

BALEAP Accreditation Scheme (BAS) report for the 2023 AGM

The BALEAP Course Accreditation Scheme (BAS) piloted its draft revised criteria in August 2021 to re-accredit Pre-sessional courses in two UK-based universities. Three additional accreditations were carried out in the first half of 2021-2022 using the original scheme. The new criteria (reduced to 20 from 42 and underpinned by the three core principles of contextualisation, constructive alignment, and collaboration) were officially launched at the 50th anniversary of BALEAP (University of Manchester, 2 April 2022) and were then used to carry out 6 additional successful accreditations in the 2021-2022 financial year, bringing the combined total number of accreditations to 11, including 2 new institutions and 9 re-accreditations.

BAS ran its annual membership-facing development day on 7 May 2022 at the University of Bristol, with a focus on the core principle of collaboration. The event, titled Serendipity and/or structure? Building sustainable collaborations with the University, included talks from two EAP colleagues in UK universities and one from South Africa and culminated with a panel facilitated by Louise Greener. To ensure it can operate at capacity, the scheme has recruited four new assessors, with plans in place to further increase and diversify the assessor base.