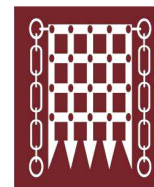


Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar

Next steps for postgraduate research - funding, delivery and progression to early career research

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 3rd December 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Broers, former Chair, House of Lords Science and Technology Committee
- 9.05 - 9.50 **The funding landscape for postgraduate research (PGR) - evaluating the balance of funding between research council and university grants, doctoral loans and industry funding, and implications for the accessibility of PGR**
Professor Dianne Berry, Dean of Postgraduate Research Studies and Professor of Psychology, University of Reading
Professor Pamela Cox, Director, South East Network for Social Sciences and Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Essex and **Dr Gina Yannitell Reinhardt**, Reader, Department of Government, University of Essex
Senior representative, business
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.10 **Reviewing doctoral training and support - lessons from the ESRC**
Frances Burstow, Deputy Director, Skills and Strategy, Economic and Social Research Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 - 10.55 **Assessing models of delivery for PGR - Centres for Doctoral Training, Doctoral Training Partnerships and Professional Doctorates**
Professor Dame Athene Donald, Professor of Experimental Physics and Master, Churchill College, University of Cambridge
Professor Arthur Richards, Director, Centre for Doctoral Training in Future Autonomous and Robotic Systems (FARSCOPE) and Professor of Robotics and Control, University of Bristol
Dr Owen Gower, Director, UK Council for Graduate Education
Dr Theresa McKinven, Head of Graduate School, Manchester Metropolitan University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Broers, former Chair, House of Lords Science and Technology Committee
- 11.00 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 - 11.50 **Reflections on progress made since the independent review of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers**
Professor David Bogle, Chair, Independent Review of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and Pro-Vice-Provost, Doctoral School, University College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.35 **Priorities for supporting career development and progression - improving the culture of researcher support, addressing barriers to promotion and transitioning to post-doctoral positions in both academia and industry**
Alice Churm, Postgraduate Officer, Warwick Students' Union
Professor Andrew Church, Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Enterprise), University of Brighton
Dr Karen Clegg, Head, Research Excellence Training, University of York
Senior representative, employment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Next steps for implementation of the revised Concordat**
Professor Julia Buckingham, Chair, Concordat Strategy Group; Vice-Chancellor and President, Brunel University London and President-Elect, Universities UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum