

## Teaching Cultures Survey – Information Sheet

### What is the survey about?

Your university is taking part in the Teaching Cultures Survey, a survey in which 13 universities across the world participated in early 2019 and a further group of universities are participating in October/November 2019. Like this wider group of universities, we are looking to understand more about how the status of teaching and learning is viewed by the academic community. Following this 2019 survey, our aim is to repeat the survey in 2021 and 2023 with all participating universities to track any changes in staff views. It is hoped the survey will provide helpful information about how university teaching is regarded by staff over time.

### Who is funding the research?

The research is funded by the universities participating in the survey. The universities have partnered with an external research team who have been working with them to enhance the status of teaching in higher education (see [www.teachingcultures.com](http://www.teachingcultures.com)).

### Who should take part?

All academic staff employed by each participating university have been invited to take part. Whatever your discipline or career stage, or how central teaching is to your current role, we would be grateful for your views. You can complete the survey regardless of whether you teach at all, are on parental leave, on sabbatical, or are employed part time or full time.

### How long will it take?

The survey takes around six minutes to complete.

### Do I have to take part?

No, taking part is entirely voluntary. We would encourage you to take part as the more participants there are, the more robust the research – but there is no obligation. By taking part, you are giving consent for your anonymised data to be used. If there are any questions you would prefer not to answer, you can move on to the next one.

### What data does the survey collect?

The survey is not collecting personal data such as names, email addresses or IP addresses. Only the research team (and not your university) see the survey data, and steps will be taken to ensure that no individual will be identifiable in the reports delivered to your institution. The survey includes some background questions on your role, gender, discipline, and how long you have worked at the university, to make it possible to look at any differences across groups. All other questions ask for your views of how the university currently supports and rewards teaching as part of an academic career. Because no names are collected, it will not be possible for the university to know who has participated.

## What happens to the data?

The survey data is collected and stored by the external research team. Participating universities will not have access to it. It will be collected and exported via SurveyMonkey ([www.surveymonkey.com/](http://www.surveymonkey.com/)) a GDPR<sup>1</sup> compliant platform. The survey data will be stored on the secure platform Egress ([www.egress.com](http://www.egress.com)). The survey will be stored securely until after the third iteration of the survey in 2023 and then securely deleted after completion of the study. The data will be used only for this research and will not be shared with any third party.

Further details about who controls and processes the data, and your rights under GDPR regarding your data can be found in our Privacy Notice ([www.teachingcultures.com/resources/Privacy.pdf](http://www.teachingcultures.com/resources/Privacy.pdf)).

## How was the survey designed?

The survey has been developed in collaboration with the participating universities. It focuses on the attitudes, aspirations and experiences of teaching by the academic population. One-to-one interviews with academics and senior managers at 13 of the participating universities (from across eight countries) were used to refine and validate the questionnaire's comprehensibility, coverage, length and structure, as well as its applicability across the different institutional contexts at the participating universities.

## How will the findings be shared?

There will be two sets of findings from the survey outcomes.

The first set will draw out general patterns from all the participating universities. The names of the participating universities will be noted, but the findings will only be presented at this aggregated level. No findings will be attributable to any individual university. The findings from combined analysis will be made available on the study's website ([www.teachingcultures.com/Outcomes](http://www.teachingcultures.com/Outcomes)) and participating universities will be notified when this information is available.

The second set of findings will focus on outcomes for your individual institution, with comparisons made to the aggregate outcomes from all participating universities. This second set of findings will be confidential to your university and not shared elsewhere. Where the number of survey participants in a particular group (e.g. a discipline group) is small, findings will be presented in ways that protect anonymity, for example, by combining groups.

## Who can I contact if I have queries or concerns about the survey?

There is an FAQ site on the survey website ([www.teachingcultures.com/FAQs](http://www.teachingcultures.com/FAQs)). You can also contact the individual contact point at your university. Their contact details are given in the information sheet attached to the email inviting you to participate in the survey.

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<sup>1</sup> EU General Data Protection Regulation (<https://eugdpr.org/>)