

ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL

# RCUK Statement of Expectations for Doctoral Training



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# Introduction



- ■ Background
- ■ What does it cover
- ■ Future use

# Background

- Statement of Expectations/ Joint Vision for Collaborative Research
- Common terminology for funding routes
- Terms and Conditions
- Reporting and data

# What does it cover?

- Applies to all research council funded students
- Provides clarity on our expectations of:
  - Research organisations
  - Students
  - The training environment
  - Collaborations

# Research Organisations

- ■ Training strategy
- ■ Emphasis on quality rather than quantity
- ■ Robust recruitment process
- ■ Collaboration strongly encouraged
- ■ Reporting and data important
- ■ Student awareness
- ■ Maximise impact from outcomes

# Training environment

- Excellent standards of supervision
- Career information and advice
- Treat student as individual
- Training in:
  - Research skills
  - Impact
  - Professional and transferable skills
  - Research conduct
- Benefit (where possible) from being part of a broad peer group
- Experiences outside 'home' institution encouraged



# Students



- ■ Taking individual responsibility:
- ■ Managing and directing their project and training
- ■ Opportunities outside 'home' institution
- ■ Developing personal career goals and options
- ■ Developing higher level capabilities outlined in RDF

# Collaborations

- ■ Challenge
- ■ Maximising the 'experience'
- ■ Promote involvement of RO and RC
- ■ Intellectual property arrangements





# Next Steps

- ■ Use in dialogue with institutions and departments
- ■ How might/are you using it?