Dear Ms Han,


Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 24th March 2019 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:


These including but not limited to any terms and conditions, contracts, which universities the recipients belong to and which year, number of recipients for each university.

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation hold information relevant to your request.

The table below shows the number of Commonwealth students starting in academic years 2017/18 and 2018/19. Please note the following:

- Data is not provided for academic year 2019/20 because this date is in the future.
- Designation of students as “Commonwealth” is based on nationality data reported to us by Research Organisations through the Je-S student details portal.
- Data has been rounded using HESA Standard Rounding Methodology\(^1\) to ensure that individuals cannot be identified. The rounding is applied after any calculations have been done so that changes to the data don’t compound each other to give even more inaccurate results. This sometimes means numbers in the table don’t appear to add up.
- Organisations where the grand total number of Commonwealth students is zero or rounds to zero are excluded from the table.

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\(^1\) [https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/rounding-and-suppression-anonymise-statistics](https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/rounding-and-suppression-anonymise-statistics)
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EPSRC does not use contracts in relation to studentships. The terms and conditions for UKRI training grants (which apply to all EPRSC training grants) can be found on our website: https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/grant-terms-and-conditions/. Please note, this is an evolving document which is updated to reflect changes in UKRI policies.

Additional terms and conditions apply to specific schemes, which have been provided at Annex 1. These conditions can also be amended to reflect changes in policy. The most recent versions are supplied.

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

**Complaints Officer**
UK Research and Innovation
Polaris House
North Star Avenue
Swindon
SN2 1FL
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.
If you are still not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745  
Further information about the Office of the Information Commissioner can be found at  
http://www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely,

Jason Johnson  
UK Research and Innovation, Information Governance Team  
Email: foi@ukri.org
Annex 1.

**Centres for Doctoral Training:**

**Additional grant conditions for EPSRC Centres for Doctoral Training**

**GAC 01 Naming and Branding**

Centre grants must be titled ‘EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in...’ (Unless jointly funded by another Research Council in which case they should be titled ‘EPSRC and [Research Council] Centre for Doctoral Training in...’). This title should be used, along with the EPSRC [and other Research Council] logos, prominently on all materials (including posters) and websites. Where a name and logo for a centre has already been developed externally reference to the full title of the Centre should be included within the text and logos should be prominently displayed. Reference to the funding Research Council(s) must be made in any written text such as press releases or published documents. Further details and EPSRC branding guidelines can be found on the EPSRC website: http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/about/logos/Pages/logos.aspx

**GAC 02 Involvement of the Research Council**

The Research Council(s) will nominate a Project Officer(s) who will be the Research Council(s) contact. The Project Officer must be represented on (and be invited to) the appropriate management or steering group and should receive all minutes of the management or steering groups.

**GAC 03 Monitoring Progress and Dissemination**

Whilst it is the responsibility of the Research Organisation to manage the centre training grant, the Research Council(s) reserve the right to call for periodic information on progress or to visit the Centre and/or management team.

The Principal Investigator and representatives from the Student Cohorts may also be asked to attend meetings to exchange information and ideas with colleagues from other Centres for Doctoral Training or similar. The Principal Investigator and Student Cohorts must make all reasonable efforts, if so invited, to attend events or activities organised by the Research Council(s) concerning such dissemination events, with appropriate travel funds to be found from the announced training grant resources.

In line with TC13 (Monitoring and Information Requirements) in addition to providing information on Research Council funded students via the Je-S Student Details Portal (SDP), Research Organisations will also be required to make returns to EPSRC giving details of the students leveraged from additional sources.

The Research Council will undertake reviews throughout the duration of the Centre, for which any necessary additional information must be provided in a timely manner.

**GAC 04 Collaboration Agreements**

Where the grant is associated with more than one research organisation and/or other project partners, the basis of collaboration between the organisations, including the allocation of resources throughout the project and ownership of intellectual property and rights to exploitation, is expected to be set out in a formal collaboration agreement. It is the responsibility of the Research Organisation to put such an agreement in place before the research begins. The terms of collaboration agreements must not conflict with the Research Councils' terms and conditions.

Arrangements for collaboration and/or exploitation must not prevent the future progression of research and the dissemination of research results in accordance with academic custom and practice. A temporary delay in publication is acceptable in order to allow commercial and collaborative arrangements to be established.

**Doctoral Training Partnerships:**

**TGAC 01: Collaboration on DTP funded projects**

The EPSRC continues to encourage industrial collaboration through CASE awards in science and engineering. These awards are a type of doctoral studentship designed to incorporate an element of collaboration and industrially related training to broaden experience. To support this through the DTP mechanism, the EPSRC has set the Research Organisation the target of converting 10% of these DTP funds into CASE awards. The numbers of CASE conversions must be reported through the annual reporting process and CASE conversions will be monitored by EPSRC.

**TGAC 02: EPSRC Doctoral Prize**

The 2018/2019 DTP includes funds for EPSRC Doctoral Prizes, which enable research organisations to selectively target the very best students and support their development beyond the end of their PhD, to help launch a successful career in research.
Research Organisations may choose to use up to 10% of their 2018/2019 DTP for EPSRC Doctoral Prizes and recipients of the 'EPSRC Doctoral Prize' may receive up to two years of additional funding. Details of the funding used for this purpose must be reported through the annual reporting process and identified separately when the Final Expenditure Statement (FES) is submitted to the EPSRC.

