

Higher Education Academy Recognition Scheme - Membership

The Academy has developed a new professional recognition scheme. The scheme has been designed to support the implementation of the sector-owned UK Professional Standards Framework. For more details see <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/ukpsf>. There are three categories of professional recognition: Associate Fellow (AHEA), Fellow (FHEA), Senior Fellow (SFHEA) and Principal Fellow (PFHEA).

Here are the answers to questions you may have (external links open in a new window).

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What is the Recognition Scheme for?

The Academy is committed to leading, supporting and informing the professional development and recognition of individual staff in higher education. We aim to enhance the professional status of all staff that teach and support learning. The Scheme therefore provides a mechanism for us to confer Associate Fellow, Fellow, Senior Fellow or Principal Fellow status on individuals in recognition of their commitment to teaching and enhancing the student learning experience.

How can I apply?

You may apply for automatic recognition as either an Associate Fellow or Fellow within one year of having successfully completed an Academy-accredited programme of training in teaching and learning support. The Associate in Veterinary Education or PG Certificate in Veterinary Education courses are Academy-accredited courses.

How do I get a form?

Application forms are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/professional-recognition>

Additional links on this page contain information regarding automatic recognition for individuals who have successfully completed Academy-accredited professional development provision.

Do I have to pay a membership fee?

There is no charge if you are applying for recognition as an Associate Fellow or Fellow having successfully completed one of our accredited programmes

Is there another recognition route?

Applications through the recognition scheme are peer reviewed against agreed [recognition criteria](#). You may apply for Associate, Fellow or Senior Fellow status if you:

- teach and/or support learning (including foundation degrees etc) in a higher education institution and are able to present appropriate evidence
- teach and/or support learning at HE level and are able to present appropriate evidence, regardless of who your employer is.

I am currently a Fellow. How do I achieve Senior Fellow status?

You will need to provide evidence that you meet the following criteria:

- Lead colleagues by personal example
- Facilitate and influence networks of colleagues
- Impact positively beyond your institution, at national or international level, within your discipline or more generally
- Make a sustained contribution and positive impact to the student learning experience
- Champion learning and teaching in HE

The recognition fee for Senior Fellow status is £300 GBP (If applying as a member of RVC staff)

If I have any more queries, whom should I ask?

The [HE Academy website](#) contains answers to most questions. If you still have a query, then please contact the Staff Training and Development.