



INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Quality Assurance for Professionals Scholarships 2021

INQAAHE is delighted to inform its members that INQAAHE will be providing funds for qualified applicants from developing countries to enroll either for:

- A **Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Education (Quality Assurance)** at the University of Melbourne, or
- A **Master's degree on Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education** at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC)

Scholarships

INQAAHE, with the assistance of the World Bank, will offer **4 scholarships up to 5,000 USD** in 2021 to support outstanding candidates from lesser developed or low-income countries. In case no candidates from LIC and/or LDC countries, identified as per the [World Bank](#) and [UN](#), applied for this scholarship, candidates from other nationalities will be considered.

Principal Criteria for Selection for the Award of a Scholarship:

- citizen of and residence in a LDC or LIC (UNESCO categories), primarily,
- evidence of strong relevant experience or interest,
- commitment to the higher education sector and QA as evidenced by a letter of motivation,
- potential for achievement in the field of quality assurance, and
- if applicable, employer support, including commitment to enabling the student to devote sufficient time to study, evidenced through a letter. Academic and language requirements are as set out for the respective institutions.

Selection Process for the Award of a Scholarship:

Applicants should apply by **31 March 2021** to INQAAHE Secretariat (secretariat@inqaahe.org), providing evidence that they satisfy the academic, language, country and commitment requirements above, attaching a brief curriculum vitae, and setting out how they plan to use their studies to affect their professional work and the operation of their organisation.

The Selection Committee will ensure that scholarships are evenly granted among the two universities so that both programs are equally promoted.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants for the scholarships will be notified by **12 April 2021**.

After this notification, successful applicants will then have to apply for admission to the corresponding University following its admission processes during **2021**. Scholarships will be given to the next applicant in line automatically if the successful applicants fail to make an application to the University.

Disclaimer: The name of the successful applicants may be published on INQAAHE's website and/or publications.



1. The Program at the University of Melbourne

The Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Education (Quality Assurance) is a one-year professionally-oriented graduate-level certificate intended to lead to internationally-trained expertise for people working in or interested in quality assurance or accreditation in higher education. It is suitable for staff and directors of accrediting, auditing and other quality assurance agencies, staff in higher education institutions, members of review panels and teams, government representatives, and others with responsibility for planning and development of higher education systems.

The core curriculum was developed by the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) to train people for international recognition. It can be consulted online at: <https://www.inqaahe.org/qa-graduate-program>.

It is offered by The University of Melbourne as a one-year, on-line certificate qualification: the **Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Education (Quality Assurance)**. Please note that this certificate will only be taught in **English**.

Participants in the Melbourne program can expect:

- Expert perspectives on the issues and challenges for tertiary education systems and institutions, with a particular emphasis on the role of quality assurance in a dynamic sector.
- Integrated learning via theory, case studies, moderated discussion boards, virtual teamwork, webinars and work-based assignments.
- A fully online program developed according to current state-of-the-art online teaching, supported by extensive program resources.
- Scope to choose assignments aligned with personal development and career aspirations.

The details of the program can be found online at:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-certificate-in-tertiary-education-quality-assurance/>.

Candidates for this program are expected to have:

- an undergraduate degree or equivalent,
- at least two years of relevant experience,
- current employment in the sector, and employer support to attend the program.

English language requirements

All applicants must meet the English language requirements of the University of Melbourne to be eligible for the program. These can be met in a number of ways, outlined at: <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements>.

The IELTS and TOEFL requirements are:

- IELTS (Academic English only): overall 7.0, with written 7.0 and no band less than 6.0.
- TOEFL (paper-based test): 600 + TWE 5.0



- TOEFL (internet-based test): 94+ writing 27; speaking 18; reading 13; listening 13.

The test must be taken no more than 24 months prior to application and the score must be achieved from a single test report.

Further information and Application Details

Please visit: <https://online.unimelb.edu.au/education/tertiary-education-management/graduate-certificate-quality-assurance#overview>.

For more information, please refer to the LH Martin Institute website. Application enquiries can be directed to the team at the University of Melbourne’s online graduate courses via live chat at study-online@unimelb.edu.au or phone number + 61 3 8344 0149. To discuss the course further, please contact the course coordinator Dr Arnaldo Barone at arnaldo.barone@unimelb.edu.au or call +61 3834 48380.

The 2021 fee for the Quality Assurance program is AUD 15,760 (around USD 11,233).

2. The Program at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC)

This Program provides theoretical and practical knowledge about quality in higher education and the evaluation models and systems that are currently used, and targets professionals working in the field of education quality. The master's degree qualifies them to design quality assessment models in a given context in order to apply and improve an existing model and to perform analyses and implement strategies addressing education quality and the associated policies.

The program seeks to cover the educational needs of the following professional profiles:

- Academics, teachers and researchers in the field of higher education, specifically in terms of the quality and improvement policies and systems used in higher education.
- Specialists working in quality agencies and the quality units of higher education institutions.
- Professionals and specialists working in government (Ministry of Education, for example) and the universities (Office of the Vice President for Quality, Innovation and Development, among others).
- General and training managers in enterprises having a higher education offering.

It is offered by The Open University of Catalonia (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya) as master's degree in **Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education**. Please note that this degree will only be taught in **Spanish**.

INQAAHE has reviewed and certified that the university program meets the requirements of QAP. In this review INQAAHE has taken into account at least the alignment program offered by The Open University of Catalonia with the program established by the QAP.

Participants in the UOC program can expect:

The first goal of the University Master's Degree in Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education is to provide advanced knowledge about the different conceptions of Quality in Higher Education and the evaluation models that are currently available.

Some of the skills developed are the following:

- Understand the scope of the different conceptions and perspectives of quality in education.
- Design Higher Education Quality Policies and strategies for States, institutions or departments of different types of organizations.
- Design systems, methodologies and instruments for evaluating the quality of institutions, programmes and faculty.
- Apply effectively and precisely the various systems used to evaluate the quality of institutions, programmes and faculty: methods, processes, tools, criteria and standards.
- Identify evidence and indicators aligned with the objectives of the evaluation performed.
- Analyse reports, documents and indicator systems, using quantitative and qualitative data, and interpret them.
- Critically evaluate the role and scope of the international quality networks and the role of the quality agencies.



- Identify the function performed by external stakeholders and agents, both in determining quality criteria and in performing quality assessment.

Candidates for this program are expected to have:

- An official bachelor's degree courses or equivalent, recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport.
- A level of competence in English is recommended (minimum level B1 within the common European reference framework for languages) that allows the student to follow a seminar, exposition or comprehensive reading of a text, report or article correctly specialized.

Further information and Application Details

Visit the UOC website for application details and the necessary documentation:

<http://estudios.uoc.edu/es/masters-universitarios/evaluacion-gestion-calidad-educacion-superior/presentacion>.

The 2021 fee for the Quality Management and Evaluation in Higher Education program is approximately EUR 4,885 (indicative, around USD 5,800).