

Flinders Learning & Teaching Academy

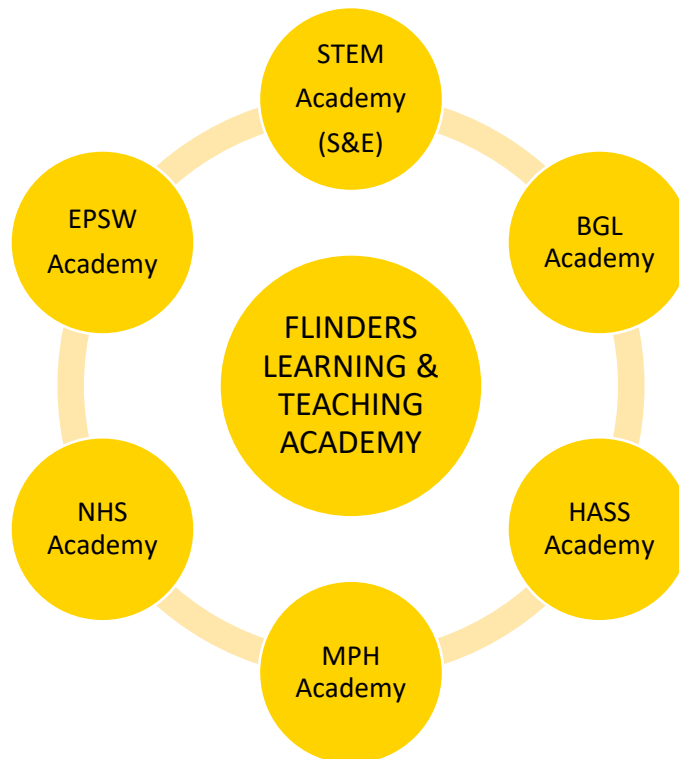
TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Flinders Learning and Teaching Academy provides a structure within which to consolidate and leverage existing activities for learning and teaching innovation, enrichment, and scholarship.

The objectives of the Flinders Learning and Teaching Academies are to:

1. Create an environment to explore and support innovative learning and teaching.
2. Promote and support excellence in teaching.
3. Position Flinders University as education experts.
4. Improve teaching quality and practices within and between colleges.
5. Increase Flinders brand awareness.
6. Raise the profile and build awareness of teaching excellence at Flinders University.
7. Generate and facilitate scholarship of Learning and Teaching opportunities.

The Flinders Learning and Teaching Academy operates in a hub and spoke model with an Academy in each college and an umbrella academy to facilitate coordination between the colleges and support university wide activities.



The umbrella Flinders Learning and Teaching Academy will coordinate university-wide activities enabling inter-College activities and sharing via:

- guest speakers/workshops relevant to all Colleges
- university wide communities of practice
- university wide learning and teaching celebrations
- coordination of submission of professional recognition applications, including awards and fellowships.

Membership & Responsibilities

To ensure coordination across colleges the governance of this entity will be enabled via a Steering Committee consisting of:

- Pro Vice Chancellor (Learning and Teaching Innovation) – Chair
- Dean (Education), College of Business, Government and Law or their delegate
- Dean (Education), College of Nursing and Health Sciences or their delegate
- Dean (Education), College of Medicine and Public Health or their delegate
- Dean (Education), College of Science and Engineering or their delegate
- Dean (Education), College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences or their delegate
- Dean (Education), College of Education, Psychology and Social Work or their delegate
- Academic Director, Flinders University Academy or their delegate

The College based Learning and Teaching Academy will assist educators to:

- be leaders in disciplinary learning and teaching excellence and innovation
- strengthen the connection between College-based and central projects
- work on key College-based activities to support University/College initiatives
- assume College leadership roles in learning
- engage in peer mentoring and peer review (both within and outside of the Academy)
- engage in professional development and share practice
- promote and embed engagement with higher education teaching networks
- meet the expectations related to being a teaching specialist.

Deans (Education) (or delegate) for each College are responsible for the establishment and running of their College Learning and Teaching Academy.

Composition

The Flinders Learning and Teaching Academy is open to all Flinders University staff and titleholders interested in learning and teaching. Teaching specialists are expected to participate.

Meeting Schedule

Activity schedule will be determined by the Deans (Education) (or delegate) for College academies and the Pro Vice Chancellor (Learning and Teaching Innovation) for the umbrella group.

Reporting

A report will be provided to EQC once per annum.