



KENNSLUAKADEMÍA

OPINBERU HÁSKÓLANNA

An Introduction to The Teaching
Academy of
the Public University of Iceland

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THE WORK OF THE ACADEMY

A platform created according to the Nordic model.

The main goal of establishing the academy is to promote dialogue about teaching and teaching development within and between universities in Iceland.

The aim is also to reward those teachers who excel in teaching.

It is a collaboration between the public universities (University of Akureyri, University of Hólm, University of Iceland, and Agricultural University of Iceland).

Why apply?

To be part of the broader conversation about teaching

Share successes and challenges in teaching

Learn from other like-minded educators

To help promote the importance of excellence in education



MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

Teachers that excel at teaching

Permanent university educator with
at least 50% employment

Year	Admissions
2021	11
2022	9
2023	14
2024	10
2025	14



Intake event 2025 and

- **FINANCIAL INCENTIVES**
- Monthly remuneration throughout the working life at the relevant university.
- According to the current price level, the fee is 50,000 ISK regardless of the previous salary.
- Paid out annually.



APPLICATION PROCESS 2026

January 8th 2026: Deadline for registration for preparation process

January 2026: Portfolio Writing Workshops (online)

A) Tues January 13th (14⁰⁰-16⁰⁰) --or--

B) Thurs January 22nd (15⁰⁰-17⁰⁰)

Feb-March 2026: "Drop in" Q&A sessions

March-April 2026: Two part feedback for workshop participants

1. Peer feedback
2. Feedback from academy members

June 8th 2026: Application deadline



APPLICATIONS

- ✓ Teaching portfolio (~5000-7000 words)
- ✓ Curriculum vitae
- ✓ Letter of support from the dean

Send applications to
kennsluakademia@hi.is

CRITERIA

- ☐ Student-centered teaching
- ☐ Knowledge/skills to present professional knowledge in the context of learning and teaching
- ☐ Clear teaching development for the future
- ☐ Active participants in the conversation about learning and teaching

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

- Three experts from Scandinavian universities
- One specialist from Icelandic universities
- Applications are evaluated and interviews conducted



Portfolio Writing Workshop

Spring 2026

Attend either Workshop A or B



Submit 75% portfolio draft



Participate in paired peer review



Submit 95% draft of portfolio



Recieve 'Critical Friend' feedback
from TA member

A) Tuesday January 13th 14-16

--or--

B) Thursday January 22nd 15-17

Monday March 30th 2026



--> Monday April 11th 2026

Monday May 4th 2026



--> Monday May 18th 2026



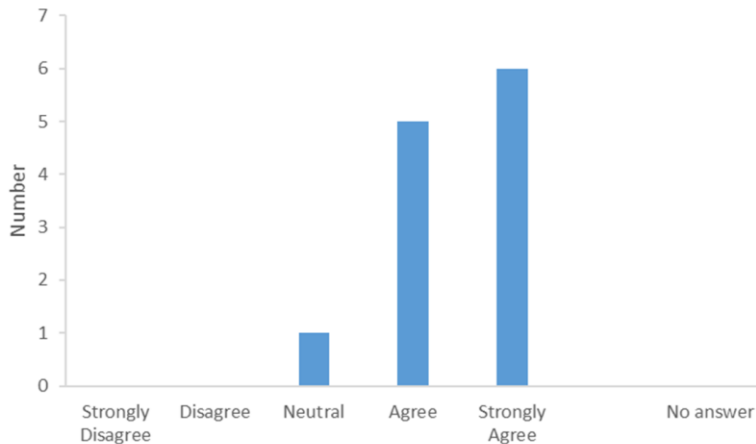
Application Deadline

Monday June 8th 2026
(submit via email)

Feedback from Spring 2024-2025 workshop participants

"{The feedback process}
was helpful, it helped focus
my application"

Q: Was the Workshop earlier this
spring useful for your portfolio writing?



"I could only have done the
application by attending
the workshop."

"I did work on the portfolio writing
more or less during most of the
spring semester. The writing
periods were at least five major
periods and in each of them I
reached the state of a flow from
time to time. At least a month of
very concentrated writing."

Advice from a participant

*"Attend the workshop and
take the time to read all
materials provided, watch the
videos etc.. Start writing the
portfolio early in order to
make better use of the
workshop discussions - be
able to ask questions etc.."*

Information



- Check out our webpage
 - Additional information
 - Sample applications
 - Registration for preparation process

Registration for the **support course** is on Teaching Academy's website.

Registration for Support Course
between December 1st and **January 8th 2026**

<https://kennsluakademia.hi.is/>

