

Festival of Learning 2023

Call for Contributions

Introduction

Our Festival of Learning 2023 will take place on Tuesday 13 June (in person, at Park Campus, Cheltenham) and Wednesday 14 June (online). The theme of the Festival is *'The Education of the Future'*, prompting us to share how we are developing our practice to produce engaged and successful students. We welcome submissions from all parts of the University and partner institutions, delivered as individuals or as teams. Our aim is to showcase a diverse array of activities and creative practices. For example, you might like to share what you have done to:

- deliver technology enhanced / digitally enriched, authentic learning and assessment to engage students, stimulate their curiosity, enhance their performance, and achieve their ambitions;
- develop personalised, relationship-rich approaches to teaching and learning to ensure equity, diversity and inclusion in your curricula, pedagogies and assessment;
- encourage your students to actively engage in shaping their own learning experience through collaborative peer working and student-staff dialogue;
- promote the professional identities of your students-as-graduates, supporting them within and beyond the curriculum into professional employment;
- develop learning communities to support positive mental health and wellbeing of students and staff;
- incorporate international dimensions into the content of your curricula as well as in the learning outcomes, assessment tasks, teaching methods and support for your courses;
- enhance student (and/or staff) assessment and feedback literacy/outcomes;
- create resilient, future-facing courses: enhancing recruitment, continuation and completion;
- advance research-rich and/or practice-led multi- and inter-disciplinary learning and teaching;
- strengthen systems and processes to enable continuous improvement and to support high academic standards.

How can you contribute?

You can select from four types of contribution:

1. Academic Exchange*: verbal presentation of 13-14 minutes, with 6-7 minutes per presenter for questions.
2. Lightning Presentation*: verbal presentation of no more than 6 minutes, followed by brief questions to presenters.



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3. Poster Presentation (A1 portrait): displayed all day Tuesday 13 June, accompanied by lunchtime discussion with delegates.
4. Lunchtime Cascade: an interactive demonstration/display, taking place during lunchtime on Tuesday 13 June.

** Colleagues who have their proposal for an Academic Exchange or Lightning Presentation accepted will be offered a slot either in person (Tuesday 13 June) or online (Wednesday 14 June).*

You can offer more than one type of contribution but you should present different work across each type, or complement and build from one type to another. You should *not* present the same material across two different types of presentation. You will need to complete an online submission form for each contribution you wish to make.

The standard Academic Exchange presentations allow reporting of full pedagogic projects/evaluations of practice. The Lightning Presentations allow for communication of ongoing pedagogic projects, best practice and resource snippets, or small case studies about what has, or has not, been successful in your practice. The Lunchtime Cascade is more suitable for demonstrations and updates of learning resources, technologies, tools and programmes.

Submitting a contribution

Submit a proposal for a contribution using this [online form](#). You may submit your proposal individually or as a team (comprised of UoG/partner staff, or with external stakeholders and students). Please choose the type of contribution that best suits your content. The deadline for abstract submissions is **midday on Friday 31 March 2023**. For all contributions, the title and abstract/summary that you submit will be posted on the [Festival of Learning blog](#) so please try to make them engaging and self-explanatory. If you have any questions about the process, please email fol@glos.ac.uk.

Selection criteria for contributions

Your abstract/summary should clarify how:

- The work you present will offer clear take-home messages for delegates.
- Your work will be sufficiently accessible and interesting to a wide audience.
- Your contribution will encourage best practice across the institution.

We look forward to receiving your contributions and to celebrating the innovative work that is ongoing across the University of Gloucestershire and its partner institutions.

Kind regards,

The Academic Development Unit (ADU)