

Senior Fellowship

Supporting Statement Template

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Job Title	Senior Lecturer Programme Manager for Computing Programmes
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Your Fellowship Status (if appropriate)	Senior Fellow
Relationship to Applicant	Colleague
How long have you worked with the applicant (insert dates)	2 years (Aug. 2022 – July 2024)
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. <i>Renuga Jayakumar</i> Renuga Jayakumar Date: 31/07/2024

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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 am writing to provide a reference for Dr. Aliyu Sambo, who has been a Senior Lecturer and Programme Manager at the Institute of Inner City Learning (IICL) of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD). Throughout my tenure working closely with Dr. Sambo, as a fellow senior colleague at London campus, I have witnessed his unwavering commitment to enhancing student learning and academic staff development.

Dr. Aliyu Sambo has consistently championed student experience and engagement through high-quality teaching and pastoral care. His dedication to improve student support and retention is evident in his multifaceted approach. Recognizing the diverse and often challenging backgrounds of our students, Dr. Sambo has implemented a socio-cultural pedagogic approach to teaching and learning, promoting an inclusive and supportive environment.

Dr. Aliyu Sambo's pastoral support has been instrumental in helping students navigate personal and academic challenges, leading to notable improvements in their performance and confidence.

Dr. Sambo has developed initiatives such as Exam and Assessment Anxiety workshops and practical resources to help students manage stress. His incorporation of emotional intelligence into these initiatives has improved student engagement, submission rates, and overall satisfaction.

As a Programme Manager, Dr. Sambo leads initiatives to support the development of new academics. His structured induction programmes, mentoring, professional development workshops, and Teaching and Learning Communities (TLCs) ensure that new faculty members receive the guidance and support necessary for success. His mentoring programme and regular professional development workshops enhance the skills and confidence of new academics.

Dr. Sambo's research in artificial intelligence (AI) and data science greatly enhances his teaching and benefits the academic community. His work is published in top journals, and he collaborates with industry partners to keep his research relevant and impactful.

Dr. Sambo's research in AI has led to collaborations with experts from different fields, making his work more practical. He stays current with the latest developments by participating in research conferences and peer review activities.

Dr. Sambo's contributions extend beyond the classroom and program management. He actively participates in key academic activities such as exam boards, programme portfolio reviews, and revalidation processes. His research in AI and data science,

with publications in top-ranked journals, further underscores his academic rigour and commitment to advancing knowledge in his field.

In conclusion, Dr. Aliyu Sambo possesses the attributes of an exceptional teacher and leader. His innovative initiatives, dedication to student success, and commitment to professional development make him an ideal candidate for the Senior Fellowship. I fully endorse his application and am certain that he will continue to make valuable contributions to the field of higher education.

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