

Giving Feedback

A guide for postgraduate research students.

There is a separate guide for undergraduate and postgraduate taught students.



Annual Review

You will have an Annual Review within 9 to 12 months of enrolment and then every additional year afterwards. This is a formal record of how the research project is going and recognition of student achievement. Students will complete a progression report on Euclid, participate in a review meeting and may need to submit a written report and/or prepare an oral presentation. Though the annual review is a formal assessment for PGR students, it is also an opportunity to report to reviewers any feedback on supervisory relationship, training needs, professional development, and more.

Your feedback in the Annual Review is taken to your School Postgraduate Director or Head of Graduate School.

Useful link: <https://edin.ac/3q1hPSD>

Student Representation

The Students' Association trains and supports over 1400 student representatives, from Programme and School Representatives, to University-wide PGR representatives, and the five full-time Sabbatical Officers who represent all students. All students can share feedback with the relevant student representatives. Issues are raised by student representatives directly with staff or at Student-Staff Liaison Committee meetings, and representatives work in collaboration with staff to identify solutions.

Useful links: <https://edin.ac/2gz69C2> <https://edin.ac/40qzLWH>

Student-Staff Liaison Committees (SSLCs)

Meetings where student representatives and staff discuss the student experience, covering all matters connected with improving degree programmes at all levels of study. This may include issues and activities in courses, programmes and Schools, and the escalation of issues beyond the remit of the SSLC to resolve. Structures vary and the format of SSLCs may be different to reflect this, but these should happen at least once per semester. Staff and student representatives are responsible for letting students know how their feedback has been acted upon, and how this is done will vary.

Useful contact: [Your School Representative](#) for more about SSLCs in your School.

Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES)

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey is a UK-wide survey that provide an opportunity to give feedback on your experience at Edinburgh. It runs in Semester Two every two years, and the results are used to make improvements and are publicised to help inform future students' decisions on where to study. Full results are made available to students on the Insights Hub – a central Hub containing data from a number of surveys.

Useful link: <https://edin.ac/3kImSTy> <https://edin.ac/4brNaWF>

Student Panel

Students sign up and are invited to provide in-depth and specific feedback through surveys, focus groups, and interviews. This is an opportunity to shape the student experience across a range of topics throughout the year. Feedback and reviews are analysed by the University and contribute to informing University decisions and actions.

Useful link: <https://edin.ac/2p2J4iZ>

Internal Periodic Review

A significant, wide-ranging review is conducted of each programme at least every six years and includes a student member on the panel. Students are invited to meet the review team, propose aspects for review and provide feedback. Outcomes include recommendations and follow-ups which are shared online, via Student-Staff Liaison Committees, and reported externally.

Useful links: <https://edin.ac/2gz59hg> <https://edin.ac/3NBJhyW>

Other Useful Links

Student Voice Policy: <https://edin.ac/48bPCNG>

Student Partnership Agreement: <https://edin.ac/3HZvvJs>

Student Surveys: <https://edin.ac/2i1banf>

Student Engagement: <https://edin.ac/3nwri28>

Policy, regulations and guidance for PGR students: <https://edin.ac/3AfPQUR>

Code of Practice for Supervisors and Research Students: <https://edin.ac/3aasK7p>