

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

CDT Management Committee (CDTMC)

A meeting of the CDT Management Committee was held on 20 April 2020 from 13:00 to 15:00 on Microsoft Teams.

In Attendance: Nicola Attridge, Jennifer Burns, Jon Coaffee, Christophe Corre, Nicola Glover, Fiona Groenhout, Jonathan Millar, Vardis Ntoukakis, Magnus Richardson, Jose Rodrigo, Roger Singleton Escofet, Colin Sparrow, Terri Sullivan, Pam Thomas (Chair), Rebecca Vipond (Secretary), Sharron Wilson

Apologies: none

Terms of reference, definitions and membership found [here](#).

Current list of CDT contacts found [here](#).

Questions, agenda items or apologies can be directed to the Secretary of the Committee, Rebecca Vipond at r.vipond@warwick.ac.uk.

AGENDA:

11/19-20 Minutes of the last meeting

CONSIDERED:

Minutes from the previous meeting accepted as an accurate record.

12/19-20 Chair's Business

RECEIVED:

[UKRI has announced](#) up to 6 month extensions will be available to PGR students with a funding end date of between 1 March 2020 and 31 March 2021. The announcement came without consultation with universities. The situation around students with match funding is ambiguous. There is also ambiguity regarding university (and other) funded studentships and multi-partner consortia. Preliminary costings have been forwarded to GOLD team for discussion and approval. Warwick is also in conversation with other universities about PGR extensions (Russel Group meet weekly).

The announcement covers only UKRI-funded students with a funding end date of between 1 March 2020 and 31 March 2021 (there may be announcements for other UKRI-funded students at a later date). If lockdown is less or more than 6 months, then we anticipate further announcements would be forthcoming.

The University wishes to treat all students equally, but how this will manifest is still being discussed.

ACTION:

Doctoral College will circulate policy and process for granting COVID-19 extensions, including eligibility criteria. Advice will be kept under review as the situation progresses. Central teams will triage requests based on funding and registration end date.

Administrators and academics who are in contact with students being affected by COVID-19 are asked to keep an accurate record of what impacts are being felt.

13/19-20 COVID-19 Extensions for UKRI Funded PGR Students

RECEIVED:

See 12/19-20.

14/19-20 Internal CDTs Recruitment and Funding for October 2020

RECEIVED:

The climate surrounding the funding for internally-funded CDTs has changed due to COVID-19. This may have an impact on funding levels, but the University is keen to minimise any detrimental effect on the operation of these CDTs.

ACTION:

Doctoral College will meet with each internally funded CDT individually to discuss finances for year 2.

15/19-20 PGR Funding Report

RECEIVED:

A report on Q2 Training Grants, which are then reported to FCCG.

ACTION:

PGR Funding to include a forecasted cost to the University for Awards that are of concern.

16/19-20 UKRI DTP Training Grant Extensions – MRC and ESRC

RECEIVED:

ESRC DTP (2023 entry) and MRC DTP (2021 entry) have been offered an additional cohort of funding as the next call for funding programmes has been delayed due to COVID-19. Both new cohorts are costed in financial plans already.

17/19-20 CDT Administrators Forum Report

RECEIVED:

The minutes to the first forum were received. There is consensus that this is a useful format.

18/19-20 Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarship Applications

RECEIVED:

10 applications were received, 2 were shortlisted, 1 to be selected. Deadline for applications to Leverhulme is in June 2020.

19/19-20 Recognition of CDT Workload

CONSIDERED:

This breaks down into two issues – one is to what it takes to run a CDT and its relationship with academic departments, other is to recognise income in university models. (Rewards & workload)

ACTION:

To discuss this matter in more detail at the next CDTMC.

20/19-20 Matters Arising

CONSIDERED:

- (a) The Warwick Postgraduate prospectus is heavily weighted towards PGT and does not mention CDTs at all. This may be underselling Warwick's strengths in PGR programmes to prospective students. (Jose Rodrigo)

Website and prospectus need looking at. This will be picked up later in the year.

21/19-20 Any Other Business

ATAS clearance and visa delays are anticipated for international offer holders. Is it possible for them to start remotely?

ACTION:

Doctoral College to issue guidance for international offer holders.

22/19-20 Schedule of CDTMC Meetings

CDTMC will meet once per term. Meetings for 2020-2021 will be organised by the CDTMC Secretary.