

### Test - Culture, Employment and Development in Academic Research Survey (CEDARS) 2020 - UoG

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Welcome to the Culture, Employment and Development in Academic Research Survey (CEDARS) 2020. This new survey\* gathers the views and experiences of researchers across the UK in the context of the revised Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, which aims to create the best culture for researchers to thrive.

Your input and that of your colleagues is very important and highly valued, and we appreciate the contribution you are making by telling us about your views and experiences.

You can complete CEDARS if you conduct research and / or manage researchers. We are interested to hear from people who are employed primarily as a researcher, and also people who conduct research, but may only have a proportion, or none, of their working time allocated to research activities, for example, technicians or those on teach-only contracts, and postgraduate researchers.

Section 1 asks about your current position

Section 2 asks you to consider how you are valued and treated

Section 3 asks about your professional development as a researcher and manager of researchers

Section 4 asks you about the environment and culture in which you work

Section 5 asks some demographic questions about you

Your responses will be anonymous: you will not be identified or identifiable in any published results. All questions are optional except for those required to route you to questions pertinent to your experience and circumstances. It should only take about 20 minutes to complete the survey, but the information you provide will bring long-lasting benefit to you and your peers. For your responses to be recorded you need to go through to the end of the survey and press the submit button.

The results will be used to inform actions within the institution and the aggregated UK data by Vitae to understand researchers' experiences across the UK, and among research funders to achieve their obligations within the Concordat.

Thank you for taking the time to share your experience of being a researcher in the UK.

Please confirm that you consent for your responses to be processed by the institution. If you do not give this consent, your responses will not be included in any analysis. \*

Required

#### C I confirm

\* CEDARS replaces both the Careers in Research Online Survey (CROS) and the Principal Investigators and Research Leaders Survey (PIRLS).

CEDARS is managed by Vitae, an international programme dedicated to supporting the professional and career development of researchers. <a href="https://www.vitae.ac.uk">www.vitae.ac.uk</a>

#### **Section 1 – About your current position**

This section asks about your employment conditions and how much time you spend on research.

Which of these best describes your current position? (If you are a staff member and undertaking a doctorate, please select the first option) \* Required

- © Employed within a university or research institute
- A doctoral researcher

Are you currently studying? Optional

© Full-time?			
© Part-time?			

Are you currently employed?

C Full-time
C Part-time
On hourly basis

What is your nearest full time equivalent (FTE)

O 0.2			
€ 0.4			
€ 0.6			
○ 0.8			

- Fixed-term
- Open-ended (can be known as 'permanent')
- Open-ended but limited by funding
- Not sure

What is the total length of your contract?



How many fixed-term contracts, or contract extensions, have you had in total at your current institution?

12 or 34 or more

Are you contracted to undertake research (i.e. perform it and/or manage those that do)?



What proportion of your contracted time is allocated to research?

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C 1 - 20%
C 21 - 40%
C 41 - 60%
C 61 - 80%
C 81 -100%
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What proportion of your working time, on average, do you actually spend on research?

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0%
1 - 20%
21 - 40%
41 - 60%
61 - 80%
81 -100%
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With which of these job families does your main role align most closely?

- Teaching only (employed only to undertake teaching)
- Teaching and research (employed to undertake both teaching and research)
- © Research only (primarily employed to undertake research only, although this may include limited teaching hours)
- Professional Services (professional and technical occupations; e.g. technician, researcher developer)

With which of these levels of researcher do you most closely identify?

- Undertaking your doctorate
- © Above doctoral level, not yet fully independent, typically research staff, postdoctoral researcher, research fellow
- © Established researcher, typically assistant professor, lecturer, senior research fellow
- Senior researcher, typically research group leader, research director, reader, full professor
- Not applicable

How many years in total have you been a researcher (excluding doctoral research)?

- C Less than 1
- 1 to 2
- © 2 to 4
- © 5 to 10
- More than 10

Not applicable

### Section 2 - Recognition and value

This is your opportunity to consider whether you feel you are valued and treated fairly by your institution.

