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## UNIVERSITY TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS 2019

## University Teaching Fellowships 2019

We have today announced this year's competition for the University Teaching Fellowships 2018-2019. Three colleagues who can demonstrate impact in their learning, teaching and professional practice will be recognised by the awards. The submission date for applications is October 5<sup>th</sup> with shortlisted candidates being informed by October 22<sup>nd</sup> and their presentation being scheduled for the week-commencing November 5<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be by a panel of experts and the winners will be supported in making an application the following year for the National Teaching Fellowship Scheme. Further information, including application details, word limits and assessment criteria can be downloaded from the [Teaching Hub](#). Search under Staff Development>Recognition.

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Good luck! We look forward to some exciting applications!

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## SEDA Accreditation of courses

In July the ExPERT Academy team were visited by the two accreditors from SEDA for our Mentoring and Coaching course and Supervising Postgraduate Research. It is intended that both these courses will be validated as part of our new MA, allowing staff who have completed them to APL 10 L7 credits for each programme.

The accreditation event was challenging but also very stimulating. The accreditors were highly impressed by the 'joined up approach' to CPD that UWL is now implementing.

They praised the quality of the mentoring course, having talked to some of the current participants and agreed that should the accreditation be successful, it will be backdated to include the current cohort.

We did receive some conditions but were able to fulfil them ahead of schedule and recent correspondence suggests that our provisional accreditation will be approved at the board meeting in October. This process is standard practice for SEDA. Continued accreditation is contingent upon a satisfactory end of year one report.

Interested in the next Mentoring & Coaching course? Then visit [the Teaching Hub](#) and sign up before the course is full.

## Online PgCert

September sees a very busy time for the ExPERT Academy. Not only do we continue the mentoring and coaching course but we are launching our new online PgCert. We already have 16 candidates signed up and are receiving enquiries daily. This course is open to national or international academic staff who have at least 60 hours teaching per year. (UWL staff can access this course for free).

The PgCert/MA/PhD in Higher Education Research and Practice will be delivered wholly on line to encourage collaboration not only between institutions in the UK, but also between our partners and others abroad. For those of you teaching at UWL, you will also get the chance to attend face to face sessions to help you progress.

If you want to know more click [here](#)

## The Academic Professional Apprenticeship

The new Academic Profession Apprenticeship (APA) starts in September and is set to put UWL and our staff on the map. Very few other institutions have managed to get their programmes ready for a September start but by working as a team and dovetailing the APA with the PgCert we are ready and raring to go. The first real programme to help you transition into the role of an academic – which is not just about teaching and research. Its about being expert in your field, understanding the bigger picture of HE and knowing how to make your students feel a part of the institution and supporting them in achieving their goals. Academia is a complex and demanding career these days, but it is rewarding and we are here to help you be the best you can be. We look forward to welcoming you on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am in BY04.003. Don't be late!

For further information see [HERE](#)



## The new CPD Framework

The new CPD framework has been approved by the Vice Chancellors Executive group. All staff, as part of their contract are expected to maintain and enhance their knowledge and skills through CPD. To this end, we have developed the CPD Framework, an annual calendar of events to help enhance your career prospects. Offered by a range of Schools and Departments, the framework and calendar can be accessed from the [Teaching Hub](#). Once you have decided which events you wish to attend, make sure you book via the Eventbrite link because our spaces are limited. Check because we do repeat some events at different locations. Come and share your experience and expertise!



## Academic Development and Mentoring Programme (ADAM)

We are about to invite our first cohort of academic staff to take part in the ADAM programme. Designed to offer all academic staff the opportunity to take a look at their practice and with the support of a trained mentor try to identify areas where they already demonstrate outstanding practice and to see where they might be in need of some development.

Everything changes so rapidly today and as a disciplinary expert, you cannot be expected to keep up with all the other advances that impact professional academic practice. We all have plenty to learn, however experienced we are and ADAM is designed to help you become the best you can be, ensuring our students success as well as your own. You will be assigned a mentor who will guide you through your own journey of exploration and development in safe and non-judgemental way. All academic staff will go through this process once every three years but if you want evidence for promotion or your metrics are not great and you want help to improve them, then you can request inclusion in the annual list. Just email [ExPERT-academy@uwl.ac.uk](mailto:ExPERT-academy@uwl.ac.uk)

## Hello and Goodbye

One of the outcomes of being committed to developing staff, other institutions can always offer the outstanding ones more money. UWL is small and serves a very distinct demographic of students but we develop great academics and professional staff. In the ExPERT Centre, we are no different. So it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Matt Lingard who moves to a great new job at the University of the Arts and Ingrid Nix, who moves to Middlesex. We shall miss them and wish them well in their new careers. However, we have a great team with skills to fill the void left by these two colleagues. In addition, we are excited what the future holds. Hendrick van der Sluis will be joining us at the beginning September. An experienced academic and academic developer, Hendrick will be taking the lead for the PgCert in Professional Academic Practice on line. He is an experienced online programme developer and tutor and will bring complementary skills to the team. In addition, we say welcome back to Jessica Frye, who has been on maternity leave. Jessica will be contributing to all the taught programmes and re-assuming her role in the personal tutoring scheme.