

Foreword

by Vicki Stott

Chief Executive, QAA

QAA plays a vital role in education across the UK and internationally. We're trusted by universities and other education providers, and by regulatory bodies, to maintain standards and enhance quality. Our collaborations with governments, agencies and institutions benefit the global higher education sector and its students.

Our work in the UK includes reviewing the quality of provision, holding the pen on sector-owned standards, producing advice and guidance, and helping providers enhance the quality of teaching and learning. Internationally, we're recognised as one of the world's leading quality agencies, and the growing demand for our international accreditation highlights the value of our brand on the global stage.

We engage with a diverse range of stakeholders, including universities, colleges, professional bodies, regulators and students. And we love what we do! Collaboration and partnership are central to our identity and to the effective delivery of our services as an agency.

In today's rapidly evolving higher education landscape, providers face unprecedented challenges and opportunities. QAA Membership offers the essential support and resources your institution needs to thrive in this dynamic environment.

With nearly 30 years of experience, QAA has built extensive expertise and insight into the quality and standards landscape. Our reimagined enhancement programme is designed to adapt to the changing external environment and best support the sector. By becoming a QAA Member, you gain access to a wealth of resources, activities and support, empowering staff in teams right across your institution to excel in the international higher education arena.

Join us today and unlock the full potential of your institution with QAA International Membership. Together, we can shape the future of higher and tertiary education. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a community dedicated to excellence and innovation.



QAA Membership

The benefits of QAA Membership



Amplifying your voice

We have close relationships with institutions, quality agencies and partner bodies in the UK and internationally, and with professional, statutory and regulatory bodies (PSRBs), sharing the expertise of QAA Members on a global stage.



Developing your skills and networks

We work in partnership with institutions to support you with enhancement while respecting your autonomy and the diversity of the sector. Collaborative by design, QAA Membership thrives on building effective relationships, creating meaningful opportunities to network and engage with the wider sector, and helping to develop skills and experience across your whole institution.



Enhancing your knowledge and practice

With nearly 30 years of expertise as a world-leading impartial, independent quality body, QAA has helped establish quality systems around the globe. We can confidently support you to make practices and processes more efficient and effective, to maximise the impact from using our toolkits, guidance documents and policy and strategy briefings.



Addressing your priorities

The overarching themes of QAA Membership are crafted to tackle significant sector challenges head on, ensuring you stay ahead in the ever-evolving landscape of higher and tertiary education. We engage with you and your colleagues to understand your unique position and to support you to achieve meaningful change.

International Associate Membership at a glance

- **QAA International Membership offers vision expertise, and guidance on the topics that matter most to your staff and students.**

Our goal is to ensure your institution is well-prepared to navigate sector challenges and maximise opportunities presented to you.

We collaborate with our members to deliver high-quality services that:

- Safeguard academic standards and champion academic integrity
- Enhance the quality of the student learning experience, regardless of where students are studying
- Support continuous improvement in quality assurance practices.

Becoming a QAA International Member introduces you to a global community of quality professionals and higher education institutions dedicated to delivering an exceptional student experience.

Membership provides opportunities to make new connections, establish potential partnerships and develop knowledge about the global higher education system through resources, collaborative projects conferences and other activities.

To become an International Member, your institution will need to have achieved International Quality Review (IQR) accreditation. If you are thinking about joining us, please contact our [Business Development Team](#) who will be happy to hear from you.



International Associate Membership at a glance

What's included in International Membership?



Events and Conferences

Participate in conferences, webinars, and other events that highlight the latest developments and best practices in quality assurance, helping to upskill your staff.



International Member Network

Engage with other International Members, receive updates from QAA, participate in themed discussions, and share best practices with colleagues from other member institutions.



Extensive Resources

Access a wide range of resources covering key membership themes. All your staff and students can utilise the wealth of materials available on our Membership Resources website.



Collaborative Enhancement Projects

Apply for funding to collaborate with other higher education institutions to enhance your learning and the student experience.



Professional Development

Benefit from workshops designed to support the implementation of new practices and approaches aligned with your priorities, such as student engagement, artificial intelligence, and quality process management.



