

Constitution

Doctoral Education and Academia Research Centre

1. Aims of the Centre

- a) The Centre aims to create an innovative and dynamic specialist research environment to contribute to establishing Warwick on the map for research on doctoral education and academia.
- b) The Centre aims to bring together what are currently relatively dispersed research projects and researchers working in different disciplines into a coherent and collaborative entity.
- c) To develop a visible entity for research on doctoral education and academia that facilitates connections between researchers affiliated to the Centre with experts working externally to Warwick, in the UK and internationally, within higher education institutions and in third sector and other relevant organisations.
- d) To bid for research funding to grow research in this area.
- e) To secure doctoral scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships and to build an active and nurturing research culture within the centre for early career researchers.

To contribute to delivering the Research Culture strand of the research strategy as a potential key collaborator for the proposed Institute of Research Culture.

2. Membership

- (a) The Doctoral Education and Academia Research Centre will work closely with the following departments and University entities, including but not limited to:
 - Department of Education Studies; Sociology; WBS; Law; PAIS
 - Psychology; Life Sciences; Medical School
 - History
 - ADC; WIHEA; Doctoral College; Leadership and Management Development; IAS; Widening Participation
- (b) The Centre will work closely with ECRs including post-doctoral fellows and will involve PGRs.
- (c) The Centre will develop a strong network of external members in the UK and internationally.

3. Directorship

- (a) The Director and Deputy Director will carry out daily management duties for the Centre.
- (b) The Director and the Deputy Director will be appointed for a period of 3 years (renewable).
- (c) The Director will be appointed upon the recommendation of the Research Committee.

4. Details of Management Committee or Advisory Board

- (a) **Steering Committee**

- (i) The Centre's Steering Committee will provide guidance to the Director and Deputy Director and will help develop and maintain links with departments and faculties.
- (ii) The Steering Committee will typically meet on a termly basis but may meet as required to support major research grant applications or other time-sensitive initiatives.

(b) Advisory Board

- (i) The Centre's Advisory Board will include external members who possess key expertise in the areas of the Centre's remit, both in the UK and internationally.
- (ii) The Advisory Board will extend networks, introduce new funding and collaboration opportunities, provide new avenues for dissemination of the Centre's research and support the Centre's interdisciplinary vision.
- (iii) The Advisory Board will meet a minimum of once a year, and will provide an annual assessment of the Centre's work.
- (iv) The Chair of the Advisory Board will work with the Centre Director to progress the Centre's research and funding agenda. The Centre Director will keep the Chair of the Advisory Board informed of any new developments and seek appropriate advice.

5. Financial Responsibility

- (a) The financial responsibility for the Centre will be overseen by the Director and Deputy Director, in consultation with the Centre's Steering Committee. Any external funding obtained to conduct Centre activities will be authorised by the Centre Director, and administered through the academic Department DES, subject to the University's financial regulations.