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SEED eLEARNING NEWS



Semester 1 Overview

Greetings from the eLearning Team for SEED and welcome back after the summer break. We look forward to working with you for the new 2017-18 academic year ahead. The team will continue to work with the Teaching and Learning Director, David Spendlove and the School eLearning Lead who will take over the role from Gary Motteram.

New Standard Course Structure for Blackboard

Hopefully you have now activated your courses for Semester 1. We are encouraging all staff to use the new Standard Course Structure (SCS) for their courses. This will ensure that your courses are up-to-date with the latest information and links for staff and students and ensure that there is a consistent structure across Blackboard courses. The SCS can also be used when activating Semester 2 courses. Details on using the new SCS can be found [here](#).

eLearning Profile

A profile of elearning activity from the past year has recently been completed. It shows data of Blackboard usage trends and use of elearning tools across SEED. In brief,

- Blackboard student and staff activity show SEED is performing well, meeting the Faculty average or performing higher
- Use of innovative teaching technologies such as TurningPoint Responseware has increased and used in most disciplines
- Some disciplines are engaging in using multimedia tools such as podcasts and web conferencing tools: GoToMeeting
- SEED have a number of School innovators, who have won awards and contributed to Faculty events to share their work and best practice

eLearning Action Plan for 2017-18

eLearning work for the forthcoming year will see projects focussing on eAssessment: using rubrics and feedback timeliness, resource development for new courses and promoting collaborative and communication tools.

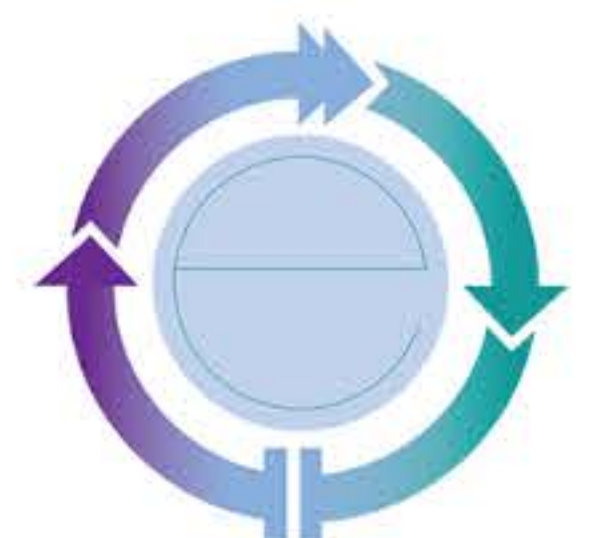
You are welcome to suggest elearning project ideas and development areas to support you in your teaching. Contact us at seed-elearning@manchester.ac.uk

Ongoing Support

For key times during Semester 1 and 2, there will be regular drop-in sessions available for course support. Please check dates and times on our SEED elearning pages. At all other times, 1:1 sessions can be booked by emailing seed-elearnng@manchester.ac.uk



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Best wishes,

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