

Comparison – GAE vs Academic Visitor vs PPE

Academic Visitor:

- Academic on leave from an overseas HEI (must be employed by HEI abroad)
- Coming to the UK to carry out their own private research or exchange information on research techniques.
- 12 months max
- Cannot receive payment from a UK source (reasonable travel and subsistence expenses only)
- Cannot be research on a University hosted project (see GAE).
- Must not be filling a normal role/vacancy
- ATAS must be considered

Permitted Paid Engagement (PPE):

- Visiting examiners/lecturer coming to give a lecture or series of lectures (but not undertake a formal teaching role)
- examine students, or
- to participate in or chair selection panels.
- 1 month max
- Can be paid for the PPE activity
- Must not be filling a normal role/vacancy

GAE:

- Sponsored researchers in supernumerary role
- Can undertake collaborative research
- Funding equivalent to NWM
- Requires sponsorship
- Maximum of 24 months
- Must not be filling a normal role/vacancy
- ATAS must be considered

Business Visitor:

- People attending interviews, conferences or meeting.
- Speaking at a conference on a one-off, non commercial basis or people receiving one-off specific training in UK techniques & work practices (but not on the job training)
- Secondees from overseas companies who have a contract with a UK company, but being paid by the overseas company
- Max 6 months
- Cannot receive payment from a UK source (reasonable travel and subsistence expenses only)