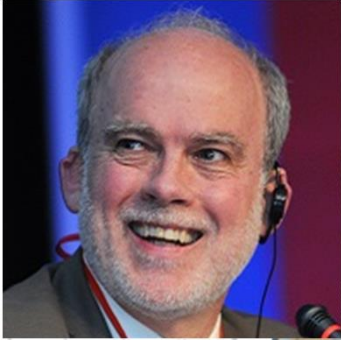




# HEA Global **Teaching Excellence** Award



Introducing the GTEA judging panel for 2017

## The Global Teaching Excellence Award judging panel

The judging panel for the [Global Teaching Excellence Award](#) (GTEA) – the global accolade for universities demonstrating commitment to institution-wide teaching excellence – was announced today by the [Higher Education Academy](#) (HEA), the UK-based champion of higher education teaching.

Svava Bjarnason, founding Director of the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education and a former member of The World Bank Education Sector Board, will Chair the 16-strong independent judging panel which includes leading international educationalists from America, Africa, Australia, Europe and East Asia.

“The individuals selected for the judging panel bring considerable depth of national and international knowledge and experience to the process. We look forward to contributing to the GTEA and its aim to highlight excellence, and share exemplary university teaching strategies and practice,” said Svava Bjarnason.

Entry to the Global Teaching Excellence Award opened in February and has since attracted expressions of interest from leading public and private universities, in addition to specialist providers of higher education across all continents. Closing date for entries is 2 May 2017.

“The pursuit of excellent teaching is now a global phenomenon as this award demonstrates. While there are already a number of global awards for individual lecturers, this award exists to recognise excellence in higher education teaching across an entire university,” said Higher Education Academy Chief Executive Professor Stephanie Marshall.

“So far, we’ve had expressions of interest from half of all Australian universities, three of Asia’s top 10 (in the 2017 THE Asian university rankings), four of Canada’s top 10 universities, a healthy number of the USA’s leading research universities and a range of institutions in Europe, America and Africa, in addition to widespread interest across the UK’s HE sector.”

Institutional entries to the Global Teaching Excellence Award will be assessed against three main areas: Excellence in the Leadership of Teaching and Learning, Excellence in Teaching, and Excellence in Student Support.

The panel of judges will select 25 finalists from a shortlist identified through rigorous initial entry assessment. The overall Global Teaching Excellence Award winning university or institution will then be named at a prestigious ceremony in London in early September to which all shortlisted institutions will be invited.

See additional background at: [www.heacademy.ac.uk/GTEA](http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/GTEA)





[Svava Bjarnason](#)

**Chair of the GTEA Panel**

Svava Bjarnason is the former Principal Education Specialist at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. In this capacity, she was a member of the World Bank Education Sector Board from 2007 to 2010.

Prior to joining the IFC in 2007, Svava Bjarnason was the founding Director of the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education and held a dual post as Director of Research and Strategy at the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) based in London. Before joining the ACU in 1998, Svava was a consultant in higher education in the United Kingdom. She has served on numerous expert groups for the OECD and UNESCO.



[Dr Alexander C. McCormick, PhD](#)

**Director, National Survey of Student Engagement**

**Associate Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Indiana University**

Alexander C. McCormick has been the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) director since January 2008. He also holds a faculty appointment in the Indiana University School of Education's Educational Leadership and Policy Studies department, where he teaches in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program.



[Astrid Elbek](#)

**Head of Development, Det Jyske Musikkonservatorium (The Royal Academy of Music), Denmark**

Astrid Elbek is the Head of Development at The Royal Academy of Music, Denmark. Astrid was a member of the NOKUT (the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education) expert panel in 2016 for the Centres for Excellence in Education Initiative (SFU).



[Christine Alveberg](#)

**Member of the board of The Student Association in Agder (SiA)**

**Member of the board of the University of Agder (UiA)**

**Member of the central board in the National Union of Students in Norway (NSO)**

Christine Alveberg is currently undertaking a Masters degree in Political Science and Leadership at the University of Agder (UiA). Christine was the Student Representative on the NOKUT (the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education) expert panel in 2016 for the Centres for Excellence in Education Initiative (SFU).



### [Professor Darrell Evans](#)

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor, The University of Newcastle, Australia**

As the incoming Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Newcastle, Australia, and leader of the Academic Division, Darrell Evans is responsible for providing strategic and innovative leadership to ensure the university delivers on its NeW Futures goals. He designed the Education Performance Standards at Monash University to measure teaching quality, innovation and leadership. He has assessed teacher award applications at local and national levels and currently chairs the university teaching awards panel and the Monash panel for the Australian Awards for University Teaching.



### [Professor Duncan Lawson](#)

**Pro-Vice Chancellor Duncan Lawson, Newman University, United Kingdom  
NOKUT Centre for Excellence Chair (round 2) (2013), Centre for Excellence Evaluation (round 1) Chair (2015), Centre for Excellence panellist (round 3) (2016)**

Professor Duncan Lawson is the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Formative Education at Newman University, Birmingham. Lawson chaired both the international expert panel that assessed the applications for SFU status in 2013 and the panel conducting the mid-term evaluation of Norway's first Centre for Excellence, ProTed. He is now part of the SFU MatRIC's international advisory board.



