



# Welcome, introduction and conference aims

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## Vitae Researcher Development International conference 2014

The conference will address the strategic and practical implications of the following themes:

- ✔ Policy developments relating to the doctoral education and employing researchers
- ✔ Building institutional capacity for researchers' professional development to maintain research excellence
- ✔ Sustainable practice to support researcher skills, professional and career development
- ✔ Demonstrating the value of researcher development on research outputs, researcher careers, economic prosperity and society



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# The programme

## Plenary sessions:

- ✔ Strategic and global context for developing researchers
- ✔ Doctoral education: transitions, recruitment and international comparisons
- ✔ Research staff: talent management, appraisal, employability and destinations
- ✔ Challenging assumptions: next steps for researcher development?

Extensive workshop and special interest sessions



## New initiatives and launches

- ✔ Updates on the latest development related to the **HR Excellence in Research Awards**
- ✔ New information from **HEFCE analysis of transitions into doctoral study**
- ✔ The launch of the findings of the HEFCE funded project undertaken by CRAC '**Understanding the recruitment and selection of postgraduate researchers by English HE institutions**'
- ✔ The launch of the findings of the HEFCE funded '**International comparisons in postgraduate provision**' research
- ✔ Emerging findings from '**What do research staff do next**'
- ✔ The publication of '**Vitae occasional papers, volume 1: The Impact of Researcher Development**'. A collection of papers based on workshops at the Vitae Researcher Development International Conference, 3-4th September 2013, Manchester UK
- ✔ **Vitae activities 2014-15**



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## Partners and supporters

✔ **The final of the UK 3 Minute Thesis competition** which takes place before dinner with an RCUK sponsored prize of £3000 for the winner

✔ **Media partnership with Research Fortnight**, including the dedicated conference supplement

✔ **Elsevier sponsored the wine reception**

✔ **Access for conference participants to the International Journal of Researcher Development**

✔ **Exhibition**



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# HR Excellence in Research Awards 2 year self assessments September 2014



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# Times Higher Awards shortlist



## Outstanding Support for Early Career Researchers

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