

Guiding Questions for Writing an Application for a Teaching Award, Fellowship, or Promotion

A. Your philosophy and context

1. What is your philosophy of a) teaching and support of learning and b) leadership? What principles and values underlie your teaching, support of learning, and leadership practice?
2. If you are applying outside your institution, how has the context of your institutional role and your discipline affected the opportunities you have had to develop your excellence? What is the status of and level of recognition for learning and teaching, and research into it, in your discipline and at your institution—and how has this affected you?

B. Your story

3. How did you become passionate about teaching, supporting, leading learning, and where appropriate, engaging in research into learning and teaching?
4. What is your story, and how might it best be illustrated with a selection of examples? What critical incidents in your development as an excellent teacher, supporter, and leader of learning have you faced in your career? How did you respond, and what impact did those responses have on the quality of student learning and the teaching profession?

E. Your continuing professional development (CPD), its impact, and your future plans

9. How do you ensure that you continually develop as an excellent teacher, supporter, leader of learning, and pedagogic research practitioner? What difference has your CPD made to you, your students, and your colleagues?

10. What is next? What are your plans for future projects and initiatives? How would this award/fellowship/promotion help your development and affect your students and colleagues?