

Researcher Development Statement

Dear Vitae

The Research Staff Development Advisory Group (ReSDAG) is pleased to offer its support to the Researcher Development Statement (RDS).

We believe that it is a timely and important document that will offer both structure and guidance for HEIs as they continue to develop and evaluate their provision and support for researchers at all levels, toward a sustainable future for the sector.

We welcome the fact that both the strategic statement (RDS) and operational framework (RDF) will 'support the implementation of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, the QAA Code of practice for research degree programmes and the 'Roberts' recommendations for postgraduate researchers and research staff.'

Given the changing environment facing the sector, the RDS will also support the researcher development agenda in maintaining its high priority.

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On behalf of ReSDAG

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