Seeking accreditation with the Higher Education Academy (HEA) at the University of Edinburgh

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HEA Basic Facts  -  The HEA is....

... a UK-wide membership organisation for all types and levels of staff in Higher Education.

There are four levels of membership: Associate Fellowship, Fellowship, Senior and Principal Fellowship.

It accredits courses / frameworks (in institutions), and individual teachers’ practice (by direct application).

It provides teaching resources for individuals and for institutions (online materials, events, funding, collaborative projects, commissioned research....).

Check the HEA website at: www.heacademy.ac.uk
The UK Professional Standards Framework (UK PSF)

- Areas of activity (A 1-5)
- Core knowledge (K 1-6)
- Professional values (V 1-4)

These map onto different levels of accreditation in different ways.
Quick example from the UK PSF

Descriptor 2

- Teaching Practices
- Scholarship

Dimensions

- Areas of Activity
- Core Knowledge
- Professional Values

CPD
HEA Fellowship
MAPPING EXERCISE

1. Draw up an overview of your teaching activities:
   • How do your roles and responsibilities fit with the UKPSF ‘Areas of Activity’?

2. Consider ‘Core Knowledge’ and ‘Professional Values’:
   • What examples of your practice illustrate your understanding of and engagement with these?
What are the routes to HEA accreditation at the University of Edinburgh?

University of Edinburgh Continuing Professional Development Framework for Learning and Teaching

- Associate Fellow
  - Introduction to Academic Practice
  - PG Cert in Academic Practice

- Fellow
  - Clinical Educator Programme
  - PG Cert in Clinical Education

- Senior Fellow
  - PG Cert in Digital Education

- Principal Fellow
  - Edinburgh Teaching Award L1
  - Edinburgh Teaching Award L2

- Direct application to HEA
  - Individual application
HEA Accreditation

• Direct application
  Start any time - your timeframe!
  Write 700 words essays on Areas of Activities:
    Associate Fellows – 2 essays
    Fellows – 5 essays
  Individual route – no longer supported by IAD
  Fees on submission:
    Associate Fellows – £100
    Fellows – £200
  Provide 2 Referee statements

Advantages? Time 😊
HEA Accreditation at the University of Edinburgh:

- **Introduction to Academic Practice (IntroAP) - AHEA**
  
  IAD course for experienced T&Ds running every semester

  Pre-requisites:
  - compulsory attendance to 3 sessions
  - previous teaching experience (2 semesters equivalent)
  - teaching responsibilities during the course
  - 2 references

  Workload: homework, peer observations, writing & CPD

  https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/learning-teaching/cpd/intro-ap

  Application form to iad.tutdem@ed.ac.uk

  **Advantages?** Very supported and working with others
HEA Accreditation at the University of Edinburgh:

• Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PgCAP) - FHEA
  IAD course for academics – internationally recognised!
  Completion between 14 months to 2 years - next cohort December 2018
  Workload: compulsory attendance to full day courses, peer observation and course assignments:
  Foundations of Academic Practice
  2 optional courses (see availability)
  https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/learning-teaching/cpd/postgraduate-certificate

Application and queries to iad.pgcert@ed.ac.uk

Advantages? Master level qualification
HEA Accreditation at the University of Edinburgh:

- Edinburgh Teaching Award (EdTA) – either AFHEA or FHEA
  - IAD course for all levels of HEA accreditation
  - Completion within 2 years
  - Workload: one compulsory meeting then online portfolio with a mentor and CPD; either writing about teaching experiences or final presentation
  - 2 referee statements

https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/learning-teaching/cpd/teaching-award

Register your interest at iad.cpdframework@ed.ac.uk

Advantages? Flexibility
Choosing the best route

**WHEN** do you want to do this?
depends on when you want to complete and how you fit in CPD

**WHAT** level of accreditation are you aiming for?
depends on the range and type of your teaching experiences

**HOW** do you want to work on this?
depends on your motivation, preferred ways of working, your support needs
Example CPD activities at Edinburgh

- Events and workshops in schools
- Secondments, networks, consultations and mentoring with IAD
- Principal’s Teaching Award Scheme
- Practical Strategies
- Courses from the PGCAP
- IAD Courses for Tutors & Demonstrators
- Online and distance learning – for example HEA, SEDA
- Educational and wider literature about HE teaching and learning (EdTA reading list, LEARN Materials for T&Ds, HEA website, Times Higher Education, education journals....)

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