



University of Manchester

Nomination Category: Education / Training Provider of the Year

Nomination Statement:

The University of Manchester, in partnership with BP, has developed two 10-month long education programmes for Project and Engineering Managers in BP. The programmes fully integrated programmes are a unique combination of professorial expertise from three schools of the University (Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering, Chemical and Process Engineering, and Business), and BPs in-house senior expertise. They are and are aimed at the development and application of advanced thinking in highly effective technical management of complex engineering projects in BP. Each programme requires preparation, carried out within a computer enabled virtual learning environment, using materials developed by BP and the university. A intense residential week in Manchester at a state-of -the-art learning facility is followed by a four month period of application and reflection at the workplace, and the production and submission of reflective papers by the delegates, based upon this. There is then a further residential week and the programmes conclude with further application and reflective papers. Some 250 senior engineers and Project managers from BP have already benefited from their participation in these programmes. The high-quality education these programmes provide is part of a company-wide strategy to re-emphasise the importance of strong engineering in the complex and multifaceted projects in which BP is now engaged.