



Annual Meeting for Directors of Postgraduate Education & Postgraduate Tutors 2025

Monday 20 January 2-5pm
Student Services Centre
Exam Halls C & D

14:00	<p>Welcome Dr Annette Mahon, Deputy Head, Cambridge Centre for Teaching & Learning</p>
14.05	<p>Reflections on 2024 Professor Bhaskar Vira, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education</p>
14.15	<p>Keynote: 'Improving Research Culture' Liz Simmonds, Head of Research Culture</p> <p><i>Improving research culture is a major topic of discussion among universities in the UK and Europe, particularly with the inclusion of 'people, culture and environment' in REF 2029. However, it can often seem like the conversations focus on the experiences and challenges relating to individuals at the postdoc stage onwards, with postgraduate issues less prominent. At the University of Cambridge, we are keen to think holistically about our research culture, including the pipeline from postgraduate research students onwards, and all roles that contribute to the research endeavour. In this session, Liz Simmonds will talk about how the university is approaching its work on improving research culture, with a particular focus on activities and projects that are being led by postgraduate community or focus on ways to improve culture for the postgraduate community. There will be the chance to give some feedback about areas of research culture that you feel particularly affect postgraduates.</i></p> <p>This session will involve the use of Padlet. Full instructions will be provided. You can access the two Padlet boards below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are your top research culture priorities in terms of PG education? 

	<p>2. If you could make one big change to research culture at the university, what would it be?</p> 
14.55	<p>Panel: Research Culture</p> <p>Reflections on research culture from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Prof. Joanna Page, Director of CRASSH and Professor of Latin American Studies • Saskia Frisby, PhD candidate, MRC Cognition & Brain Sciences Unit • Prof. Julian Rayner, Chair of the University Research Culture Steering Committee and Director of the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research • Prof. Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, Professor in International Studies, Director of the MSt in International Relations, Department of Politics & International Studies <p>Q&A with panel members</p>
15.35	<p>Coffee break</p>
16.00	<p>Small-group discussions on Postgraduate Education Strategy</p> <p>Melissa Reilly, Business Improvement Manager, Education Services</p> <p><i>This workshop will aim to generate key insights on the experience and purpose of PGR education, which will be used to inform the development of the University's Education Strategy. The Strategy is being developed to align with, and expand upon, the University's mission and core values and identify how these should be realised across the collegiate University.</i></p>
16.50	<p>Concluding comments and reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Annette Mahon, Deputy Head, Cambridge Centre for Teaching & Learning
17.00	<p>Close</p> <p>We would be grateful if you could respond to our short feedback form:</p> 