

Senior Fellowship

Supporting Statement Template

Your Name	Dr Audsin Dhas
Institution/organisation/other	Institute of Inner-City Learning
Job Title	Executive Dean
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Your Fellowship Status (if appropriate)	
Relationship to Applicant	Head of the London Campus
How long have you worked with the applicant (insert dates)	10 years, March 2012
Declaration	In submitting your supporting statement, you are confirming that the applicant's submission relates to their higher education professional practice and that your statement is your own work and has been written specifically for this applicant. If the professional integrity of the supporting statement is in question it will not be accepted. I confirm that I have read and agree with the declaration above. Date: 12 April 2024

Supporting Statement

Please provide your statement to support the applicant's submission for Senior Fellow in the following section. You are required to comment on the applicant's recent higher education practice, providing examples to support your statement wherever possible.

Two sides of A4 will normally be sufficient for this category of Fellowship.

I am writing to express my full support for Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar's application for a Senior Fellowship of Higher Education Academy in the UK. Being working closely with Renuga over the past 12 years, in particular for the past 10+ years as the Executive Dean of IICL, London campus, I have witnessed her passionate dedication, leadership, competency and profound impact within our institution's academic community as Senior Lecturer and Programme Manager for BSC Cloud Computing.

Renuga epitomizes the ideal candidate for this senior fellowship, meeting and exceeding the outlined criteria with remarkable proficiency. As an valuable academic, she has consistently demonstrated her capacity to lead, manage, and organize programs in the disciplinary area of Cloud Computing with effectiveness and consistency.

She successfully collaborates with other departments such as London Timetabling, London Assessments, IICL Quality and WISA regularly to ensure all Academic Quality policies are followed precisely. Renuga leads her team constructively to ensure procedures are followed appropriately for the smooth delivery of the Cloud Computing programme both in London and Birmingham.

Her pivotal role in spearheading various novel initiatives, such as the recent inter-campus Hackathon collaboration, stands as a testament to her ability to mobilize teams, collaborate with colleagues across campuses, foster innovation, and achieve tangible outcomes for the students and staff, thus enriching and enhancing student experience.

She chairs Student Staff Committee meetings termly, proactively addressing any student issues promptly with care. She extends her collaboration with external organisations to provide certifications and hands-on workshops regularly to improve students' employability and boost their confidence. Her initiatives also extend to staff members, enabling them to develop their professional network.

Furthermore, Renuga has distinguished herself as an exemplary subject mentor and support colleagues, particularly in nurturing and guiding new academics entering the teaching profession in cloud computing. Her commitment to the growth and development of staff members has significantly contributed to a supportive and enriching academic environment overall.

In addition to her mentoring responsibilities, Renuga has actively engaged in departmental and wider teaching and learning support advisory roles, by being active member and contributor through the LEAP programme, providing invaluable insights and guidance to enhance pedagogical practices across our institution and the University. She contributed to the University's learning and teaching projects,



such as the recently piloted Collaborative Practice Framework, during her LEAP fellowship.

Her participation in initiatives like the degree show and PEGA has not only showcased her dedication to fostering employability skills but has also led to tangible improvements in student satisfaction, as evidenced by the noticeable enhancements in NSS scores under her leadership.

Renuga is regularly involved in CPD activities. She completed the AURORA programme successfully to improve her leadership skills. She regularly attends training and workshops to further enhance her skills.

Renuga's multifaceted contributions and achievements underscore her exceptional suitability for the senior fellowship in Higher Education. Her unwavering commitment to excellence, coupled with her proven track record of impact and influence, makes her an asset to our academic community. I have full confidence that Renuga will continue to inspire, innovate, and elevate standards within higher education, and I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy for this prestigious fellowship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Audsin Dhas'.

Dr. Audsin Dhas
Executive Dean and Head of the London Campus
University of Wales Trinity St. David