

National Teaching Fellowship Scheme 2016

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the National Teaching Fellowship Scheme (NTFS)?

The NTFS recognises and rewards excellent learning and teaching through the provision of up to **55 awards of £5,000**. It is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW), and the Department for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland (DELNI) and managed by the Higher Education Academy.

How do I know if my institution is eligible?

All Higher Education providers in England, Wales and Ireland are eligible to engage with the scheme. Anyone in Scotland who is interested in engaging with the NTFS should contact us by email: ntfsindividual@heacademy.ac.uk.

How do I know if I am eligible?

To be eligible to be nominated **you would need to be a HEA fellow (any category)**. Staff are eligible to be nominated to NTFS under various contracts including part-time, full-time, and non-permanent (fixed-term). Staff working at higher education providers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply and **also those staff working at overseas campuses of such institutions**.

How do I apply?

Nominations to NTFS are sent from your institution; it is not an individual submission. Eligible institutions are invited to nominate up to three individual members of staff who clearly demonstrate excellence in teaching and/or supporting the higher education learning experience of students. In nominating these individuals, institutions are strongly encouraged to consider the full diversity of roles that support the student learning experience. Please speak to your section/curriculum leader, Head of Educational Development or Director of Teaching and Learning to find out about the internal nomination process at your institution.

What are the deadlines?

Nominations for NTFS 2016 opened on **12 May 2016** and close at **12.00 noon on 28 July 2016**.

How would I be assessed?

Nominations are reviewed by independent external peer reviewers who will assess your nomination against the three selection criteria using a set of grade descriptors. **The criteria, which have not changed for the 2016 round**, focus on evidence of transforming the student learning experience within the individual's context, evidence of supporting colleagues and influencing support for student learning, and demonstrating commitment to on-going professional development.

What does being awarded a National Teaching Fellowship mean?

You will receive £5k which you will be expected to spend over 3 years. Each NTF will be expected to use this money to disseminate their excellent practice and to be able to demonstrate how their work has impacted on the sector.

You will join a growing community of NTFs: there is now nearly 700 national Teaching Fellows. You will also be eligible to join the Association of National Teaching Fellows (ANTF). This is an active community of NTFs and the Association's vision is **"To enhance and embed the impact of National Teaching Fellows in promoting excellence in teaching and learning."**

How do I become a reviewer for NTFS?

We welcome new reviewers. A reviewer needs to be a HEA Fellow (any category) or a NTF. If you wish to review nominations to NTFS, please contact us by email: ntfsindividual@heacademy.ac.uk.

What do NTFs do?

National Teaching Fellows (NTFs) are engaged in a range of pedagogic activities to support the enhancement of the student experience. They work as a community to enhance learning and teaching in HE. For instance:

- leading on initiatives to create interdisciplinary approaches to employability, or transforming current assessment and feedback practice;
- creating collaborative research projects with other institutions;
- supporting colleagues in creating innovative and transformative practice.

Members of this community are seen as sector-leaders in the teaching and learning community, and their expertise is drawn upon to identify, disseminate, and to promote engagement and uptake of good practice.

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