Reference for Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy

Category of Fellowship	Fellow (D2) ☒
Name of Applicant	Andrew Guest
Name of Referee	Aminu Usman
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Referee contact number	07928223562
How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?	I have known Dr Andy as a lecturer and a programme leader of Games Development since September 2018, (4 years now).

Please comment on the following aspects of the applicant's professional practice:

Areas of activity	**A1 – Design and plan learning activities and/or programmes of study** Dr. Andy has been the lecturer in charge of designing and organising the learning activities for all our game development modules, including Computer Games Fundamentals, Design Patterns, and Game Engine Development and iOS for Game development. Additionally, he is supervising our programming 1 and mobile app VLs and oversaw the redesign of our revalidated game development programme. **A2 – Teach and/or support learning** As evidenced by his portfolio, Dr. Andy supported early career lecturers as well as students in their educational endeavours. More importantly, Andy is always reachable when his students or the department need him. Additionally, Andy has been a computer science teams' champion for students with disabilities. Due to this, Andy was able to support students with disabilities in creating their LSPs and develop into their competent departmental contact. **A3 - Assess and give feedback to learners** Dr. Andy has assessed and made comments on students' work, as seen in his portfolio. Along with that, he

developed the excel feedback template, which generates a generic feedback file. This gave our new staff members who, for instance, teach math a clear template to utilise and a way to comment on students' work. When the associate head is unavailable, Andy has been presiding over meetings on plagiarism.

A4 - Develop effective learning environments and approaches to student support and guidance

As reflected in his portfolio Dr. Andrew Guest has consistently assisted the department's programming classes by offering advice and answers to both students and the department on how to choose the best tool for teaching and learning programming classes, particularly during pandemics when he teaches the IOS for Games module in the first time in the department where he deployed the use of iOS development using Xcode, Swift and SpriteKit. This was appreciated by the students and the staff in the department.

A5 - Engage in continuing professional development in subjects/disciplines and their pedagogy, incorporating research, scholarship and the evaluation of professional practices.

Dr Andy has been consistent in exploring and finding ways to teach his Games Development and programming classes and he will continue to do so with the help and support of the department.

Core knowledge	Working with Andy for about 4 years and after reviewing his portfolio, I can attest that he has shown proficiency in every area of core knowledge, thus I'm happy to support his candidacy in this regard.
Professional Values	I can also attest that Dr Andy has demonstrated shown proficiency in every area of core knowledge, thus I'm happy to support his candidacy in this regard.
Additional comments	

I confirm that I have seen the evidence (e-Portfolio or Written) being used in support of a claim against Fellowship.

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Signed[1]	*Aminu Usman*
Date	**09/08/2022**
Position in organisation	**Associate Head of Computer and Data Science**
Name of organisation	**York St John University**

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