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Dear colleague,

You may be aware that RCUK launched the Gateway to Research (GtR) on 4th December 2013. This web-based portal publishes information about funded research that can assist businesses and other interested parties to identify potential partners in research organisations to develop and commercialise knowledge, and thereby increase the impact of publicly funded research. It provides better access to information on research funded by the seven Research Councils and the TSB. At the time of the launch, the system published information about more than 42,000 research projects from over 33,000 researchers.

We are continuing to develop the system and I wish to alert you to our plans to incorporate information on the postgraduate research funded by the Research Councils. This will add more than 17,000 projects being undertaken by postgraduate students.

A first step in early February will be to add information about the blocks of funding provided by all Research Councils through training grants. In April of this year, we intend to release project-level information on current Research Council funded PhDs, so that businesses and other interested parties can identify potential university partners for collaboration on the basis of doctoral-level projects. The postgraduate project information will be drawn from that entered in the JeS Student Data Portal.

Personal information about individual students (names etc) will not be included. A listing of the fields we intend to draw through to GtR is appended.

We are seeking your help in engaging with colleagues in your university. Managers of Postgraduate Research (or equivalent) may wish to re-check the information in JeS on PhD student projects starting from 2009/10 (particularly the project title and summary), and make any updates so it is accurate and suitable for publication. The first publication on GtR will be based on data held in the SDP on 7th March. This data will be refreshed on GtR at two monthly intervals after that date. While the timeline to

publication is relatively short, the majority of details will already have been checked as part of a Research Organisation's procedures for returning student data to the Research Councils.

Please bear in mind that the Gateway to Research is intended primarily for non-academic audiences. As the Minister for Intellectual Property, Lord Younger, said at the launch of the portal "*Publicly funded research should be freely available. We must build on the opportunities for businesses to connect with this research and collaborate with universities*". I am sure you will also recognise the potential benefits from the publicly available information being helpful for such audiences.

If you have any questions about these developments the first point of contact should be Dr Iain Cameron, Head of Research Careers and Diversity in RCUK Strategy Unit (iain.cameron@rcuk.ac.uk; T: 01793 444038).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Delpy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Delpy
SRO, GtR Project
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Appendix – Listing of fields to be drawn through to Gateways to Research

Project-level information about funded studentships will be published as a “project” on GtR and the data drawn from the student data portal.

SDP input name	Page where entered	Notes/ guidance
Grants	Research Organisation	The grant(s) from which the student is funded - these will be the grant(s) to which the student details are linked. A student may be funded by more than one grant.
Organisation	[from training grant]	The organisation that holds the training grant.
Project Title	Project Details	This should be as informative as possible, even if final title not yet confirmed
Summary	Project Details	Ensure no sensitive or confidential information is included in this summary
Supervisor	Research Organisation	The academic supervisor(s)
Organisation	Research Organisation	This will be the organisation where the student is registered.
Department	Research Organisation	The Department of the Organisation at which student is registered.
Project Partner Organisation	Project Partner Organisation Details	This will be displayed to highlight collaborative working
Registration Date	Research Training Dates	The Registration Date should be the date on which the student started their studies
Expected Submission Date	Research Training Dates	The date by which the thesis is due to be submitted.

Note that actual costs will not be associated with individual project-level information. We intend to provide a “notional” cost based on national minima for full stipend, fees and incidental costs for an average of 3.5 years.