

Mary Catharine Lennon

Short Biography

Mary Catharine Lennon, PhD, has been an INQAAHE Board Director since 2020. In her position, she Chairs the Marjorie Peace Lenn Centre (the research and capacity building arm of the agency), where she has championed several initiatives, including the [INQAAHE Talks](#) series, which has brought together over 1000 participants on various QA topics. A keen contributor to INQAAHE, Dr. Lennon also actively participates on other standing and ad hoc committees, including the financial sustainability and global study committees, and has stepped in as interim Chair of the Communications and Outreach committee.

Mary Catharine comes from the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board in Ontario, Canada where she is responsible for research and external relations, and is the provincial representative to the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials, which deals with international credential recognition issues such as UNESCO's Lisbon and Global Conventions. Dr. Lennon also holds a Research Associate position with the Centre for Canadian and International Higher Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto.

Dr. Lennon's academic and professional background is in international and comparative higher education policy research, development and advice. Her areas of expertise include system design, competency frameworks, quality assurance, and evaluation. A recognised expert in Canadian quality assurance, Dr. Lennon has also had leadership roles within large-scale international projects including Tuning (Ontario) and the OECD's Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes (AHELO) feasibility study. Currently she is devising a micro-credential quality assurance framework for Ontario.