

WHAT CAN THE LEARNING AND TEACHING ACADEMY DO FOR YOU?

The LTA offers a dynamic programme of support tailored to the diverse needs of our teaching community. We provide support and development to those taking their first steps into university teaching as well as opportunities for staff who have more experience in teaching, who may be leading academic programmes or learning and teaching initiatives.

We welcome participation from across our global community, with events and programmes open to all who teach or support student learning.

This overview highlights the core support for teaching, learning and educational leadership offered by the Learning and Teaching Academy. Further details of these opportunities and dates of upcoming events are available on our website:

www.lta.hw.ac.uk/events

OPPORTUNITY	DETAILS	AUDIENCE	
Inspiring Teaching: Support & Resources for All	Learning and Teaching @HWU	This online sharing practice community is open to everyone involved in learning and teaching across our Heriot-Watt community. It is an open space for sharing ideas, asking questions and discussing all aspects of teaching practice.	Open to all.
	Globally Connected Learning: A Practical Guide to HWU's Teaching Model	The Globally Connected Learning modules are open to colleagues across Heriot-Watt University involved in teaching or supporting students. The resources cover key topics in learning and teaching, offering guidance and examples to inspire you in your teaching practice. Each module also provides extension opportunities for colleagues wishing to delve deeper into specific areas of practice. The modules can be undertaken on a self-study or supported cohort basis. Colleagues are encouraged to revisit and reuse these resources as part of ongoing course and teaching practice development.	Open to all.
	Inspiring Learning events series	Throughout the year, the LTA schedule learning and teaching Masterclasses, lectures and seminars . Feel free to join any sessions that spark your interest. Masterclasses for AY22-23 will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing Challenge-Based Learning • Inspiring Student Engagement • Assessment for Learning • Purpose-Led Education in Action Key events to save the date for include our Learning & Teaching Symposium (October 2022), <i>Inspiring Learning</i> New Year Lecture (January 2023), and Heriot-Watt Global Learning and Teaching Week (June 2023). Find out more: www.lta.hw.ac.uk/events	Open to all.
	Talking Teaching Forum	This series of events is open to all colleagues involved in learning and teaching. It is a supportive group for sharing ideas, exploring classroom craft, and offering mutual support. <i>Talking Teaching</i> Forum events run regularly throughout the year, online and across our campuses.	Open to all.
	Micro-Teaching Sessions	Micro-teaching is an ideal way to experiment with a new activity or approach and to gain confidence in classroom craft. They are an opportunity for peer observation of your teaching in a friendly, supportive and condensed format. These regular sessions are offered online and on campus.	Open to all.

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	<p>Watt Works in Learning and Teaching resources</p>	<p>These practical guides cover key themes in learning and teaching including Assessment & Feedback, Digital Education, Active Learning, Wellbeing & the Curriculum, and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore our Watt Works Guides here: https://lta.hw.ac.uk/resources/ • In At the Deep End at Heriot Watt is our workbook for colleagues new to teaching (and is useful for all!).
<p>Supporting Curriculum, Course and Assessment Design</p>	<p>Course & Assessment Design Resources and Consultancy Support</p>	<p>Resources and workshops (self-directed and facilitated) to support curriculum development, from workshops to support bold thinking about curriculum and programme development, to practical support as you design specific courses, assessments and activities.</p>
<p>Tailored Support When you Need it Most</p>	<p>Welcome to Teaching @HWU</p>	<p>This self-study induction resource introduces all colleagues new to Heriot-Watt to our core teaching principles and practices. It provides useful signposting to key information and sources of support for learning and teaching.</p> <p>The self-study resources are supported by a regular Welcome to Teaching @HWU induction session available online and on campus locations. These sessions provide an opportunity to connect with colleagues across Heriot-Watt and learn more about the learning and teaching landscape and the support available to you, whatever stage you are in your career.</p>
	<p>In at the Deep End: First Steps into University Teaching</p>	<p>This short programme is framed around our In At The Deep End resource and two live online collaborative workshops. It offers colleagues who are new to teaching in higher education practical support to get started with their teaching, learn the basics of session planning, and build confidence in classroom craft.</p> <p>General sessions are open to all colleagues.</p> <p>Sessions tailored to specific cohorts of staff are scheduled as required.</p>

