

International Conference on Developments in Doctoral Education and Training



Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh

11th – 12th April 2013

Call for Papers

The UK Council for Graduate Education is pleased to open the call for papers for the International Conference in Developments in Doctoral Education and Training.

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Recent years have seen a considerable range of developments in the provision of doctoral education in the UK. The drivers for these changes emanate mainly from agencies and bodies with interests in doctoral degrees (QAA, RCUK and HEFCE), rather than from higher education institutions. Many now accept that these developments, which have shaped the provision of doctoral training in the UK, have improved the quality of doctoral education particularly with respect to the support provided to doctoral candidates. Within a European context the UK is widely recognised as a leader in skills training for doctoral programmes. Many of the approaches adopted in the UK for monitoring and supporting doctoral education nationally are being used as a template by other countries in the European Higher Education Area to develop their own doctoral provision. More recently the formation of the European Council for Doctoral Education, a special interest group within the European Universities Association, has helped raise the profile of doctoral education across Europe.



The main themes of the conference are:

1. Policy agendas
2. Structure of Doctoral Programmes
3. Training in Doctoral Programmes
4. Supervisors
5. Assessing Doctoral Programmes
6. New approaches

A key aim of this Conference is to identify the good work going on in Europe and other PhD intensive countries – including the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Many of these countries have national organisation and key groups bringing together those responsible for doctoral programmes. This includes the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) in USA and The Council of Deans and Directors of Graduate Studies (DDOGS) in Australia. These organisations share many of the aims and objectives of the UKCGE.

This Conference offers a major platform to assess and discuss doctoral education and training in the international context, with an opportunity to share experience and network with colleagues old and new from throughout the world.

Papers are invited for presentation at the conference in a range of formats:

1. Oral presentation
2. Poster presentation (to include a 5 minute oral summary)
3. Round Table Discussion

Authors are requested to submit a 300 word abstract by Friday 30th November 2012.

Full details on the submission requirements are available at:

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