

Senior Fellowship

Supporting Statement Template

Your Name	Dr Ruzanna Gevorgyan
Institution/organisation/other	Institute of Inner-City Learning
Job Title	Academic Director
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Your Fellowship Status (if appropriate)	PGCert in Learning and Teaching
Relationship to Applicant	Line manager
How long have you worked with the applicant (insert dates)	2 years
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

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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 have known Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar since November 2021 in her role as a Senior Lecturer and Programme Manager for the BSc Cloud Computing at the UWTSD's London campus, when I took the position of Academic Director at the London campus.

Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar's role focuses on managing the above programme as well as teaching, marking, and supporting students. Mrs Renuga has been working closely with various services of the University to enhance learning and teaching practices. For example, collaborating regularly with the London Engagement team to support students, London Assessments to ensure that the quality standards for assignment briefs are met, as well as employability services helping to organise guest speakers for students studying Computing.

Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar has also been collaborating with WISA and involved in the curriculum development and actively contributed to the development and validation documents for Computing programmes; e.g. MSc "Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics", to be launched in October 2024. Considering the significant contributions to the developments in Computing programmes, Renuga is appointed the PM for the new PG programme.

Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar has been supervising and providing significant guidance to lecturers of the Computing programmes, through teaching team meetings, module standardisation meetings, academic support tutoring process, and others. Renuga has also been involved in the quality assurance of the delivery of the Computing programmes, organising the Peer Observation Visits, moderation workshops, standardisation meetings this Academic Year. She is also the Module Leader for several modules on the same programme, developing Moodle for the programme, updating materials on a regular basis, announcing various activities, events, workshops, and membership opportunities.

Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar has also been very proactive in suggestions for improving practices within our campus, for example, has contributed in Quality Forum meetings, IICL Board meetings, and other internal meetings of the campus with useful suggestions for improvements of the teaching and learning practices (e.g. in terms of retention, feedback from External Examiners, etc.), as well as administrative tasks in terms of collaboration with various services of the campus. For example, Renuga has collaborated with the library team to develop workshops for students on referencing and searching for academic literature in the online resources of UWTSD. Renuga also chairs Student-Staff Committee Meetings of the same programme, efficiently and proactively addressing students' concerns and improving their experiences. According to students' feedback, they are satisfied with the programme. She goes way beyond her contractual duties for the enhancement of the engagement of students. For example, she organised a visit to Microsoft; arranged student and staff memberships with the British Computing Society.



Mrs Renuga Jayakumar developed external partnerships with professional organisations to enhance students' employability skills via field visits, and extra-curricular practical workshops leading to students' certification. E.g. with PEGA, she organised a System Architecture certification for students (60%) and two of them have been employed by the clients of PEGA. She integrated with Microsoft to enhance the delivery of Cloud Computing modules and supported Microsoft Azure certification AZ-900.

Renuga regularly works with the WISA team and the Birmingham campus colleagues to ensure consistency in module delivery across the institute and University. She led different cross-campus projects to support an enhanced learning environment. One of her biggest events was the first-ever cross-campus Hackathon in 2022 which she successfully organised, promoting collaboration among students and staff.

Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar is actively involved in CPD activities. She has attended several training and workshops to improve her skills in her roles as a lecturer and Programme Manager. Renuga completed the AURORA programme enhancing her leadership skills.

Mrs. Renuga Jayakumar is a very valuable colleague, with very good soft skills, and professional integrity. She is very reliable and delivers high-quality work, contributing across the subject area as well as IICL and the University.

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