



## UCLan Professor joins top teaching panel

The University of Central Lancashire has long been recognised for the excellence of its teaching. The appointment of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Patrick McGhee to a top national assessment panel, which looks for ‘the best of the best’ in university teaching, is further confirmation of its growing reputation.

The national Fund for the Development of Teaching and Learning (FDTL) allocates around £7 million pounds each year to innovative projects designed to disseminate good practice in teaching and students learning. Professor McGhee, is one of only six professors nationally selected to join the panel.

“Only University departments which have already had aspects of their teaching rated as ‘excellent’ by Government watchdogs can bid for the prestigious additional funding – the ‘best of the best’”, says Professor McGhee. “UCLan itself has already been successful in recent years winning funding for teaching projects in American Studies, Built Environment, Nursing and Psychology. My appointment to the national panel is recognition of the University’s excellent track record in teaching innovation.”

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### Notes for Editors

1. The Government watchdog for Universities is the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (The ‘QAA’)
2. Details of the full panel can be found at:  
[www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2003/03%5F46/panel.asp](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2003/03%5F46/panel.asp)