

Dr Ruth Graham, Higher education consultant

Dr Graham has worked as an independent consultant since 2008. Her work is focused on fostering change in higher education and helping to improve teaching and learning worldwide. Current and recent clients include Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Utrecht University, the Royal Academy of Engineering, Stanford University, University College London (UCL) and Tec de Monterrey.



Ruth's recent projects have included:

- a global initiative to improve the reward and recognition of teaching in higher education that is now supporting reform to academic career pathways at over 50 universities worldwide (www.advancingteaching.com);
- a global study on the lessons learnt from the current period of 'emergency teaching' resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and how this might impact the trajectory of engineering education in the future (www.ceeda.org);
- a cross-institutional and multi-year survey to capture and track the culture and status of teaching amongst faculty, in which 24 universities from 11 countries are participating (www.teachingcultures.com).

In June 2018, Dr Graham was awarded an honorary doctorate from Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, for distinguished efforts in developing engineering programmes. In September 2020, she was awarded the Leonardo da Vinci Medal by the European Society for Engineering Education for outstanding contributions to engineering education.

Ruth trained as a Mechanical Engineer, specialising in aeronautical fatigue and working with BAE SYSTEMS for a number of years. In 2002 she moved to Imperial College London and later became Director of the EnVision project, which sought to transform the undergraduate education across the university's Faculty of Engineering.

Further information on Ruth's work is given here: www.rhgraham.org