Amplifying your voice

Keeping you informed and elevating your institution's impact

> Championing standards and quality

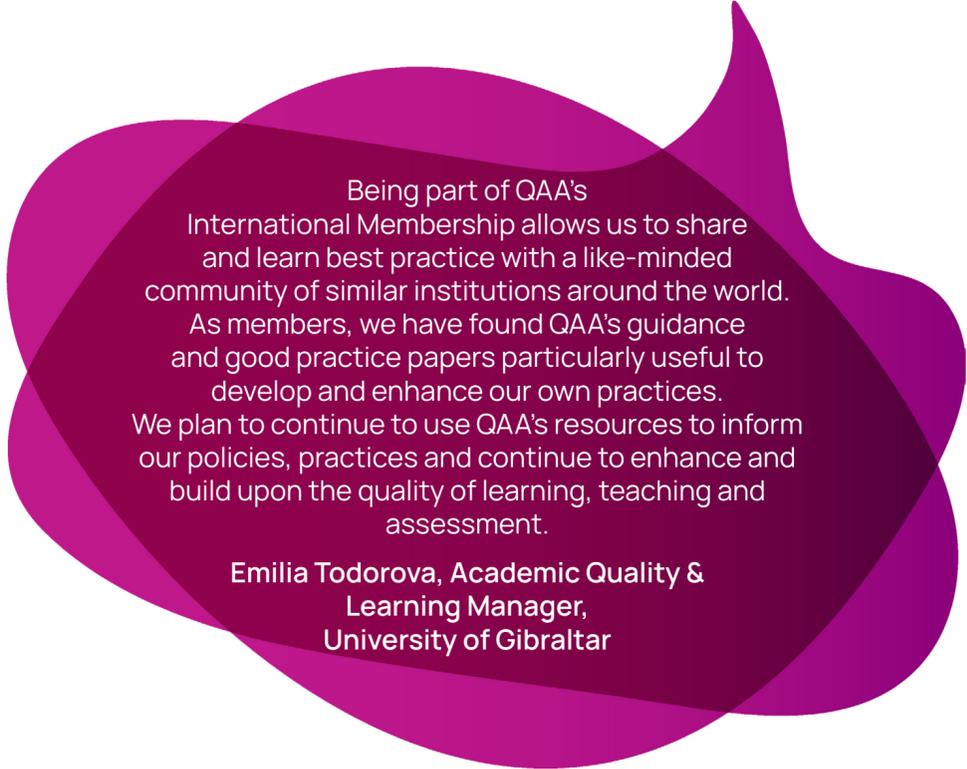
We actively work with governments, sector agencies and other influential bodies to shape policy and practice. Our goal is to ensure that quality considerations are at the forefront of new and evolving initiatives. By joining us, you become part of a collective voice that influences key decisions and drives the quality agenda forward.

> Thought leadership and horizon scanning

Stay ahead of the curve with our timely insights on emerging trends and policy developments related to quality and standards. Our expert analysis and forward-thinking approach provide you with the knowledge and tools to navigate the ever-changing landscape of higher education. We offer exclusive access to reports, webinars and events that keep you informed and prepared for the future.

> Global recognition

Our international activities open doors to new opportunities, collaborations and partnerships that enhance your institution's profile and impact worldwide. Take the opportunity to submit papers for online conferences, apply to lead a funded Collaborative Enhancement Project or share your institutional profile across our UK and international network.



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**



Developing your skills & networks

Cultivating connections and advancing your capabilities through a range of exclusive benefits designed to support your professional growth

> Professional development

Build your capacity and expand your areas of expertise with our comprehensive workshops and practical resources, which are tailored to meet the specific needs of our International Members. Whether you are looking to enhance your current skills or develop new ones, we can help you achieve your professional goals.

> Engaging events

Participate in workshops, conferences and webinars that cover the themes and topics most relevant to your role and institution. Our events are designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to succeed. From interactive workshops that offer practical skills and techniques to thought-provoking conferences that explore the latest research and innovations, our events provide valuable learning experiences. Our webinars and online events offer the flexibility to learn from anywhere, making it easy to stay informed and engaged no matter where you are.





Developing your skills & networks

> Networking opportunities

Connect with peers, exchange ideas, share insights and learn from the experiences of others. QAA Membership provides you with the opportunity to discuss important issues and collaborate with like-minded higher education professionals. We host networking events, both in-person and virtual, that allow you to build meaningful relationships with colleagues from across the sector. These connections can lead to new collaborations, partnerships and opportunities for professional growth.

> International Collaborative Enhancement Projects

As a QAA Member, you have the opportunity to apply for funding in partnership with other institutions on shared priorities. Tackling important challenges and driving innovation, our Collaborative Enhancement Project (CEP) programme is designed to enhance the student learning experience through research and resource development. By working together with other institutions, you can share knowledge, pool resources and make a meaningful impact in your field.

As a proud member of QAA, the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies has greatly benefited from the valuable resources, guidance, and support provided through the QAA Membership. These resources help us guide the enhancement of our academic programs and student experience and particularly keep us informed about the latest trends and developments in higher education and how they are addressed.

Hala Alsouk, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance,
Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

💡 Enhancing your knowledge & practice

QAA International Membership enhances efficiency by leveraging sector-wide expertise and best practices, allowing members to benefit without starting from scratch

➤ Extensive resource library

Gain access to a comprehensive library of membership resources, including research papers and case studies. Stay up to date with the latest developments and best practices, with materials available to support staff and students across your institution, including senior leadership teams, academic staff and academic developers, international teams, quality teams and other professional services staff, students and their representatives, as well as those responsible for student engagement and enhancing the student experience.

➤ Guidance documents

Find solutions and follow effective practices with our detailed guidance documents. These resources are designed to help you address complex challenges in higher education and implement successful strategies. Whether you are dealing with policy changes, accreditation processes or quality improvement initiatives, our guidance documents provide clear, actionable advice to support your efforts.





