



Higher Education Reference Models

Joint Statement by CAUDIT and UCISA

The executive leadership of CAUDIT and UCISA support and encourage their respective Enterprise Architecture Communities of Practice to collaborate together, to explore opportunities and mutual advantages through harmonising the CAUDIT and UCISA reference models, and to work closely together to further develop the Business Capability and Data models as international reference models for the Higher Education sector.

This cooperation aligns with a common strategic intent to promote best practice through collaboration and sharing with our communities.

The CAUDIT Higher Education Reference Models were launched in April 2016 and have always been intended for use by institutions beyond Australia and New Zealand. Global applicability is committed as a design principle that guides the ongoing enhancement of these reference models, now in use across over three-hundred institutions worldwide. This goal values international partnerships and seeks to establish a common understanding of how our institutions operate in order to deliver value to our institutions and to the communities they serve.

The UCISA Capability Model published in March 2018 was developed from, and influenced by, the CAUDIT Business Reference Model. The UCISA working group incorporated changes, modifications, and developments to make the model more specific to the UK Higher Education Sector.

The UCISA Capability Model has reached beyond the UK sector and has been a catalyst for further collaboration and forging of links with the EUNIS Enterprise Architecture (EA) Special Interest Group. Through attending and presenting at a EUNIS EA event the CAUDIT and UCISA Communities of Practice have been able to connect and establish a dialogue. CAUDIT and ITANA have already established a collaborative arrangement for developing the Business and Data Models.

We recognise the valuable contributions of these individuals in bringing this collaboration together:

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About CAUDIT

The Council of Australasian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT) is the peak member Association supporting the use of information technology in higher education and research in Australasia and the region. Members include all public universities in Australia and New Zealand along with those of Papua New Guinea and Fiji plus key national research institutions in Australia.

CAUDIT's purpose is to support each other in leading the application of digital capabilities to transform education and research.

CAUDIT provides a range of services to its members in support of this purpose. These include negotiating collective procurement agreements, targeted professional development, benchmarking, surveying, cybersecurity services, and fostering collaboration through the sharing of thought leadership, experiences and good practice amongst its members. We provide a range of networking opportunities to facilitate this including two Members Meetings each year, study tours and a biennial conference for staff working in IT, library and teaching & learning.

At a personal level, the relationships built through CAUDIT are invaluable and can be a key factor contributing to the success of the CIO, their team and their institution.

About UCISA

UCISA is the member-led professional body for digital practitioners in education. Open and inclusive, we work together to use our collective technical knowledge and digital expertise to help transform teaching, learning and research by supporting operational efficiency and an excellent student experience.

Almost all UK Higher Education institutions are members along with a growing number of Further Education and Sixth Form colleges. Institutional membership automatically grants the benefits of membership of the UCISA community to all staff working within the institution.

A registered not-for-profit charity, UCISA supports its community by running a wide range of events and conferences, backed up with surveys, reports and best practice toolkits and guides that help our members better meet the ever-increasing digital demands of twenty-first-century education in the UK.

Our community collaborates, networks, and shares their inspirational thinking, practices and procedures so that we can all learn more, advance faster and be more effective. We also work closely with technology and digital service suppliers to the sector – helping them better understand sector needs so that they can deliver valued and effective solutions.

One of the acknowledged strengths of UCISA is its ability to channel the collective expertise of individual members for the benefit of all.