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## Building The Plane Whilst Flying It: QTL\_net Supports A Rapid Transition To Online Teaching (4 min read)

As lockdown hit each of our campuses back in March, the Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning (QTL\_net) at the Aga Khan University was ready with a preparedness plan to support faculty in the transition to ‘emergency teaching’ remotely. Today, as all academic entities at AKU are offering online or remote classes to their students, it has been a learning experience for AKU as it has built a plane whilst flying it. QTL\_net is proud to have been at the forefront of coordinating and supporting this effort. [Read More...](#)



## **EdTech Lounge: Where Faculty Come To Brew Their Own Professional Development! (2 min read)**

At a time when faculty members faced the tremendous task of transitioning to online teaching, the EdTech Lounge was conceptualized as a virtual space for faculty working remotely and without a platform to network with their peers. It has provided AKU faculty members with the opportunity to discuss their experiences with teaching through technology and till date has already seen 15 insightful and relevant sessions which have sparked dialogue on pressing concerns related to the effectiveness of teaching and learning with technology. [Read More...](#)



**Online Learning: Opportunity Within A Crisis – Vice Provost QTL, Dr. Tashmin Khamis (4 min read)**

“Teaching has never been more scrutinised and in that lies an opportunity as we move from the rapid phase of ‘quaranteaching’ to more blended approaches to capitalise on the reflective practice and thoughtful innovations that faculty are engaged in with students to promote effective teaching and an enhanced quality learning experience” – Vice Provost QTL, Dr. Tashmin Khamis reflects on the opportunities that lie within the crisis of COVID-19 for universities in this editorial.

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## **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Grants Complete 5 Years Of Supporting Research and Innovation at AKU (3 min read)**

Since 2015, AKU has been offering Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Grants to faculty members engaged in innovative research projects around the area of improving teaching and learning. Till date, 56 applications have been submitted and around USD 60000 has been disbursed to fund 21 research studies. The impact of the grants on the development of SoTL within AKU is reflected in the form of research publications in international, national and local journals. The Teaching and Learning Team is excited to continue this programme this year with the SoTL Grants 2020. [Read More...](#)



## Watch us in Action



**Dr. Sadaf Khan Speaks At The EdTech Lounge**

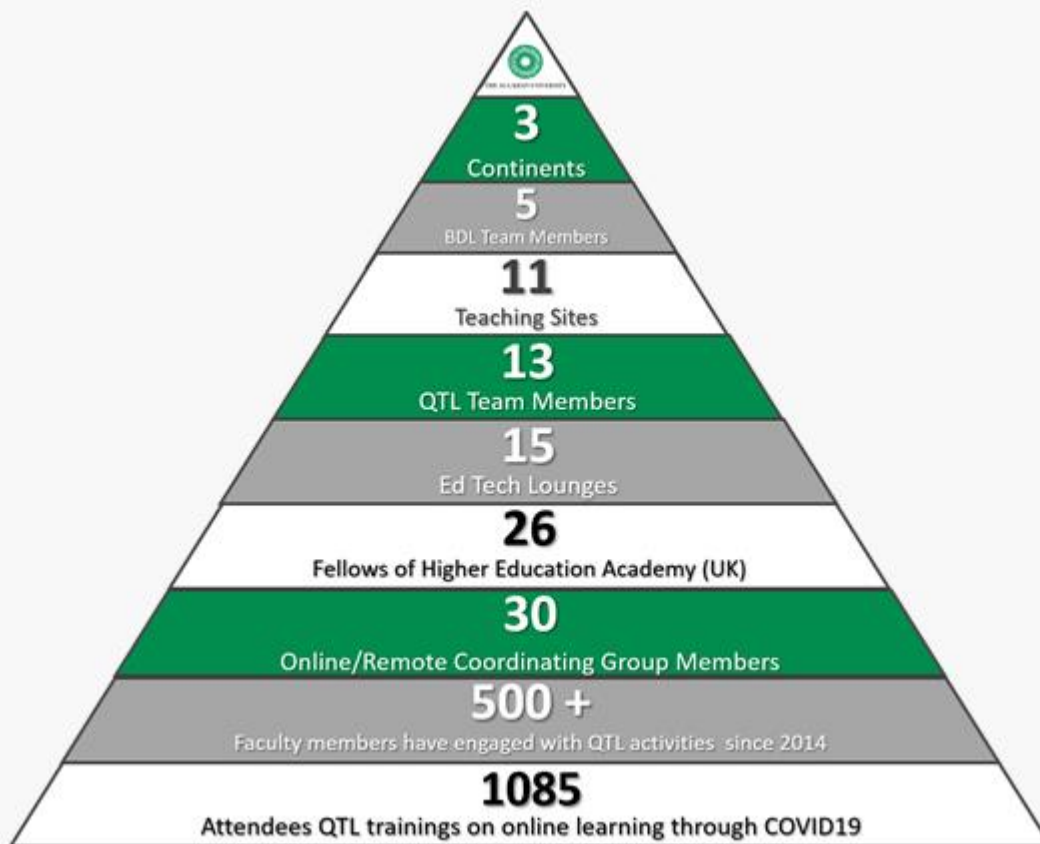


**SoTL Grants At AKU**



**Dr. Nancy Booker Speaks At The EdTech Lounge**

## Our Reach and Impact



## QTL In Pictures

### Celebrating a Trailblazer in Online Teaching

Azra Naseem, the Associate Director of Blended and Digital Learning at QTL\_net, has been the foremost champion of teaching with technology at AKU and is unmatched in her services to the University to facilitate the rapid transition to online teaching this year. We would also like to congratulate and thank faculty members for transitioning to online courses and teaching!



### AKU Faculty Nominated For HEC BUTA Awards

Join us in congratulating the two faculty members nominated for HEC-Pakistan National Level - Best University Teacher Award (BUTA). The University level - Best University Teacher Award (BUTA) was won by Dr. Tasneem Anwar (Left) and Dr. Munira Amir Ali (Right) became the 1st runner up. Both candidates have been nominated for the National Level Award

### Celebrating Our New FHEAs And AFHEAs At AKU

We are proud to announce our new Fellows and Associate Fellows of the Higher Education Academy (UK): Dr. Sadia Fatima, Dr. Munira Amir Ali, Dr. Rahila Ali Mazhar, Dr. Humera Saeed, Dr. Anita Allana, Dr. Satwat Hashmi, Shanaz Cassum, Dr. Tasneem Anwar and Dr. Raheela Mohsin as Fellows (FHEA); Faisal Notta and Kiran Qasim Ali (QTL\_net) as Associate Fellows (AFHEA)





## **SONAM-EA Undergoes Online Self-Assessment Review Training**

The School of Nursing and Midwifery (SONAM), East Africa has begun their 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of AKU's Quality Assurance Review process. The Self-Assessment Training was conducted remotely by the Quality Assurance and Improvement (QAI) Team at QTL\_net.

## **TEACH Writing Workshop Conducted Online**

QTL\_net conducts the TEACH Writing Workshop online for the first time to train candidates who plan to apply for the Fellowship and Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (HEA) in the UK. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of TEACH.



## Upcoming Events

SoTL Grants Application Submission

Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

EdTech Lounge

Every Wednesday in July  
Alternate Wednesdays from  
August Onwards

Digital Bootcamp

July 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
August 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Teaching in a Virtual Environment: Live Online  
Teaching via Zoom

July 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>,  
August 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Teaching Dossiers Workshop

August 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

Faculty Orientation of Teaching and Learning  
(FOTL)

August 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

TEACH Webinar

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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