learn about quality assurance, accreditation and partnership in specific countries - for example, Hong Kong, Singapore, Pakistan, Indonesia and Uzbekistan.



A monthly International Membership Newsletter to keep members up to date with the latest activities, resources and opportunities.

Professional development



Your staff can benefit from access to workshops which are exclusive to International Members. Six sessions are offered each year, with topics being selected on the basis of our membership themes and taking account of feedback from our International Members on interests and priorities. Topics for 2024-25 are likely to include:

Student experience and student engagement

Internal quality processes including programme design and review

Micro-credentials

Artificial intelligence

Academic integrity

Collaborative Enhancement Projects



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

Examples of projects in 2023-24 include support for postgraduate students with Viva preparation, how collaborative partners can enhance student engagement and delivery, and optionality in assessment.

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 with funding of up to £10,000 available for successful applications.

Previously 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.



Conferences, webinars and other events



Members have access to a number of free places for staff and students at a comprehensive programme of QAA Member conferences, webinars and other events that focus on the latest developments and best practice in quality assurance. Events include:

- QAA's high-profile **Annual Conference** which includes a range of thought-provoking sessions and an 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 popular **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).
- **Webinars and events** on topics important to members - for example, navigating the complexities of the AI era in higher education, and embedding education for sustainable development.
- **Webinars and training** exploring quality assurance and managing risk in international partnerships.



“ Being part of QAA's International Membership allows us to share and learn best practice with a like-minded community of similar institutions around the world. As members, we have found QAA's guidance and good practice papers particularly useful to develop and enhance our own practices. We plan to continue to use QAA's resources to inform our policies, practices and continue to enhance and build upon the quality of learning, teaching and assessment.

Emilia Todorova, Academic Quality & Learning Manager, University of Gibraltar

Membership Themes

Informed by our horizon-scanning and co-created through engagement with members, the themes and topics for 2024-25 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.



Trends in learning, teaching and assessment



Effective quality processes and evaluation



Flexible pathways and student transitions



Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship



Quality and standards



Global engagement



Generative Artificial Intelligence and academic integrity



Equity and inclusion



Professional development and training



Collaborative Enhancement Projects

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 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

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