

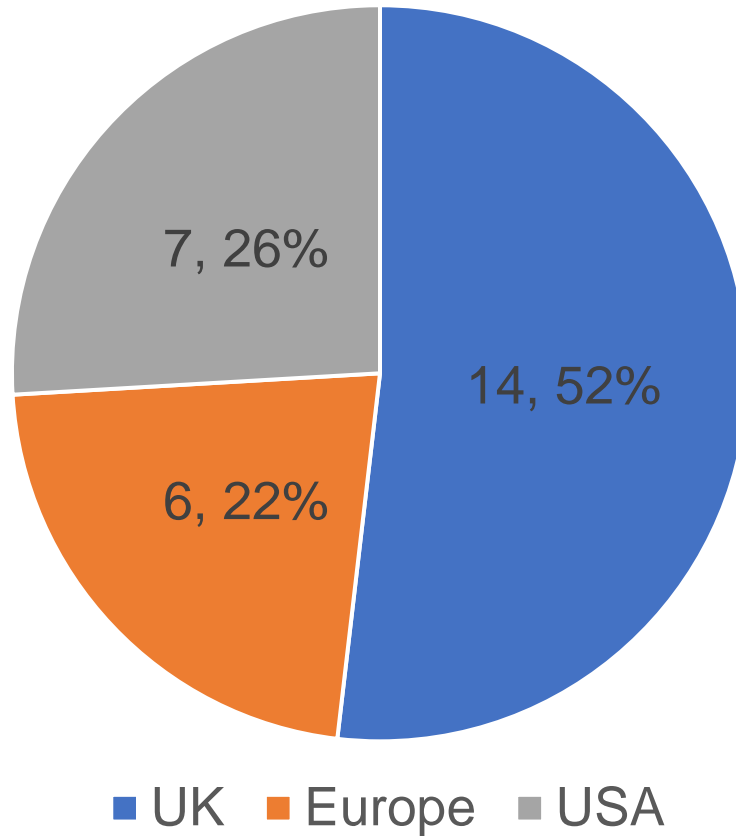
Pre-Doctoral Programmes and Tasters

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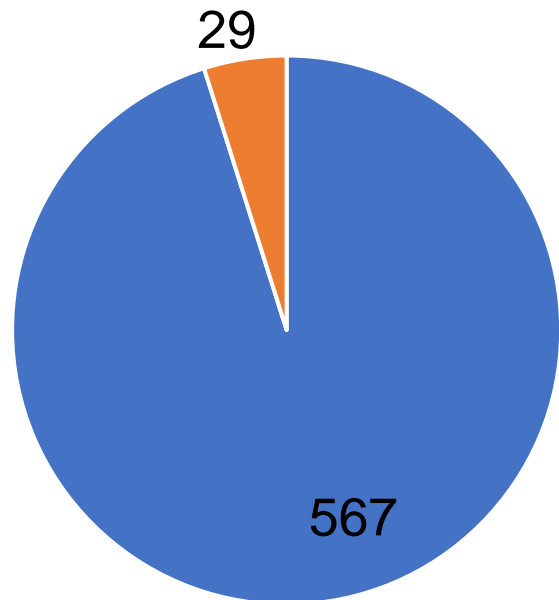


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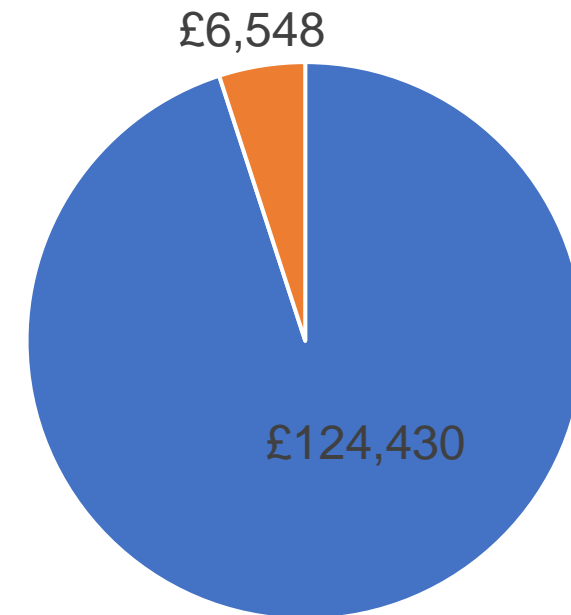
UK	14
Europe	6
USA	7

Length of Pre Doctoral Programmes
across the 27 institutions



- Length of Programme (weeks)
- Length of Programme (avg in weeks)

Cost of Programmes - combined over
52 weeks



- Cost of Programmes
- Cost of Programme (Avg)

Typically, Pre Doc programmes surveyed have the following characteristics:

- 3 core modules 1, 2 or 3 terms of 12 weeks each (depending on IELTS)
- 3 months twice a year;
- Weekly tuition, 20 hours;
- Can be completed entirely online but with opportunities to attend intensive 4-day seminars;
- Core research methods, by distance learning;

- Three-month course will help to identify a research topic and develop a research proposal which is right for you, and take you step by step through the University's application process;
- The Programme consists of a series of workshops together with **one-to-one sessions**;
- Minimum 3 course over 52 weeks, a single payment grant can be offered to the Fellow's organisation to facilitate release from their duties. This grant will include; salary support and incidental costs for the duration of the programme; travel expenses; costs reasonably incurred by the employing organisation in covering their duties.

- Preparedness
- FHEQ Level descriptors/QAA characteristics
- Role of bridging qualifications
- Purpose of MRes/Masters/MPhil transfer/upgrade