To what extent do you agree that your institution treats you fairly in relation to:

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
Access to training and development opportunities?	0	0	O	0	0	0
Opportunities for funding to attend conferences and external meetings?	0	C	O	0	O	0
Opportunities to participate in decision-making processes (e.g. committees)?	0	C	O	0	O	0
Opportunities for promotion and progression?	0	0	0	O	0	0
Salary and benefits?	0	0	0	0	0	O
Requests for flexible working?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contracted workload?	O	C	0	0	C	O
Allocation of additional work beyond your contracted workload?	О	C	О	C	C	С

Research outputs expectations?	0	0	0	O	0	0
Inclusion in the REF?	0	0	0	0	0	O

To what extent does your institution value the contributions that you make to:

	Fully	Mostly	To some degree	Not at all	Don't know	Not applicable
Grant/funding applications?	0	0	C	0	0	O
Peer reviewing and grant evaluation?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Publications and other research outputs?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public/media dissemination?	O	0	O	0	0	0
Knowledge transfer activities (e.g. IP, commercialisation)?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary, professional or sector bodies?	O	0	0	0	0	0

To what extent does your institution value the contributions that you make to:

	Fully	Mostly	To some degree	Not at all	Don't know	Not applicable
Appraisal/review of staff?	0	O	0	0	0	0
Managing staff performance?	0	O	0	0	0	0
Developing researchers?	0	O	0	0	0	0
Supervising research students?	0	O	0	C	0	O
Teaching and lecturing?	O	O	0	0	0	0

External examination (of research theses)?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Institutional policy and decision- making?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Management and administration within the institution?	0	0	0	0	0	O

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
The promotion pathways and processes at my institution are clear to me	C	0	O	O	0	0
My institution has equitable opportunities for career progression	C	0	O	O	0	0
Promotions at my institution are made on merit	O	O	O	O	0	О
My institution's redundancy processes are clear to me	О	0	O	С	0	0

Have you been recruited into your current post in the last two years? \* Required

© Yes			
© No			

To what extent do you agree that your recruitment, selection and appointment process was:

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
Fair?	0	0	0	0	0	O
Inclusive?	0	0	0	0	0	O
Transparent?	0	0	0	0	C	0
Merit-based?	O	0	0	O	C	O

When you started with your current employer how useful did you find your induction...

	Very useful	Useful	Not very useful	Not at all useful	Not offered	Offered but not taken
At institution level?	0	0	0	0	0	0
At departmental/faculty/unit level?	0	0	O	O	0	0
Local to your current role?	C	0	0	0	0	O

Over the past two years (or since taking up your current position if that is more recent) have you participated in staff appraisal/review? Optional

© Yes
○ No
How useful did you find your staff review/appraisal?
C Very useful
O Useful
○ Not very useful
○ Not at all useful
O Not applicable
C Don't know
You have not participated in appraisal because:
<ul> <li>You are on probation</li> </ul>

- C You've only recently been appointed
- You haven't been invited to do so
- You haven't arranged this yet
- You are not eligible
- Other

Are you currently a manager of researchers? \* Required

© Yes			
○ No			

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? My immediate manager...

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
Clearly articulates their expectations of me with respect to my role and performance	O	O	0	0	0	0
Provides constructive feedback on my performance	0	0	O	O	0	0
Supports me to develop my research identity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supports me in working towards promotion opportunities	0	0	O	0	0	О
Supports me in my broader career aspirations	O	0	0	0	0	0

Please provide any additional comments you have	e about your employment
circumstances	

How many researchers do you currently (line) manage?



How many doctoral researchers do you currently supervise?

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C 0
C 1-2
C 3-4
C 5-9
C 10-14
C 15+
C Not applicable
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Please indicate how confident you are in your ability to:

	Fully confident	Confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	Don't know	Not applicable
Use inclusive, equitable and transparent recruitment processes	0	0	О	О	0	0
Give guidance to researchers on institutional redeployment processes	O	О	О	О	О	0
Actively support your researchers in working towards their career aspirations	0	О	О	О	O	0
Manage appraisal/review processes effectively	0	0	O	O	O	0
Provide effective feedback to individual researchers	0	0	O	O	O	0
Deal with poor performance of researchers	0	C	C	C	0	O
Acknowledge good performance	O	0	0	0	0	0

Respond to any issues relating to health and wellbeing	0	O	О	O	O	О
Respond to any issues relating to bullying and harassment	O	0	O	O	0	O
Manage requests for flexible working appropriately	0	O	O	O	0	О

In which areas have you undertaken, or would you like to undertake, training and other continuing professional development?

