PSF Review: Survey

Please note that survey questions are included here for information. **Only responses made via the online survey** can be considered in this consultation: https://advance-he.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/psf-review-survey

Introduction

The Professional Standards Framework (PSF) is a globally-recognised framework for benchmarking success with HE teaching and learning. Since its last update in 2011, the teaching and learning landscape within HE has changed considerably and a review of the framework is now underway to ensure its continued relevance to HE. As PSF custodians, Advance HE is facilitating this review on behalf of the sector.

The review aims to retain the strengths of the current framework, and in consultation with the sector, to propose amendments which will build on its positive impact on learning, teaching and the student experience.

This review relates solely to the framework. It does not incorporate aspects of fellowship or accreditation. Following publication of the final version of the revised framework in January 2023, consideration of fellowship and accreditation processes and associated issues, together with revised guidance notes, will be undertaken.

The PSF Review Project Team has evaluated the findings from a series of recent, stakeholder consultation sessions. More than 20 sessions were held and in excess of 300 attendees contributed constructive, insightful comments. Evaluation of these sessions has been combined with the analysis undertaken on the substantive existing evidence base of feedback, gathered from multiple sources over the last seven years.

Drawing on this combined evidence, a draft revised PSF has now been produced and this survey asks for your feedback on the draft.

Before you start the survey, please read this **privacy policy** which tells you how the personal data you submit in your responses will be used and protected, and your rights as a data subject. All individual answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and analysed by Advance HE staff only. The survey will be anonymous but you may be indirectly identified by some of the information you provide.

To participate in this project, Advance HE requires your consent. This confirms that you are participating voluntarily, are over 18 years of age and have read and understood how your information contained in this form, including any personal data, will be processed in accordance with the privacy policy**.**

1. I consent to participate in this survey. ✱ *Required*

○ Yes
○ No

Please note:

'About You' questions are required whereas questions in 'About the draft revised PSF' are optional.

The Progress Bar is provided as an aid for you to see how much of the survey requires completion. As it may take some time for you to consider the questions and complete the survey, please make use of the 'Finish Later' link at the foot of each page, if needed.

If you have any concerns or questions about the content of this survey, please contact psf@advance-he.ac.uk

About you

2.   We are consulting with a very wide body of colleagues. For the purposes of this survey, please tell us which role best represents you:
✳ *Required*

2.a.   If you selected Other, please specify:

Your answer should be no more than 150 characters long.

3. Please tell us which country you work in. Please select your country or nation from the list below: ✳ *Required*

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3.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

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4. If you work in an institution, please tell us the institution in which you are primarily employed:

Your answer should be no more than 150 characters long.

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5. We would like to understand your Fellowship status and your experience of working with the Professional Standards Framework. Please indicate your current Advance HE Fellowship status: ✳ *Required*

○ Associate Fellow
○ Fellow
○ Senior Fellow
○ Principal Fellow
○ None

5.a. If 'None', is your Fellowship application currently being reviewed?

○ Yes
○ No

5.a.i. If 'Yes', please indicate the award and awarding body:

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6. Do you hold an award from any other organisation aligned with the PSF? ✳ *Required*

○ Yes
○ No

6.a. If 'Yes' please indicate award and awarding body:

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7. Do you use the PSF in your work? ✳ *Required*

○ Frequently

○ Sometimes

○ Rarely

○ Never

7.a. Please indicate how you use the PSF by selecting all answers that apply:

Please select at least 1 answer(s).

☐ As Programme Leader for an institutional Accredited Scheme

☐ To develop strategy/lead on learning and teaching across my institution

☐ I lead an Advance HE Accredited Taught Programme

☐ I support my institution's Accredited Scheme (e.g. as a reviewer, a mentor)

☐ I teach on/support delivery of an Advance HE Accredited Taught Programme

☐ To inform the continuing professional development activities of others in my institution

☐ I am an Advance HE PSF Accreditor

☐ To support appraisal and/or professional development planning

☐ To support my own continuing professional development

☐ Other

7.a.i. If you selected Other, please specify:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

About the draft revised PSF

This set of questions follows the layout of the draft revised PSF, seeking your views on individual parts of the Framework. The draft revised PSF is available here http://www.advance-he.ac.uk/draft-PSF. Please refer to this as you complete the remainder of the survey.

8. Thinking about how the draft presents the **Purpose of the PSF**, are you: *Optional*

- ○ very satisfied
- ○ satisfied
- ○ dissatisfied
- ○ very dissatisfied
- ○ don't know

8.a. Please provide reasons for your response *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

9. Is the section entitled **Structure of the PSF:** *Optional*

- ○ very helpful
- ○ helpful
- ○ unhelpful
- ○ very unhelpful
- ○ don't know

9.a. Please provide reasons for your response: *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

10. Is the representation of the **PSF** as an **image** (please see page 5 of the Draft Revised PSF): *Optional*

- ○ very clear
- ○ clear
- ○ unclear
- ○ very unclear
- ○ don't know

10.a. Please provide reasons for your response: *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

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11. From the consultation data, three **Critical Strands** have emerged: **inclusion, context and effectiveness**. When using the PSF, are these likely to be: *Optional*

○ very useful
○ useful
○ slightly useful
○ not at all useful
○ don't know

11.a. Please provide reasons for your response: *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

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Dimensions

This set of questions seeks your views on the Dimensions and Descriptors of the draft revised PSF. The draft revised PSF is available here http://www.advance-he.ac.uk/draft-PSF.

