

GEES update: Support for Learning and Teaching

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Outline

How is the HEA working with the Learning and Teaching community?

How can your faculty, departments and staff get involved?



HEA Categories of work

- Academic practice development
- Teacher excellence
- Institutional strategy and change



Integrated thematic work

- Internationalisation
- Employability
- **Flexible learning**
- **Assessment and feedback**
- Retention and success
- Reward and recognition
- Education for sustainable development
- **NEW! Students as partners**



2011/12 GEES work included:

- **Outreach:** 22 Departmental visits; Monthly GEES newsletter to 1400 (27%); Professional body group;
- **Events:** 11 free workshops (excellent satisfaction rating); 1 PGWT event (70 attendees 95% satisfaction); 1 NTT event (15 attendees 95% satisfaction); 54 Universities represented at GEES events;
- **Conferences:** Sponsored 3 conferences; GEES strand at the STEM conference
- **Established:** new editorial team for PLANET; 2 SIG's; Teaching fellows support network; GEES technician of the year award
- **Resources:** Work with academic associates on resources



2011/12 Reports produced

- Teaching energy issues in GEES **Gavin Bridge**
- The future of GEES fieldwork in HE survey **Katharine Welsh, Derek France**

An abridged version of the **GEES** fieldwork survey has been published on the **Guardian** online site: Academic fieldwork: six ways to make it work on a budget
- GEES Fieldwork Special Interest Group Workshop report **Richard Phillips, Helen Walkington**
- GEES Transitions Special Interest Group Workshop Report **Steve Brace, Gill Miller**

Funding update

HEA Teaching Development Grants

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/funding#tdg>

HEA UK Travel Grants

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/travel-fund>

HEA PhD Programme

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/doctoral-programme>

HEA International Scholarships

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/international-scholarship-scheme>



Teaching development grants

2013 Themes: 'Assessment and Feedback' and 'Flexible learning'

- **Collaborative grants – up to £60,000 cross institution and/or discipline**

Closing date 28 February 2013

- **Individual grants – up to £7,000 call opens May 2013**
- **Departmental grants – up to £30,000 call opens July 2013**

UK Travel Grants - changes

Travel grants of up to £300 per individual application available to support impact in three activity streams:

- **Students** participating in learning and teaching events (students as partners);
- Staff **presenting papers** on learning and teaching practice;
- Staff **travelling across a national border within the UK** to attend a teaching and learning event.



Doctoral studentships

Full time PhD studentships to investigate teaching and learning, in line with HEA themes.

Strong support for postgraduate research.



<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/doctoral-programme>

International Scholarship Scheme

Up to £20,000 per individual (> 5 years experience) to undertake scholarship internationally. Supports work abroad for 3- 6 months

Deadline 9 January 2013

Must align with HEA themes and there must be clear outputs – enhance student learning experience, and dissemination

See: <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/international-scholarship-scheme>



HEA STEM Conference 2013



- The Higher Education Academy's second annual learning and teaching 'STEM Conference: Where practice and pedagogy meet' will take place on **17-18 April 2013** at The University of Birmingham.
- Papers for the GEES strand have now been accepted, there is a lively programme including technology enhanced fieldwork, student engagement, eLearning and employability skills.

For bookings:

http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/detail/2012/17_18_Apr_HEA_STEM_2013_Conf_Bham

GEES activity in 2012/13

- **‘Postgraduates who teach GEES’ - 11 March 2013, Edinburgh**
- **‘New to Teaching’ – 13 and 14 May 2013, Edinburgh**
- Freeware master-class (£75) May 2013 Google offices, London
- GEES Technician of the Year 2013 Award
- SIG activity
- Academic Associate days (producing resources)
- T H E GEES network

Full events listing bookmark:

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events>

FREE GEES workshops

14 March 2013 'Training simulation & Serious Games: benefits for teaching, assessment and employability'
Coventry University

21 March 2013 'Geographic visualisation: photography, graphics and comic books for learning and teaching'
Northumbria University

8 May 2013 'Home and away: increasing international appeal and outreach across UK universities' Exeter University

Engagement remains key -

- Communicate with Discipline Lead and HEA
- Attend events, host events
- Use / suggest resources
- Apply for grants, scholarships, studentships
- Subscribe to the GEES newsletter:
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