	I have done	I would like to	I have no interest in this
Conducting appraisals	0	0	0
Leading a research group	0	0	0
Managing staff performance	0	0	O
Recruitment and selection	0	0	0
Supervising doctoral researchers	O	O	O
Leadership	0	0	0
Research integrity	0	0	0
Equality, diversity and inclusion	0	0	0
Mental health and wellbeing	O	0	О

Please provide any additional comments you have about employing and managing researchers

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#### Section 3 - Professional and career development

In this section we invite you to think about your continuing professional development.

By this we mean an on-going and reflective approach to improving your professional competencies and experiences through a variety of formal and informal activities that do not form a normal part of your job. Examples might include attending a training course or workshop, developing your leadership capabilities, workplace shadowing, participating in a mentoring scheme (as mentor or mentee), committee membership, participating in policy development, public engagement, or knowledge exchange activities.

#### To what extent do you agree that ...

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
Your manager / supervisor encourages you to engage in personal and career development activities?	C	0	0	0	0	0
Your manager / supervisor encourages you to consider a wide range of future career options beyond academia?	C	O	O	O	O	О
You are aware of the support your institution provides for your career and professional development?	O	O	O	O	0	О

You have discussed your career options with a careers specialist?	O	O	0	0	О	0
You have a clear career development plan?	O	0	O	O	0	0
You maintain a formal record of your continuing professional development activities?	O	0	0	0	O	0
You have time to develop your research identity?	0	O	0	0	0	0
You have time to develop your leadership skills?	О	O	0	0	0	0

Do you have a regular formal career development review with your manager / supervisor (separately or as part of your appraisal / performance review)? *Optional* 

© Yes			
○ No			

How useful is the career development review with your manager?

- Very useful
- Useful
- Not very useful
- Not at all useful
- Not applicable

In which area do you aspire and expect to work in the long term? (Select one option in each column)

	I aspire to work in	I expect to work in
Academic career (teaching and/or research)		
Other role in academia (e.g. professional services, including technical occupation)	Г	Г
Research career beyond academia		Г
Self-employment/running your own business		
Teaching career outside higher education		
Other occupations		
Don't know		

In which areas have you undertaken, or would you like to undertake, training and other continuing professional development?

	I have done this	I would like to do this	I have no interest in this
Career management	0	O	C
Collaboration and teamworking	0	0	0
Communication and dissemination	0	0	0
Equality, diversity and inclusion	0	O	0
Personal motivation and effectiveness	O	0	O
Project management	0	O	0
Leadership	0	0	O
Managing others	0	0	C

Teaching or lecturing	0	0	O
Mental health and wellbeing	O	O	O
Interdisciplinary research	O	O	O
Open research (open publication and open data)	O	O	0
Research integrity	0	0	O
Research methods	0	O	0

What is your level of interest in engaging in the following aspects of the research system?

	I have done this	I would like to do this	I have no interest in this
Commercialisation	0	0	0
Knowledge exchange	0	0	О
Public policy development	0	0	О
Public engagement	O	0	О
Citizen science or co-creation of research with society	0	0	0
Experience of other employment sectors	0	C	O
Secondment/placement in another employment sector	0	О	0
Participation in institution policy and decision-making	O	O	O

During the past 12 months (or since taking up your current position if that is more recent) approximately how many days have you spent on training and other continuing professional development activities?

© None
C Less than 1 day
© 1-2 day
C 3-4 days
C 5-9 days
○ 10 days
© More than 10 days
Please provide any comments you have about the training and career development you have undertaken, or would like to undertake, including any barriers to participation.

#### Section 4 - Environment and culture

This is your opportunity to consider the culture in your institution and your immediate research environment.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements in relation to equality and diversity?

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
I am familiar with my institution's mechanisms to report incidents of discrimination	O	O	0	O	0	0
I would feel comfortable reporting an incident of discrimination	0	O	O	0	0	0
I trust that my institution will investigate any reported incident of discrimination fairly	O	O	O	O	О	0
I trust that my institution would take action if appropriate after such an investigation	O	O	O	O	C	0
I think staff at my institution are treated fairly irrespective of any protected characteristics	O	O	O	O	O	0

To what extent do you agree with the following statements in relation to bullying and harassment?