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Learning About Learning	<p>Learning About Learning is a 15 credit postgraduate level course. Participants work collaboratively to develop as reflective higher education practitioners. Delivered fully online, Learning About Learning introduces learning and teaching theory and practice and offers opportunities to share your insights and practice with colleagues across the University.</p> <p>This course is the Heriot-Watt pathway to Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy.</p>	<p>This is aimed at colleagues who wish to take initial steps into learning and teaching theory and practice.</p> <p>It is particularly suited to postgraduates who teach and others who wish to develop a foundation in learning & teaching.</p>
Post Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning	<p>The Heriot-Watt Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning (PGCertTL) provides a foundation in learning and teaching theory and practice and a supportive springboard into the next stage of your teaching career.</p> <p>The PGCertTL comprises four courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course 1: 'Learning about learning' • Course 2: 'Reframing feedback and assessment' • Course 3: 'Exploring learning spaces' • Course 4: 'Scholarly inquiry into teaching and learning' <p>This programme is the Heriot-Watt pathway to Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy.</p>	<p>This programme is designed for colleagues who undertake university teaching or who support teaching and learning as a substantive part of their work.</p>
Technicians Who Teach Network	<p>This guided network enables technicians who teach across all Schools to share practice and explore emerging themes in teaching and student support. The group also runs focused sessions on key themes in learning and teaching, with invited speakers from around the university.</p>	<p>Technicians involved in teaching and supporting student learning.</p>
Programme Directors Forum	<p>The Programme Directors Forum is a chance to share practice and learn from across the community. The Forum organises events each month focused on key themes related to the particular stage of the academic year. Forum members can join a Programme Director Action Learning Set to connect with colleagues across Schools and can share resources and examples of practice via the Programme Directors' Toolbox.</p>	<p>Colleagues in Programme Director or Senior Programme Director roles.</p>

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Exploring and Innovating in Pedagogic Practice	Global Digital Pedagogies Hub	<p>The Global Digital Pedagogies Hub is a space for discussion of digital pedagogies and practices. It provides guidance and support for staff to enhance their understanding of digital pedagogies and space to innovate and experiment with emerging technologies and pedagogies.</p> <p>Colleagues are invited to participate in discussions via the Teams site, join the monthly Digital Pedagogies Reading Group, and engage with the regular sharing practice sessions.</p>	Open to all.
	Assessment for Learning Special Interest Group	<p>Interested in shaping thinking and practice in assessment? The Special Interest Group brings together colleagues from across the university to deepen understanding of this key area. Activities include reading group, case study development and collaborative scholarly projects.</p>	Open to all.
	Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group	<p>Curious about SoTL? Interested in exploring and enhancing teaching practice and ensuring your learning impacts on the work of others? The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning SIG offers a supportive community and structured events to help you develop and progress your own scholarship activity.</p>	Open to all.
Developing Leadership in Learning & Teaching Enhancement	Inspiring Leadership in Learning and Teaching	<p>These supported paths to Senior or Principal Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy are designed to give you time, space and support to create your application. They consist of information and guidance sessions, writing retreats, feedback on drafts and access to a mentor to support you with your reflection on professional practice and writing your application.</p>	Colleagues with significant experience of leading teaching or student support who can demonstrate impact at programme, School, institutional or sector level.

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<p>Resilient Learning Communities Enhancement Projects</p>	<p>As part of the QAA Scotland Enhancement Theme 2021-23, this suite of events and project activity explores resilience in learning and teaching and how we can work collaboratively on Strengthening our Global Learning Community.</p> <p>The Enhancement Theme work opens opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage in research, scholarship and evaluation of teaching and learning linked to the theme of Resilient Learning Communities. - Develop new approaches, including collaborative initiatives with students - Participate in sector-wide activities and networks. 	<p>Open to all.</p>
<p>Learning, Teaching and Educational Leadership Mini-Sabbaticals</p>	<p>In academic year 2022-23 the Learning and Teaching Academy is piloting learning, teaching and educational leadership mini-sabbaticals. These offer you dedicated time and support to develop a specific project from proposal to dissemination of findings and delivery of scholarly outputs.</p>	<p>Open to colleagues looking to extend their leadership of learning & teaching enhancement initiatives.</p>

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