



The FLAIR CPD Scheme: a step-by-step guide to applying for Fellowship

There are 8 steps to completing an application to the FLAIR CPD scheme. For detailed information on each step, please refer to the handbook for your chosen category of Fellowship¹ and the resources on the relevant webpages.

The FLAIR CPD application process	
1	Familiarise yourself with the Professional Standards Framework (PSF)
2	Use Advance HE's 'Fellowship Category Tool' to establish which category of Fellowship is most appropriate for you
	Familiarise yourself with the application requirements including eligibility for the CPD Scheme (see handbook)
3	Please note: The CPD Scheme is for colleagues with relevant and substantial experience of teaching and/or supporting learning. The default route to Fellowship for staff with a probationary or institutional expectation of achieving Fellowship is the taught Academic Practice Programme, rather than the CPD Scheme. http://www.reading.ac.uk/cqsd-2017/teaching-career/awards-recognition/cqsd-academic-practice-programme.aspx
4	Enrol on the scheme (You will find the proforma on the webpage for your chosen category)
5	Explore the resources on the webpage for your category of Fellowship
6	Draft your application: part of the drafting process should involve taking feedback. All feedback is oral and it happens in three stages:
	Informal feedback: from someone local or someone on the 'alumni list' which you will find on the website
	 Feedback from critical friend: Once you have acted on your informal feedback, you can request further feedback from a critical friend. The 'Critical Friends' Directory' can be found on the website.
	 Formal feedback: Once you have acted on the feedback from your critical friend, you can request a 30-minute feedback meeting (face-to-face or virtual) with a member of the ADE team within CQSD.
	At this stage you should also decide who will be best placed to provide your supporting statements and approach them to establish that they are happy/able to do so
	Organise your supporting statements:
7	send your draft to the people who are providing the statements
'	when the supporting statements are returned to you, paste them into the relevant section of the application proforma
8	Submit your application

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¹ The handbook can be found on the FLAIR CPD webpages: http://www.reading.ac.uk/cqsd-2017/Developing-and-enhancing/training-professional-development/cqsd-cpd-route.aspx