

## UKPSF Terms of Use Policy

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The UKPSF provides a general description of the main dimensions of the roles of teaching and supporting learning within the HE environment. It is written from the perspective of the practitioner and outlines a national framework for comprehensively recognising and benchmarking teaching and learning support roles within higher education. Its central purpose is to help those seeking to enhance the learning experience of their students, by improving the quality of their teaching and learning support.

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