

Teaching Cultures Survey 2025:

Information for participating universities

This summary sheet is designed to provide background information for universities participating in the Teaching Cultures Survey (TCS) 2025. The TCS is built around three cross-sectional surveys, in 2019, 2022 and 2025, with each survey funded by the participating universities.

The TCS is independently conducted: while participating universities invite their academic communities to participate, the survey data is collected, analysed and stored by an external research team. The research team is led by Dr Ruth Graham.

At the launch of each survey, participating universities are asked to sign a letter of collaboration, which summarises the role of both the university and external research team. These responsibilities are outlined below, with links to further resources available on the TCS website¹.

Each participating university in TCS 2025 is asked to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify a suitable two-week time-window between February and May 2025 when the survey will be 'live' at your university | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assign an institutional lead and administrative lead to act as liaison points between your university and the research team throughout the survey | Link to step-by-step guide |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assume responsibility for obtaining any necessary ethics approval for the use of the survey within your university | Resources to inform ethics approval |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide institution-specific information that will allow the survey questions to be tailored to your university | Download form for completion |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> distribute the survey to your academic population (via email by a suitable university leader) and work to encourage high response rates | Guide to maximising response rates |

The TCS research team will:

- assign a project manager to liaise with the appointed TCS leads at each participating university to support the development and roll-out of the survey
- prepare and launch the online survey and provide information and resources to support its roll-out at participating universities (such as the information sheet that accompanies the survey)
- collect survey data and undertake analysis of: (i) the amalgamated findings from across all participating universities; and (ii) the findings from each participating university
- prepare confidential² reports and data tables of findings for each participating university. Please note that, because these reports provide a comparison between survey findings from each participating university and the combined findings from all universities, the preparation of these reports will not begin until after all surveys have closed
- store survey data securely in systems that meet the standards of ISO27001 and securely delete data after the third survey is complete³

¹ Information for participating universities: <https://www.teachingcultures.com/info/>

² TCS confidentiality statement: <https://www.teachingcultures.com/resources/Confidentiality.pdf>

³ TCS privacy notice: <https://www.teachingcultures.com/resources/Privacy.pdf>