Roundtable Debate of Postgraduate Professional Development in STEMMB

16 October 2015 10:30am to 2pm
The Drawing Room, 170 Queen’s Gate, Imperial College London, SW7 2AZ
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Aims

1. To discuss desired progression through professional skills during postgraduate studies in the STEMMB disciplines.
2. To look beyond developing research and academic skills during PG studies by further exploring the professional skills that employers require
3. To produce a joint statement setting out the way forward which will be published on the Imperial College London Graduate School website and shared with the sector

Agenda

Morning UK Perspective

10.30 - 11.00 Coffees/teas/refreshments available
11:00 - 11:10 Introduction and welcome by chair: Professor Sue Gibson, Director of the Graduate School, Imperial College London
11.10 - 11:30 Current situation in UK: Dr Janet De Wilde, Head of Postgraduate Development, Imperial College London
11.30 - 12:30 Open Discussion:
   1. Are we addressing the critical professional skills that should be developed during PG studies?
   2. How to increase routine practice of professional skills during PG studies?
   3. How to evaluate and feedback the ability of the student regarding professional skills?
   4. How to increase engagement of all in Higher Education about professional skills?
   5. How to evaluate the impact of university based professional skills training?
12:30 - 13:00 Lunch

Afternoon International Perspective

13:00 -13:30 Open Discussion:
   1. How are UK postgraduates performing compared to our international counterparts?
   2. Are there examples of best practice that could be shared, including international examples?
13:30- 14:00 Pull together agreed issues to be addressed, actions to take forward and timescale for publication of joint statement.
14.00 Close and thanks
Attendees

1. Prof Sue Gibson, Chair, Director Imperial Graduate School
2. Dr Janet De Wilde, Head of Postgraduate Professional Development, Imperial GS
3. Ms Laura McConnell, Manager, Imperial Graduate School
4. Prof Chris Firth, Chief Scientist, Thales UK
5. Dr Jonathan Best, The Wellcome Trust
6. Mr Kevin Daffey, Rolls-Royce
7. Dr Ashley Brown, Google
8. Mr Christopher Millward, HEFCE
9. Dr Rhys Morgan, Director of Education, Royal Academy of Engineering
10. Prof Peter Main, Head of Education, Institute of Physics
11. Ms Sarah Cox, Education and Training, Society of Biology
12. Mr Daniel Rowson, Education policy officer, Society of Biology
13. Mr Alisdair Orr, Science Council
14. Mr Ben Massey, UK Council for Graduate Education
15. Dr Kay Hack, Higher Education Academy
16. Dr Katie Wheat, Training and resources development manager, Vitae
17. Dr Nigel Eady, Head of Researcher Development, Kings College London
18. Dr Ross English, Lead on Doctoral Student Development, Kings College London
19. Dr Sarabajaya Kumar, Academic & professional Development Adviser to PhD and Postdoctoral Researchers, LSE
20. Nick Snow, Student Development Manager, Imperial College London
21. Dr Mark Workman, Energy Futures Lab, Imperial College London
22. Dr Caroline Hargreaves, Senior Teaching Fellow, Imperial Graduate School
23. Dr Paul Seldon, Senior Teaching Fellow, Imperial Graduate School