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
I am familiar with my institution's mechanisms to report bullying or harassment	C	O	0	0	0	0
I would feel comfortable reporting an incident of bullying or harassment	O	0	O	0	0	O
I trust that my institution will investigate any reported incident of bullying and harassment fairly	O	O	О	0	О	0
I trust that my institution would take action if appropriate after such an investigation	O	O	O	0	O	0

Bullying and harassment is behaviour that makes someone feel intimidated or offended.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements in relation to research integrity?

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
I am familiar with my institution's mechanisms to report incidents of misconduct	O	0	O	O	O	0

I would feel comfortable reporting any incidents of research misconduct	0	0	O	C	0	О
I trust my institution to investigate any reported incidents of research misconduct fairly	O	O	O	O	0	0
I trust that my institution would take action if appropriate after such an investigation	O	O	O	O	O	О

In the last two years, at your institution, have you...

	Yes	No
Personally felt discriminated against whilst at work?	0	0
Reported any incidents of discrimination (to you or somebody else)?	0	0
Personally felt bullied or harassed?	0	0
Reported any incidents of bullying or harassment (to you or somebody else)?	0	0
Personally felt pressured into compromising your research standards or integrity?	0	0
Reported any incidents of research misconduct (by you or somebody else)?	0	0

To what extent do you agree that...

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	Not applicable
You are appropriately recognised for your contributions to your institution?	O	O	0	0	0	0
Your institution promotes the highest standards of research integrity and conduct?	C	C	0	O	O	0
Your institution is committed to equality and diversity?	О	O	O	O	0	0
Your institution actively promotes the importance of good mental health and wellbeing of staff?	O	O	O	О	О	0
Your working environment supports your mental health and wellbeing?	C	C	O	O	0	0

To what extent do you agree that...

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Don't know	
You have a good level of job satisfaction?	O	0	O	O	0	0

You feel valued at work?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Your manager promotes a good work-life balance?	О	0	O	O	0	0
You feel included in your immediate research environment/group?	O	O	O	O	0	0
You take positive action to maintain your mental health and wellbeing?	O	C	O	O	0	0

How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of the following UK sector initiatives or frameworks?

	I have some understanding of this	I know this exists but I don't know the detail	I have never heard of this
Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers	C	C	C
Concordat to Support Research Integrity	0	O	О
European 'HR Excellence in Research' Award recognition	O	O	С
Research Excellence Framework (REF)	О	0	0

Please provide any additional comments you have about the research environment and culture in which you work at your institution

### Institution Specific Questions

### **University of Greenwich Faculty**

Please select the relevant Faculty - School/Department Optional
If you selected Other, please specify:

#### **Section 5 – About you**

These questions allow us to collect information on the profile of respondents and to understand any trends in results by different characteristics of respondents.

With which REF Unit of Assessment is your research most closely related?

- A1 Clinical Medicine
- A2 Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care
- A3 Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy
- A4 Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience
- A5 Biological Sciences
- A6 Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science
- © B7 Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences
- © B8 Chemistry
- B9 Physics
- © B10 Mathematical Sciences
- © B11 Computer Science and Informatics
- © B12 Engineering
- C C13 Architecture, Built Environment and Planning
- C C14 Geography and Environmental Studies and Archaeology
- C C15 Archaeology
- © C16 Economics and Econometrics
- C C17 Business and Management Studies
- C18 Law
- © C19 Politics and International Studies
- © C20 Social Work and Social Policy
- © C21 Sociology

- © C22 Anthropology and Development Studies
- C C23 Education
- © C24 Sport and Exercise Sciences, Leisure and Tourism
- © D25 Area Studies
- D26 Modern Languages and Linguistics
- © D27 English Language and Literature
- © D28 History
- D29 Classics
- O D30 Philosophy
- C D31 Theology and Religious Studies
- O D32 Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory
- © D33 Music, Drama, Dance, Performing Arts, Film and Screen Studies
- © D34 Communication, Cultural and Media Studies, Library and Info Mgmt

What is the main source of funding for your research activity?

