



Making cross-institutional collaborations work for doctoral programmes

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What is a Doctoral Programme?

- Incorporates
 - Doctorate Training Centres
 - Doctoral Training Partnerships
 - Centres for Doctoral Training
- Brought about by change in the funding environment
- Clusters of PhD studentships: “Block Grants”
- Most offer PhD; some offer EngD.
- Inspired and instigated by the Research Councils to **stimulate and enhance key subject disciplines** and **critical mass in research student numbers**
- Particular **focus on investing in research** either in **developing areas** or in **interdisciplinary areas**
- Many are cross-institutional**
- Majority of Research Council funding will be through DTCs in the future

For Doctoral Programme Management

- Governance
- Recruitment
- Financial management
- Communication

For HEIs

- Recruitment
- Admission & Induction
- Student Administration
- Co-supervision

For the Student Body

- Logistics (Travel/Accommodation etc.)
- Student Identity
- Multiple sets of regulations
- Opportunity overload
- Cohort development



For Doctoral Programme Management

- Opportunity to share administrative burden
- Economy of scale for niche skills development
- Good practice is shared

For HEIs

- Access to studentship funding
- Opportunity to develop further research/industrial collaborations
- Catalyst for developing postgraduate e-learning further (MOOCs etc.)
- Driving change

For the Student Body

- Being part of a dynamic research community not bounded by institutions
- Researcher mobility
- Being part of a large cohort
- Opportunities created by having multiple identities
- Access to broader menu of training opportunities
- Access to specialist training