Student Experience Project: Understanding, Developing & Enriching the student experience

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Main objective:
To co-ordinate and enhance pre-arrival and induction support, enabling our diverse student population to successfully transition to university life and study.

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To capitalise on pre-arrival and stage/subject specific inductions as a golden opportunity to both deliver an outstanding student experience and to activate dispositions to understand for oneself from acceptance of offer to graduation.

1. McCune, V and Entwistle, N (2011) Cultivating the disposition to understand in 21st century University education. Learning and Individual Differences 21, pp. 303-10
Request to Senior Tutors from Academic Induction Coordinator:

- Raise Awareness of aims of SEP
- Pass on any issues that students have with academic transitions both into first year and beyond
- Inform SEP of current best practice in academic inductions so that this can be written up in toolkit

My aim: to work with PTs and Lecturers to produce academic induction activities tailored to your courses that will help students transition successfully during their first year and maximize their full potential.

Areas that schools have expressed interest in:

- Student generated induction activities (with interactive voting software)
- Shared commitments sessions
- Personal Epistemologies as a way to promote critical thinking and better performance in assignments
- Subject specific induction tasks
- Student management of university email
- Participating in longitudinal research into student’s academic journey

Please contact abby.shovlin@ed.ac.uk for more details on current best practice and how it can be implemented in your courses

Queries to Senior Tutors from Student Induction Coordinators:

- Regarding Academic Fair-do we prepare UGs enough in advance to make informed course choices?
- Could we do more to offer more effective outside course information?
- Are the PTs aware of the enhancements to this year’s AF? (taster sessions, more rooms in Appleton Tower, redesign of AF flyer that goes to all new UG students)

Please contact Jenni.Murray@ed.ac.uk or Kristin.Hunger@ed.ac.uk for more information.