



Improving postgraduate career development

The UK GRAD Programme is a national programme funded by the Research Councils UK and managed by CRAC: The Career Development Organisation. Its remit is to support postgraduate researchers to successfully complete their doctorates and make a successful transition into their next career step (whatever that may be).

To help inform developments and support for future postgraduate researchers, we are surveying people who have completed a doctorate between 2001-2005. These people, we anticipate, will be in a unique position to reflect on their experiences and identify how their postgraduate experience influenced and prepared them for their future career paths.

This information will provide a really positive contribution to the career development support of future postgraduate researchers by enabling us to understand when and what useful interventions should be made and share this with those supporting postgraduates within institutions and further a field.

The first stage in this process is to conduct an online survey of people who have completed a doctorate. If you completed a doctorate between 2001-5 (inclusive), we'd be very grateful if you could spare some time to respond to the survey.

To access the survey, please go to <https://www.survey.crac.org.uk/transition>.

The survey is open from November 26th to January 11th 2008.

We estimate that it takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The survey will of course be conducted strictly in accordance with the Data Protection Act. More information about the UK GRAD Programme is available at www.grad.ac.uk. If you would like any further information about the survey itself, you are very welcome to contact philippa.storer@grad.ac.uk.

Finally, we would also be very grateful if you would forward this to anyone you know who also completed a doctorate between 2001-5.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

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