TGAC 03: EPSRC Vacation Bursaries

The 2018/2019 DTP includes funds to support EPSRC Vacation Bursaries, which enable undergraduate students to gain first-hand positive and practical experience of research in a UK university. Research Organisations may choose to fund up to 15 Vacation Bursaries a year from the 2018/2019 DTP. Details of the funding used for this purpose must be reported through the annual reporting process and identified separately when the Final Expenditure Statement is submitted to the EPSRC.

TGAC 04: International Doctoral Scholars

Research Organisations may choose to provide open eligibility for up to 10% of the students starting in a year. This will help strengthen the research base by enabling recruitment of the very best students, whether international or otherwise. As part of this, Institutions will be able to allocate a proportion of their 2018/2019 DTP to the very best students of all nationalities, without the normal eligibility restrictions applying. This flexibility is for up to 10% of the students starting at the research organisation in an academic year. Details of the students funded through this flexibility must be reported through the Je-S Student Details as 'International Doctoral Scholars (IDS grant)' and ensure the student record is linked to the relevant EPSRC training grant.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payments

Whilst Research Organisations are encouraged to use the flexibility afforded within the DTP, EPSRC reserves the right to re-profile the account if it considers that payments to the Research Organisation are significantly at variance with expenditure.

Electronic offer letters

An electronic version of the grant offer letter will be sent through the Je-S system to the main Je-S portal at the RO accompanied by an offer acceptance and payment data. The RO will be responsible for the distribution of the offer letter to the Principal Investigator and all Co-Investigators (including those at other ROs) and will have to return the offer acceptance via Je-S within 10 working days of receipt. The Start Confirmation (formerly the Starting Certificate) will only be sent out, electronically, to the RO when the offer acceptance has been returned.

Flexibility

Universities may offer 3 or 4 year PhDs, or intermediate periods, as appropriate to the needs of individual projects. The funded period and duration of the doctoral project should be agreed with the student at the outset.

In return for the considerable flexibility provided by Doctoral Training Partnerships, EPSRC expects research organisations to make a commitment to the quality of supervision and training offered to students (e.g. offering of skills training, career advice) and also to provide the council with accurate information on the students supported on its Doctoral Training Partnerships. Research Organisations are referred to the RCUK Statement of Expectation for Postgraduate Training (http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/skills/statementofexpectation-pdf/); how Research Organisations are responding to it will form part of ongoing discussions regarding EPSRC’s training investment in the Research Organisation.

Collection of Information

EPSRC will use information collected via the Je-S Student Data Capture System to monitor financial, project and other aspects of the doctoral training funded through Doctoral Training Partnerships. EPSRC will continue to monitor the quality of student data in terms of content and numbers submitted, and also any records which do not have enough information to assign to a subject area or do not appear to be within the remit of the Research Council.

EPSRC will monitor Vacation Bursaries, Doctoral Prize and CASE conversions through the annual reporting forms submitted to EPSRC.

Certain information, such as information on the post-award employment of students, may be collected on EPSRC's behalf by other organisations (such as HESA).

Student Eligibility

The conditions of training grants refer to residence requirements.

Students must be able to demonstrate a capability to complete research training to the standard necessary to qualify for a PhD. This normally requires an upper second class honours degree, or a combination of qualifications and/or experience.
equivalent to that level. The Research Organisation may use discretion in making decisions on the suitability of individual candidates for research training. The University is expected to apply the eligibility criteria in a fair and transparent manner, recognising that an element of judgement may be required in individual cases.

**Industrial CASE:**

**GAC 1. Use of Funds**
ICA funding may only be used to support Industrial CASE (ICASE) PhD studentships. Each ICASE award is a fully funded studentship and is to be used in support of the specific student / project. HEIs are able to decide on the level of stipend (at or above the national minimum).

EPSRC expects that each industrial CASE student will undertake a full-time PhD. In exceptional circumstances, with the agreement of the university and cooperating body, a student may be registered on a part-time basis (minimum 50%). EPSRC will normally not increase the duration of the relevant Industrial CASE Account to cover the full duration of a specific studentship.

Should a student drop-out before completion of the project, EPSRC expects the Research Organisation to approach the original industrial partner in the first instance with a view to identifying a suitable replacement student. Should the industrial partner withdraw, another cooperating body should be sought to maintain the industrial dimension of the CASE award. However, if this proves impractical a student already registered may continue to be supported from the ICA.

**GAC 2. Visits to Cooperating Body**

Students are expected to spend at least three months of a four year award on the premises of the cooperating body, pro-rata for shorter periods, subject to a minimum of two months. Students can spend longer periods with the company, subject to the HEI's minimum attendance requirements for students to remain registered for the higher degree.

**GAC 3. Responsibility of Cooperating Body Supervisor**

Contact should be maintained between the cooperating body (project partner) supervisor and student throughout the duration of the award as appropriate.

**GAC 4 Financial Contribution of Cooperating Body**

As a measure of its interest and involvement the Cooperating Body (project partner) must make a financial contribution to the project. Such a contribution should cover:

a. all expenses (e.g. travel and accommodation costs incurred by the student as a result of periods spent with the project partner). The student should not be out of pocket as a result of undertaking the project.

b. an annual contribution in cash to the Research Organisation towards the cost of the project and support of the student of at least 1/3rd the funding provided by EPSRC. [HEIs are able to decide on the level of stipend (at or above the national minimum), noting there is the opportunity that the stipend of an Industrial CASE student can be increased above the minimum payment using the industrial top-up.]