

## **FEEDBACK ON YOUR APPLICATION:**

### **Feedback on your ASPIRE/HEA-level portfolio:**

Your AFHEA application contains a broad, diverse and rich range of examples that clearly evidence the ways in which you have involved yourself in teaching and learning, both as a part of your own studies and over and above them. The range of activities and diverse participants in section 2 and in the teaching log is particularly impressive and the way that you have presented this information clearly demonstrates your involvement in, and commitment to, all Areas of Activity, Core Knowledge and Professional Values. The ways in which you have supported the teaching of more senior academics and designed and led your own activities are commendable for a PhD student. In order to make the most of your studies and the impressive network of engaged contacts that you are building, I recommend that you continue to engage in such activity, when competing priorities allow, as this will allow you to build an impressive CV that will be beneficial for your career.

Your Section 3 Case Studies, and your teaching observations, are highly reflective. Engagement with professional development and a willingness to reflect on academic practice through a variety of 'lenses' are key aspects of the AFHEA application. Your application demonstrates your reflective nature very clearly and the narrative that you use provides clear evidence of the 'journey' that you take whenever involving yourself in a new and unfamiliar activity. The case studies are well-supported by appropriate references and the ways in which you have incorporated the theory covered in LTHE is also clear. It is also good to see that your engagement with students is already leading to opportunities to assist them with their own professional development and career options – this will undoubtedly be both rewarding and beneficial to your own professional development. Your work with and for school pupils also speaks volumes about your commitment to supporting learning and inspiring others in order to enhance their future prospects.

The references provide extremely strong support for your application and these have quite obviously been written by senior colleagues who have an excellent understanding of your teaching and support for learning. The references also clearly demonstrate that you have developed important 'teaching' relationships with others while providing explicit evidence regarding your conscientious approach and passion for your work.

You have clearly met the criteria for ASPIRE/HEA Associate Fellowship; congratulations on a strong and successful submission. We would like to use your portfolio as an exemplar for Associate Fellowship applications, and would be grateful if you could let us know if you would be happy for us to do so via [REDACTED]