



Dear colleague,

On behalf of the University's branch of the Association of University Administrators (AUA), we wish you a very warm welcome to the University and congratulate you on the start of your employment with us.

We would also like to introduce you to the AUA, and hope that you might consider becoming a member.

Should you not already be familiar with the Association, the AUA is a charitable organisation devoted to promoting excellence in higher education management. Formed in 1961, the AUA exists to advance and promote the professional recognition and development of those who work in professional, managerial and support roles in higher education (HE), and to be an authoritative advocate and champion for the sector. The association has more than 4,000 members both in the UK and around the world, with members in some 150 HE institutions in the UK. At Leeds, we have over 50 members and are keen to encourage more colleagues to join the branch.

The AUA is not, therefore, a trade union, but rather an organisation which allows university administrators a chance to network with one another and which aims to support their wider professional development.

AUA membership offers people the opportunity to gain an understanding of the key issues and new ideas in higher education management, both nationally and internationally. There are local and regional activities, an extremely popular annual national conference, and regular e-bulletins, which all help to ensure that you can share information and expertise with your peers.

If you would like to find out more about the AUA, visit our local branch website, www.leeds.ac.uk/aua.

Alternatively, you can get in touch with Oliver, Katja or Catherine for further information at aua@leeds.ac.uk

We do hope that you will consider joining the AUA, and that we will be able to introduce ourselves to you in person at one of our future events.

With best wishes,

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