

**Westminster Higher Education Forum keynote seminar
Priorities for international research partnerships**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday 28th April 2021

Taking place online

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **International research collaboration moving forward**
Professor Andrew Thompson, UKRI Champion, Global Challenges Research Fund and the Newton Fund; International Champion, UKRI and Executive Chair, Arts and Humanities Research Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **The impact of COVID-19 on international research co-operation and lessons learned for international partnerships, knowledge exchange and allocation of funding moving forward**
Improving international sharing of research data for streamlined research collaboration
Senior representative, research
Facilitating cross-UK and global research on COVID-19 knowledge gaps
Senior representative, research funder
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Encouraging international students to embark on research careers in the UK**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.30 **Attracting and retaining overseas research talent in the UK - the visa and immigration system, support and mentorship for prospective and early career researchers, and fostering diverse and supportive research cultures**
Martin Smith, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Wellcome Trust
Jacqueline Moore, Head of Immigration, Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe
- 11.25 **Next steps for global research and development partnerships**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Facilitating development and recovery post-pandemic through global research co-operation - key focus areas, funding and next steps for effective collaboration**
Jiang Sunan, Minister Counsellor for Science and Technology, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Dr Lesley Thompson, Vice President, Academic and Government Strategic Alliance, Elsevier
Senior representative, research project
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Priorities for future research partnerships between the UK and the European Union**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum



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