

The University of Edinburgh

**Meeting of the Senatus Researcher Experience Committee
to be held on 6 November 2018 at 2.00pm
in the Torridon Room, Charles Stewart House, Chambers Street
Convener: Dr Antony Maciocia**

A G E N D A

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2018** Enclosed
2. **Matters Arising**
 - 2.1 Old Kirk Project
 - 2.2 Student Partnership in Quality Scotland (sparqs) conference
3. **Conveners' Communications**
 - 3.1 Three minute thesis

For Discussion
4. **REF 2021 and use of metrics**
5. **Service Excellence Programme update**
6. **University of Edinburgh Funded PhD Scholarships:**
 - 6.1 Enlightenment Scholarships REC 18/19 2A
- Closed
 - 6.2 Principal's Career Development Scholarships
 - 6.3 Development and Alumni funding for scholarships
 - 6.4 Other scholarships REC 18/19 2B
- Closed
7. **Postgraduate Research External Examiners**
8. **UK Council for Graduate Education (UKCGE) Supervisor Accreditation Pilot**
9. **Excellence in Doctoral Research & Career Development: Progress reports June 2018**
10. **Task groups:**
 - 10.1 Practical operation of PhD with Integrated Study programmes

For information and formal business
11. **Researcher training governance**
12. **External Engagement:**
 - 12.1 League of European Research Universities (LERU)
 - 12.1.1 Summer School 2019
 - 12.2 UK Council for Graduate Education (UKCGE)
 - 12.3 Coimbra
 - 12.4 Network of Universities from European Capitals (UNICA)
 - 12.5 Universitas 21
 - 12.6 University of Bath Graduate School

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13. Report from the Knowledge Strategy Committee

REC 18/19 2C
to follow

14. Research Policy Group report

15. Any other business

15.1 Conferences and events

Susan Hunter, Academic Services, 30 October 2018

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University of Edinburgh (UoE) Funded PhD Scholarships

Executive Summary

The paper provides a brief review of the current state of University scholarships and the funding context. It notes the variety of funding models and oversight of scholarships across Schools and Colleges. The paper contains two proposals for consideration.

How does this align with the University / Committee's strategic plans and priorities?

The paper aligns with the Committee's priority to oversee the introduction of the Enlightenment Scholarships scheme.

Action requested

The Committee is invited to consider the proposals on page 4.

How will any action agreed be implemented and communicated?

Action in relation to developing proposal 1 will be taken forward by the Enlightenment Scholarships Management Group. Further implementation and communication on scholarships will require discussion with Student Recruitment and Administration/Student Scholarships and Funding.

Resource / Risk / Compliance

1. Resource implications (including staffing)

There will be resource implications related to proposal 1 which will need further consideration by the Enlightenment Scholarship Management Group in developing any proposals.

2. Risk assessment

A risk assessment is not included as the paper is intended to stimulate discussion.

3. Equality and Diversity

Equality and diversity implications are not discussed in this paper as it is intended to stimulate discussion. As the paper does not propose any change to current policy, regulations or practices, an equality impact is not required at this stage.

4. Freedom of information

5. The paper is **closed**: Its disclosure would substantially prejudice the commercial interests of any person or organisation.

Originator of the paper

Dr Antony Maciocia, College of Science & Engineering
30 October 2018

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A new model for donor-funded Needs-Blind Admissions for PhD studentships

Executive Summary

The paper provides a draft proposal from Development and Alumni on a structure for the funding by private donors of additional PhD students targeting the very best doctoral candidates in the world (but very much including Scotland and Rest of the UK).

How does this align with the University / Committee's strategic plans and priorities?

The paper aligns with the University strategic plan objective of Excellence in Research.

Action requested

The paper is provided for information and to stimulate discussion.

How will any action agreed be implemented and communicated?

The paper is a draft proposal and no action is associated with this at present.

Resource / Risk / Compliance

1. Resource implications (including staffing)

The paper includes a worked example of funding on page 3.

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Chris Cox, Vice-Principal Philanthropy and Advancement
October 2018