### [Helen Lomax](#)

**Deputy Director of Sector Services, Ako Aotearoa - National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence**

Helen Lomax (Te Aitanga-ā-Māhaki) was appointed as Deputy Director of Sector Services for Ako Aotearoa, the National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence, in 2015. Ako Aotearoa hosts New Zealand's national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards. Helen has been a panellist for these awards, and is involved in international benchmarking on peer review assessment with universities from New Zealand, Australia and Pacific countries (Samoa, Fiji and Papua New Guinea).



### [Professor Isabella Poon Wai-yin](#)

**Recipient of the 2011 inaugural University Grants Committee Award for Teaching Excellence at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and current Pro-Vice Chancellor/ Vice President, The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Professor Isabella WY Poon is a Professor at the Statistics Department of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and is the Pro-Vice Chancellor/ Vice President of the University, responsible for the strategic development of the University in the area of education. Professor Poon has a passionate interest in enhancing teaching and learning, and has designed and taken the lead in implementing many large-scale teaching-related projects and institutional researches that support the development as well as quality enhancement of teaching and learning in higher education.



[Janusz Janczukowicz](#)

**Head of the Centre for Medical Education, Medical University of Lodz, Poland**

Janusz is the head of Centre for Medical Education and the Chair of the Best Evidence Medical Education Collaborating Centre in Lodz. His main professional interests include interprofessional education, teaching, learning and assessing medical and academic professionalism, social, and cultural competence.



[Dr Professor Tashmin Khamis](#)

**Director, Network of Quality Assurance and Improvement and Network of Teaching and Learning Office of the Provost, Aga Khan University South-Central Asia, East Africa & UK**

Dr Tashmin Khamis is currently the founding Director of both the Aga Khan University's Networks of Quality Assurance and Improvement and Teaching and Learning. Tashmin is the immediate Past President of The East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network (EAQAN) a network of Higher Education Quality Assurance Practitioners from 80 universities across the East African Community (EAC). She is currently a Board Director of The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education. Prior to joining AKU Tashmin has worked for over 20 years in academia, management and development settings in the UK and Europe, South and Central Asia, Africa and the Middle East.



[Dr Joanna Newman](#)

**Secretary General of The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)**

Joanna Newman is responsible for fostering and promoting the aims of the ACU, as defined by its membership, in developing inter-Commonwealth relations in the field of higher education. Joanna joined the ACU from King's College London where she was the Vice-Principal (International). In previous positions, Joanna represented the UK higher education sector as Director of the UK Higher Education International Unit (now known as Universities UK International) and before this, she was Head of Higher Education at the British Library. In 2014, she was honoured as a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in recognition of her work promoting British higher education internationally.



[John Gill](#)

**Editor, Times Higher Education**

John Gill has been editor of Times Higher Education since 2012. He joined THE as a reporter in 2007 and was news editor for four years before taking on his current role. John has been closely involved in the development of THE's World University Rankings portfolio over the last eight years, and was called to give evidence to the recent parliamentary inquiry into teaching metrics.



### [Professor Lothar Zechlin](#)

**Former Rector and Professor Emeritus, The University of Duisburg-Essen**

Professor Lothar Zechlin was the founding Rector of the University of Duisburg-Essen, where he was also a Professor for Public Law at the Institute for Political Science. Since retiring, he is also a Guest Professor at the University of Witten-Herdecke (Germany) and the University of Tehran (Iran). Lothar chaired the Steering Committee of the Institutional Evaluation Program of the European University Association (EUA) by 2015.



### [Mary Taylor Huber](#)

**The Carnegie Foundation (Scholar Emerita)**

Mary Taylor Huber is a senior scholar with the Bay View Alliance, a network of research universities in the US and Canada exploring ways to strengthen departmental and institutional cultures of teaching and learning. A senior scholar emerita at The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, she has directed the Cultures of Teaching project, as well as the Foundation's roles in the Integrative Learning Project and the US Professors of the Year Award.



### [Professor Philippa Levy](#)

**Pro-Vice Chancellor, The University of Adelaide, Australia**

Professor Philippa Levy is the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Student Learning) at The University of Adelaide, Australia, where she is responsible for quality assurance, enhancement and innovation in learning and teaching for the University. Adelaide is one of the eight research-intensive institutions in Australia.



### [Professor Som Naidu](#)

**Pro Vice-Chancellor, The University of the South Pacific, Australia**

Professor Som Naidu is currently Pro Vice-Chancellor Flexible Learning, and Director of the Centre for Flexible Learning at the The University of the South Pacific. Most recently he served as Associate Professor (Learning Transformations) at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne and Associate Professor and Director of Teaching and Learning Quality Enhancement and Evaluation of Learning and Teaching at Charles Sturt University, NSW Australia.



### [Venka Purushothaman](#)

**Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, LASALLE College of the Arts**

Venka Purushothaman is an academic, arts and cultural manager and writer/researcher with a distinctive career in the cultural and creative industries. As an arts and cultural manager, he has worked with various not-for-profit and for profit arts organisations including the Esplanade-Theatres on the Bay and the National Arts Council; and on arts events such as WOMAD Singapore.