12. Is the explanation of the **Dimensions**: *Optional*

- ○ very clear
- ○ clear
- ○ unclear
- ○ very unclear
- ○ don't know

12.a. Please provide reasons for your response: *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

13. For each set of Dimensions: **Professional Values, Core Knowledge and Areas of Activity**, a short phrase has been introduced to emphasise the intention of each Dimension (....**enact, apply, demonstrate**...). Are these phrases likely to be: *Optional*

- ○ very helpful
- ○ helpful
- ○ unhelpful
- ○ very unhelpful
- ○ don't know

13.a. Please provide reasons for your response: *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

14. Please tell us your views on the proposed **Professional Values**:

	Clear *Optional*					Useful in your practice *Optional*					Please provide reasons for your responses. Each answer should be no more than 500 characters *Optional*
	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
V1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

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	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
V2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
V3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
V4	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
V5	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

14.a. Is there anything else that you would like to add, remove or change in the Professional Values? *Optional*

○ Yes
○ No

14.a.i. If 'Yes' please provide a brief description:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

15. Please tell us your views on the proposed **Core Knowledge**:

	Clear *Optional*					Useful in your practice *Optional*					Please provide reasons for your responses. Each answer should be no more than 500 characters *Optional*
	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
K1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
K2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
K3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
K4	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
K5	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

15.a. Is there anything else that you would like to add, remove or change in the Core Knowledge? *Optional*

○ Yes
○ No

15.a.i. If 'Yes' please provide a brief description:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

16. Please tell us your views on the proposed **Areas of Activity**:

	Clear *Optional*					Useful in your practice *Optional*					Please provide reasons for your responses. Each answer should be no more than 500 characters *Optional*
	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
A1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
A2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
A3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
A4	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
A5	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

16.a. Is there anything else that you would like to add, remove or change in the Areas of Activity? *Optional*

○ Yes
○ No

16.a.i. If 'Yes' please provide a brief description:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

Descriptors

17. Is the explanation of the **Descriptors**: *Optional*

- ○ very clear
- ○ clear
- ○ unclear
- ○ very unclear
- ○ don't know

17.a. Please provide reasons for your response: *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

18. Please tell us your views on the proposed **Descriptor 1**:

	Clear *Optional*					Useful *Optional*					Please provide reasons for your responses. Each answer should be no more than 500 characters *Optional*
	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
Introductory text	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D1.1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D1.2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D1.3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

18.a. Is there anything else that you would like to add, remove or change in Descriptor 1? *Optional*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

18.a.i. If 'Yes' please provide a brief description:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

19. Please tell us your views on the proposed **Descriptor 2**:

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	Clear *Optional*					Useful *Optional*					Please provide reasons for your responses. Each answer should be no more than 500 characters *Optional*
	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
Introductory text	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D2.1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D2.2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D2.3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

19.a. Is there anything else that you would like to add, remove or change in Descriptor 2? *Optional*

○ Yes
○ No

19.a.i. If 'Yes' please provide a brief description:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

20. Please tell us your views on the proposed **Descriptor 3**:

	Clear *Optional*					Useful *Optional*					Please provide reasons for your responses. Each answer should be no more than 500 characters. *Optional*
	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
Introductory text	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D3.1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D3.2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D3.3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

20.a. Is there anything else that you would like to add, remove or change in Descriptor 3? *Optional*

○ Yes
○ No

20.a.i. If 'Yes' please provide a brief description:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

21. Please tell us your views on the proposed **Descriptor 4**:

	Clear *Optional*					Useful *Optional*					Please provide reasons for your responses. Each answer should be no more than 500 characters *Optional*
	very clear	clear	unclear	very unclear	don't know	very useful	useful	slightly useful	not at all useful	don't know	
Introductory text	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D4.1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D4.2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D4.3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
D4.4	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

21.a. Is there anything else that you would like to add, remove or change in Descriptor 4? *Optional*

○ Yes
○ No

21.a.i. If 'Yes' please provide a brief description:

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

Additional Feedback

We would like to seek your views on the following additional items related to the Framework.

22. If a Student Descriptor were introduced, for students who support the learning of others, would this be: *Optional*

○ very helpful
○ helpful
○ unhelpful
○ very unhelpful
○ don't know

22.a. Please provide reasons for your response: *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

23. If a glossary providing practical explanations of key words and phrases within the Framework were introduced, would this be: *Optional*

○ very helpful
○ helpful
○ unhelpful
○ very unhelpful
○ don't know

23.a. Please suggest any key words or phrases from the Framework that you would include in a glossary *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

Final comments on the draft revised PSF

24. Please tell us anything else that you would like us to know about the draft revised PSF. *Optional*

Your answer should be no more than 700 characters long.