

# The University of Queensland Higher Education Academy Fellowship

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“ I feel very honoured and humbled to have been recognised as a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA). Sometimes we forget to reflect on our own achievements and applying to the HEA allowed me to consolidate and evidence my commitment to improving the student experience. ”

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### Programs

- First year engineering curriculum/ resources/ pedagogy
- Proactively ensuring team success (ALTC funded)
- Reimagining engineering education (OLT funded)
- Teaching and Learning Development Program (EAIT funded)
- Teaching@UQ



### My favourite teaching tools

- The Learning Pathway
- UQ Active learning tools
- Group peer assessment



### Expertise

The Flipped Classroom

Ensuring student team success

Transition to university

eLearning tools and strategies

Continued professional learning  
(T&L)

### Memorable teaching moment

My students constantly inspire me and I openly acknowledge this with them at the outset of our journey together. When I began teaching large courses (N=1000), I felt intimidated and wondered how I could engage with the cohort in a meaningful way. So I began by opening my lectures a bit a time to their input and ownership, and they responded with a wealth of thoughts, curiosity, and interest. This made my transition from lecturer to facilitator easy, and in turn becoming a facilitator provides immediate payoff as you can see your students developing. It's also lovely to hear that past students believe you've done a good job: "I don't think you remember this, but one day you said that you weren't surprised that I was surviving and you believed I could do it. The way you said it made it seem like my potential was the most obvious thing you'd seen and that completely changed how I saw myself." (Email from a graduate, 2017)