Enhancing your knowledge & practice

> Practical toolkits

Make your tasks more efficient with our practical and adaptable toolkits. These materials are tailored to support your daily operations and enhance your productivity.

> Emerging trends and insights

Our trend analysis supports your strategic planning by identifying sector changes, including advancements in generative artificial intelligence and shifts in institutional rankings. We conduct thorough research and mapping to provide insights that support your decision making around new international partnerships and collaborations.

Accessing QAA's webinars, activities and online material is a great opportunity for Universidad Andrés Bello - we have learned about another approach to certain educational topics, which has been very beneficial, as it contrasts, questions and enriches the view and ways of working that are carried out in a country as distant from the United Kingdom as Chile.

Claudio Salas, Director of Institutional Evaluation,
Universidad Andres Bello, Chile

Addressing your priorities

Our themes for 2025-26 will be threaded through all membership activity, including the diverse programme of events and suite of resources

> Supporting high-quality teaching and learning

Helping you to deliver a quality education

QAA Membership equips your institution with the tools and guidance necessary to excel and deliver an outstanding student experience. Our resources help you demonstrate your commitment to high-quality teaching and learning, enabling your institution to stand out in evaluations and meet the rigorous standards set by national and global accreditation processes.

> Innovation in delivery

Embracing generative AI, academic integrity and more

As the higher education sector continues to innovate and change, QAA Membership keeps you at the forefront of these developments. We provide insights and support on the latest trends, including the use of generative artificial intelligence and maintaining academic integrity. Our resources help you navigate these innovations, allowing your institution to remain competitive and compliant with evolving standards.

> Maintaining quality in challenging times

Enhancing efficiency in your quality function

In times of uncertainty, maintaining high standards of quality can be challenging. QAA Membership offers practical solutions to help your quality function work more efficiently. Our resources and support enable you to streamline processes, reduce administrative burdens and focus on delivering excellent education to your students. In the event of provider failure, QAA Membership can provide guidance on managing this process, including Recognition of Prior Learning, and facilitating smooth transitions for students to ensure they continue to receive the education they deserve.

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 quality assurance systems and processes.

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

Elevate your membership

> International Quality Review

Specially developed to provide institutions outside the UK with an independent peer review leading to accreditation by QAA.

International Quality Review (IQR) tests whether an institution meets the 10 European standards of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

A successful IQR means that you are officially accredited by QAA. You will be able to use the IQR Accreditation badge on your website and marketing materials, which shows that you are accredited by us against internationally recognised standards. IQR also unlocks access to QAA's Full International Membership – [find out more on our website](#).

> International Programme Accreditation

Designed to offer institutions outside of the UK the opportunity to have an independent peer review of their curriculum development and quality assurance process.

This includes systematic monitoring and evaluation of learning and teaching, and the processes that support them, to make sure that the standards of academic awards meet the required level and that the quality of the student learning experience is being safeguarded and continually improved.

Successful International Programme Accreditation (IPA) means that you are eligible to display the QAA International Programme Accreditation badge, which demonstrates that your approach to programme design, development and monitoring is not only effective, but also comparable with international best practice.

> International Quality Assurance Programme

A stimulating five-day course designed to increase your understanding of higher education quality assurance and enhancement. Learn about UK and international quality assurance best practice and build relationships with quality assurance professionals from around the world.

The course includes four days of interactive high-quality sessions delivered by QAA quality experts, where you will have the opportunity to engage in case studies, discussion points and group activities. Day five will be dedicated to visiting two UK institutions for a unique chance to learn more about higher education quality in practice.

At the end of the programme, you will receive a certificate of participation signed by Vicki Stott, Chief Executive of QAA.

Next steps

Renewing your [QAA Membership](#) unlocks continued access to our unparalleled support and resources, helping your institution to excel and innovate in the global higher education environment.

> How to become an International 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, with 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 [Business Development team](#), who will be happy to hear from you.

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, which unlocks access to QAA full International Membership. [Find out more about IQR](#) and the benefits it offers to your organisation and its approach to the quality of higher education.

> International 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.

It is my privilege to lead the Membership Delivery team, whose responsibility is to ensure that resources, training, Collaborative Enhancement Projects, membership events and networks are designed not only to support QAA Members but also to have a measurable and transformative impact on practice.

I look forward to the coming year of membership, where we will partner with providers to explore and inspire exceptional teaching and learning. The quality of this work has the potential not only to enhance the learning environment but also to change the lives of those involved, both practitioners and students. While there will inevitably be challenges ahead in the higher and tertiary education environment, both in the UK and internationally, I am confident that the next year of QAA Membership presents an opportunity for growth and enthusiasm toward the aspirational enhancement of quality.

By working together, we will continue to thrive and, in doing so, retain the quality perspectives and academic standards that we, as a sector, are all so proud of.

Steph Tindall, Head of UK & International Membership Delivery

