

Vicki Stott

Biographical Note in support of Application for role of President, INQAAHE

I believe deeply that education is a powerful tool; to date my career has allowed me the enormous privilege of ensuring that the power of a high-quality education is extended to as many people as possible, so that they can experience the transformative benefit of it in their own lives.

I have worked as CEO of the Quality Assurance Agency in the UK since November 2021 and this role showcases my profound commitment to improving education quality and access. We provide regulatory quality assurance and enhancement services to the funders and regulators in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; we operate a quality enhancement membership service in England. Together, we work in partnership to secure UK higher education's global reputation for excellence; safeguard academic standards and champion academic integrity and enhance the quality of the student learning experience.

I have had a long career in higher education, working in several high-profile universities (UMIST, University of Warwick, University of Birmingham, University of Oxford) on financial strategy, planning and resource allocation.

I have been an active member of INQAAHE since joining QAA and this year. As well as Board activity, I am a member of the recognition committee, and was part of the group consulting on ISG design and delivery. I was on the appointment panel for the INQAAHE CEO, and I am Chair of working group bringing the INQAAHE Forum to Bucharest.