

## **E-LEARNING AND STUDENTS' MOTIVATION**

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### **ABSTRACT**

E-learning' can be defined as a method of learning that is supported by the use of information technology ('IT'). It is believed that e-learning has the power to transform the way we teach and that it may improve learning. However, when designing an online environment, lecturers do not always take into consideration certain crucial elements of teaching — including the motivation of their students. Similarly, the research has largely ignored the role of motivation in the online learning environment due to the assumption that e-learners are self-motivated and active learners. This article looks at certain elements that can be used to foster the motivation of students in the online environment.