# HECMAte Connections: Getting Around the Forum

Our new Forum - *HECMAte Connections* - launched earlier this summer. You can access it from the HECMA website—after signing in.

The first time you are signed in and access the Forum, you will be asked to create a user name/ ID.

A few things we ask of you:

- For your Profile : Please use your **First/ Preferred & Last Names** & Include your IHE (college or university).

- Create a Signature which also includes your First/ Preferred & Last Names, Your position/title, & your IHE (college or university).

You will notice several "categories" in the Forum.  You can choose to follow (meaning get email alerts on all categories, specific categories, or even specific discussion threads within a category. And you can "un-enroll" from topics or threads you no longer want alerts about.

However, you can come to the forum page anytime to see what's been posted at any time.

Notification & Alerts are defaulted for all members to receive notification/ alerts for new posts and replies.

Checking the box in the blue header bar of the Category means you unfollow everything that posts in there and that you will not get email alerts to new posts or thread comments.
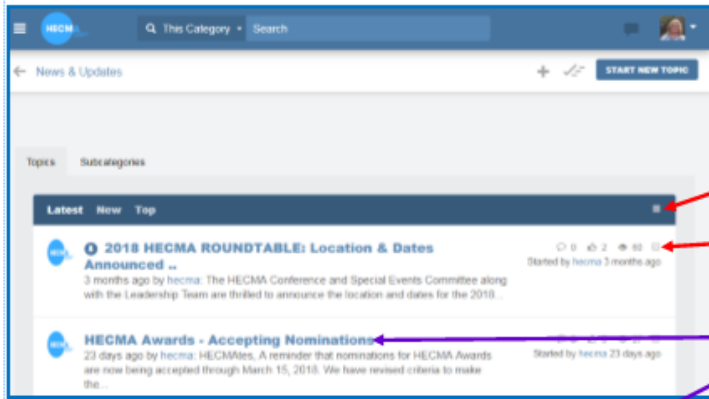
A check in the box at the far right of a Topic header (row with number of comments, likes and looks noted) means you will no longer get those posts and thread comments. Leaving the box blank means you will only see forum posts if you access the main forum; no email alerts will come your way.
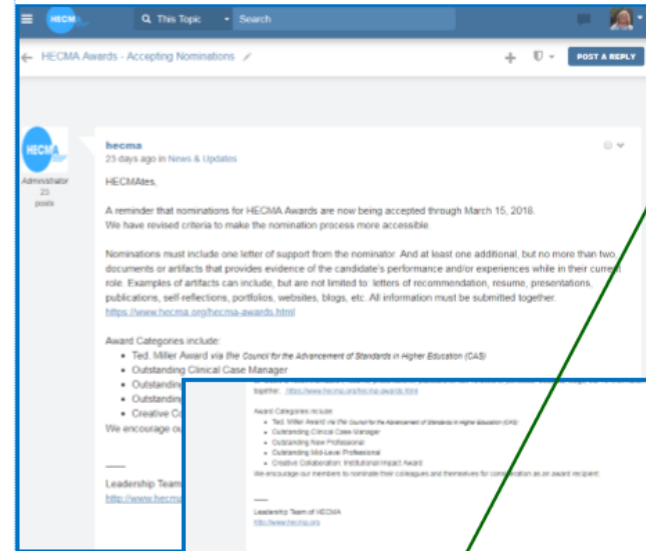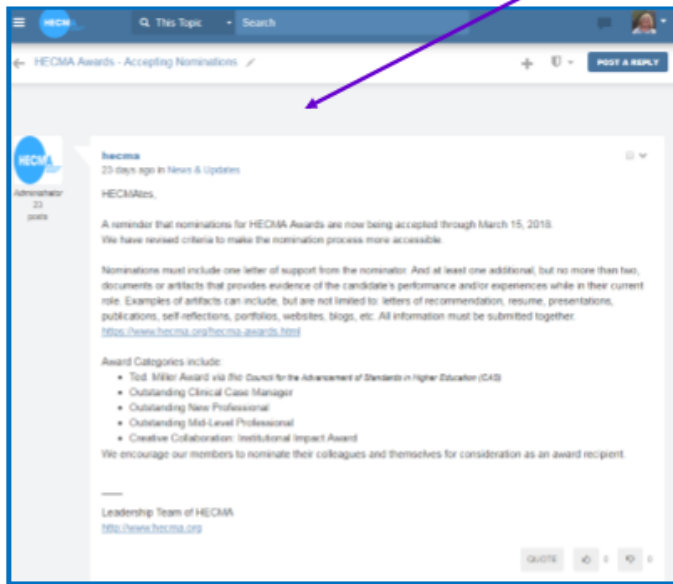
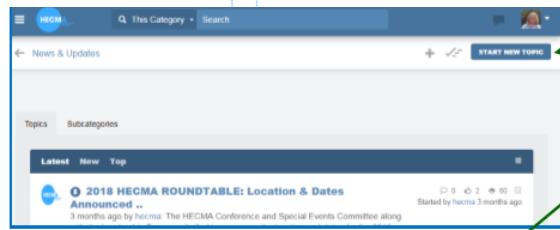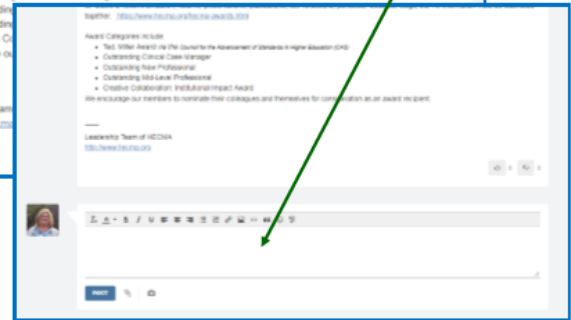# More Getting Started Forum Info: HECMAtes Connections



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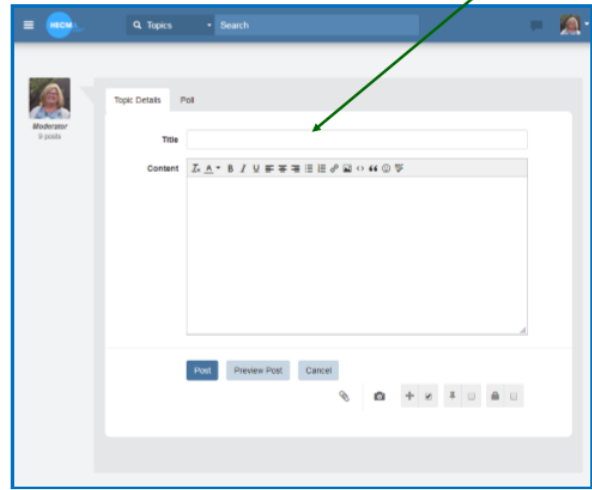Box to follow/unfollow Topic

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