

TLD Bulletin

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to May's TLD Bulletin, we hope you enjoy the new look!

TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK

In April, the TEF team were asked to carry out a verification check by OfS who were checking a random, but representative, sample of provider submissions. For each selected submission, they checked a random set of references to verify whether the associated statements made in the submission accurately reflected the source material referenced. We were asked to check our references related to the University of Manchester library and verify where on one page of the submission the associated statement for that reference appeared. There were 11 pieces of unpublished evidence from our Teaching Excellence database returned as part of the verification check last week. For information, we are due to receive our TEF ratings over the summer which will then be open to the public from September.

THIS MONTH:

- Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)
- Unit Surveys
- National Student Survey
- Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL) Workshops
- TEA Information Session
- Drink and Drugs: How to Keep Yourself Safe
- Contact



TAUGHT PROGRAMME ENHANCEMENT

Unit Surveys

Unit Surveys launched on Monday 17 April for all taught students. Every taught course unit has a survey, and all undergraduate and postgraduate taught students are being asked to give their feedback.

Unit Surveys play an important role in how we can measure student satisfaction with their teaching and learning experience, and this semester we'd really like to improve our response rates. So, we are asking all staff to help in promoting the importance of them to students.

Students are asked to say how far they agree or disagree with a number of general statements and then to give free text responses to questions about the unit and the lecturer for every unit they study. Schools have also been invited to add School-specific questions.

Surveys will be available to students through Blackboard and individual links emailed to them in the coming week. Surveys will close on 14th May.

Please share messages about the importance of their feedback, we want students to understand that it really does count and does make a difference. The results of Unit Surveys are used by Schools to make annual improvements in students' experience and satisfaction with the units they study. They also supply us with honest, anonymous feedback that helps to improve teaching standards throughout the Institution.

National Student Survey

The NSS Survey closed on 30th April 2023. We had a University wide focus on seeking to increase response rates and engagement with the survey this year and have seen tremendous improvements. Before the survey closed our University wide response rate was over 11% higher than at the same time next year. Many thanks to all of you who helped to achieve this.

The feedback we receive makes a real impact in our decision making and it's important our students know that they really can influence what we do. This feedback also plays a role in shaping the choices of future students who are considering our university and courses.



Incentives for students to complete the survey

As a thank you for their time, every student who took part in the NSS 2023 could enter a prize draw to win one of 17 prizes that include an iPad Air, vouchers and graduation day packages.

Additionally, for each response submitted the University will also make a £2 charitable donation, split equally between the following good causes:

- [University of Manchester Cost of Living Support Fund](#)
- [Refugee Women Connect](#)
- [Greater Together Manchester](#)
- Jump Space

You can find out more about the incentives and charitable causes on our [NSS StaffNet pages](#). NSS results will be released in July and we will share these with you as soon as they are available.

INSTITUTE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING (ITL)

Check out our 'What's New in ITL' [page on staffnet](#) at the start of each month, to see what Teaching and Learning tools and resources we have published recently.

Workshops

We have a number of Workshops coming up this month, as our [Open Workshop Programme](#) gets underway, and our [TEA Blog](#) posts weekly content on Teaching and Learning. New posts on a range of topics **every Friday**.

- Tuesday 9th May 2023, 13:00-14:30, on campus - [Build your confidence in public speaking and presenting](#)
- Thursday 11th May 2023, 11:00-12:00, online - [Build your confidence in public speaking and presenting](#)
- Wednesday 17th May 2023, 13:00-15:00, On Campus - [Simulating international students' experience](#)



TEA (Teaching Excellence Award) Information Session

Led by Professor Hannah Cobb, Patricia Clift Martin and Emma Sanders (Institute of Teaching and Learning)

- Wednesday 10 May, 3-4pm ([please book via the Training Catalogue](#))
- Wednesday 24 May, 2-3pm ([please book via the Training Catalogue](#))

This online information session (same session offered twice) is an opportunity for colleagues to find out more about the University's annual [Teaching Excellence Awards](#), in advance of the submission deadline on Wednesday 28 June 2023. (A call for nominations will be issued shortly).

Academic, Professional Service and technical-lab-based colleagues are eligible for the award, and nominations may be made by – or on behalf of - individuals or teams of up to 15. We will outline key elements such as the nomination process, the core criteria for award, and the strategic themes. In addition, previous winners will be available to share their top tips and answer any questions.

For further information, contact the ITL at: teaching.learning@manchester.ac.uk

ITEMS FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Drink and Drugs: How to Keep Yourself Self and iPad Competition

The University has just launched [Staying Safe](#), our new e-learning module, designed to give you up to date information to help keep yourself and others safe. Designed by experts in medicine, drugs, the law, sexual consent and most importantly, our students, we hope this is a platform you can use throughout your time at Manchester to get clued up about drink and drugs. Staying Safe takes a no-judgement harm reduction approach, and contains accurate and useful information and advice.

Click here to learn more and about how to win an [ipad](#).



CONTACT

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