- Charity (e.g. CRUK, Wellcome)
- © European Union / European Commission funding
- International funding outside of the European Union
- National Institute for Health Research
- Self-funded
- C UK academy or professional body (e.g. British Academy, Royal Society)
- UK government (including devolved administrations)
- UK industry
- C UKRI Research Council (e.g AHRC, BBSRC)
- Your HE institution
- Other (please state)

If you selected Other, please specify:

Which Council is your main source of funding?		
C AHRC C BBSRC C EPSRC C ESRC C MRC C NERC C STFC		
Which charity is your main source of funding?		
<ul> <li>British Heart Foundation</li> <li>Cancer Research UK</li> <li>Wellcome</li> <li>Other (please state)</li> </ul>		
If you selected Other, please specify:		
Which academy or professional body is your main source of funding?		
<ul> <li>Academy of Medical Sciences</li> <li>British Academy</li> <li>Royal Academy of Engineering</li> <li>Royal Society</li> <li>Other (please state)</li> </ul>		

If you selected Other, please specify:
How old are you?
<ul> <li>25 and under</li> <li>26 - 30</li> <li>31 - 35</li> <li>36 - 40</li> <li>41 - 45</li> <li>46 - 50</li> <li>51 - 55</li> <li>56 - 60</li> <li>61 or older</li> </ul>
What is your gender?
<ul> <li>Woman</li> <li>Man</li> <li>Non-binary</li> <li>Prefer not to say</li> <li>Not listed (specify if you wish)</li> </ul>
Not listed (specify if you wish)

What is your sexual orientation?		
<ul> <li>Asexual</li> <li>Bisexual</li> <li>Gay man</li> <li>Gay woman/lesbian</li> <li>Heterosexual/straight</li> <li>Queer</li> <li>Prefer not to say</li> <li>Not listed (specify if you wish)</li> </ul>		
Not listed (specify if you wish)		
Do you have an impairment, health condition or learning difference that has a substantial or long-term impact on your ability to carry out your day-to-day activities? (select any that apply)		
<ul> <li>□ No known impairment, health condition or learning difference</li> <li>□ A long-standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic</li> </ul>		
heart disease, epilepsy)		
☐ A mental health difficulty (e.g. depression, schizophrenia, anxiety disorder) ☐ A physical impairment or mobility issue (such as difficulty using your arms or needing a wheelchair or crutches)		
A social/communication impairment (such as a speech and language impairment, Asperger's syndrome or autistic spectrum disorder)		
☐ A specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or ADHD)		
☐ Blindness or visual impairment not corrected by glasses		
☐ Deafness or hearing impairment		
☐ Prefer not to say		

□ Not listed (specify if you wish)		
Not listed (specify if you wish)		
Do you have any caring responsibilities?		
<ul> <li>□ None</li> <li>□ Primary carer of a child/children under 18 years</li> <li>□ Primary carer of a disabled child or children</li> <li>□ Primary carer or assistant for a disabled adult (18+ years)</li> <li>□ Primary carer or assistant for an older person or people (65+ years)</li> <li>□ Secondary carer (another person carries out the main caring role)</li> <li>□ Prefer not to say</li> </ul>		
What is your nationality? * Required		
<ul> <li>UK/British national</li> <li>National of a European Union member state (not the UK)</li> <li>National of a country outside the European Union</li> </ul>		

Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?

<ul><li>White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British</li></ul>
C White: Irish
C White: Gypsy or traveller
C Other White background
Mixed White and Black Caribbean
Mixed White and Black African
C Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
C Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
C Chinese
C Other Asian background
© Black or Black British - Caribbean
© Black or Black British - African
C Other Black background
C Prefer not to say
O Not listed (specify if you wish)
Not listed (specify if you wish)

What is your ethnicity?		
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Do you have any final comments?	

### Thank you

Your responses have been submitted. Your input is highly valued, and we appreciate the time you have taken to participate in the Culture, Employment and Development in Academic Research Survey.

### **Key for selection options**

#### 44 - Please select the relevant Faculty - School/Department

FES - Natural Resource Institute

FES - Medway School of Pharmacy

FES - Technical Support

FES - School of Science

FES - School of Engineering

FLAS - School of Law

FLAS - School of Design

FLAS - School of Computing & Mathematics

FLAS - School of Humanities & Social Sciences

FOB - Dept. of System Management & Strategy

FOB - Dept. of Marketing, Events & Tourism

FOB - Dept. of International Business & Economics

FOB - Dept. of Human Resources & Organisational Behaviour

FOB - Dept. of Accounting & Finance

FEH - School of Education

FEH - School of Health Sciences

FEH - School of Human Sciences

Other