

Postgraduate Education Practitioners' Network

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Today's topics:

1. Cost of living for PGRs
2. Network support
3. Quickfire questions

Quickfire questions

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Impact of the cost of living on PGR students

- Recruitment and Admission
 - Self-funded students
 - Stipend v salary
- Student experience and wellbeing
 - Working whilst studying
 - Location
 - Withdrawal on financial grounds

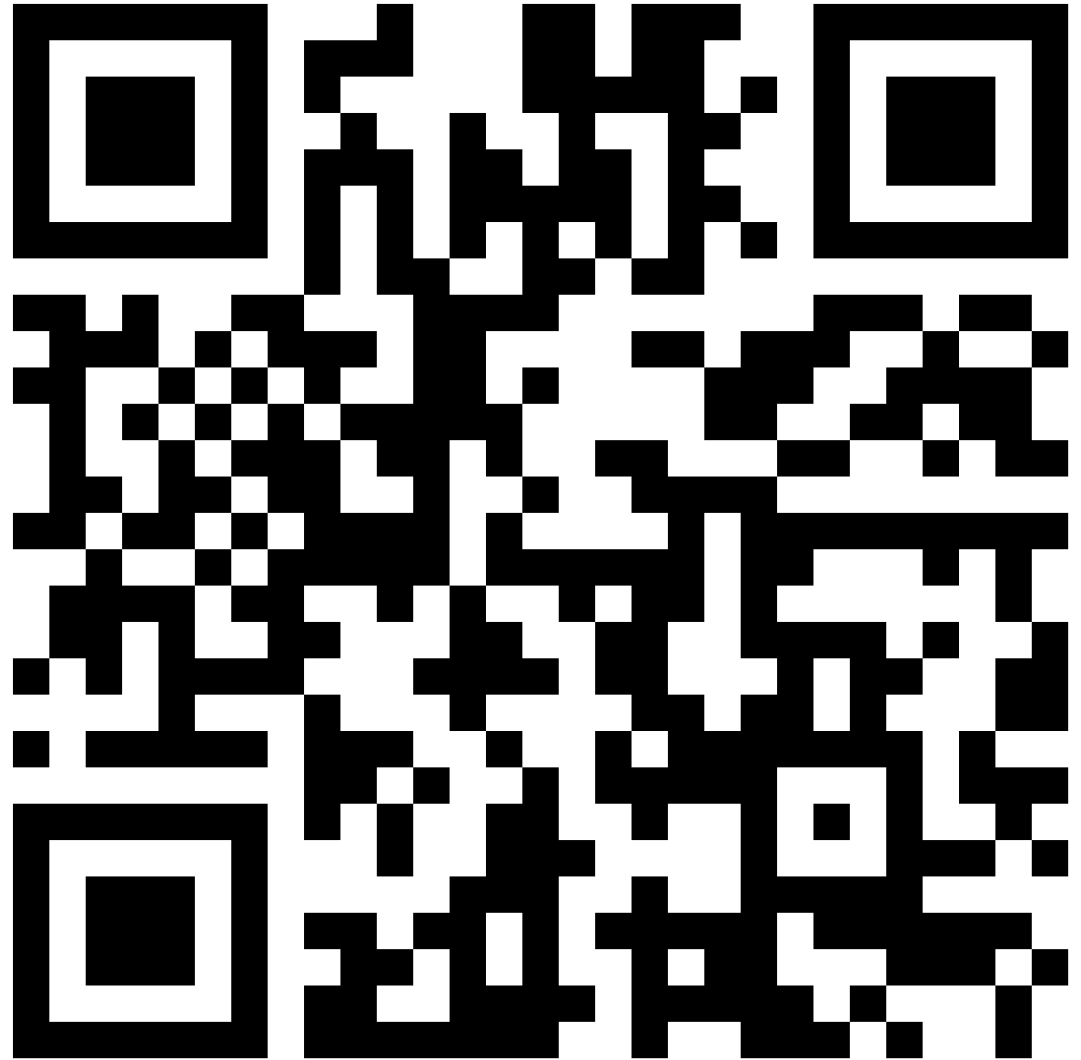
Questions

1. Has the cost of living impacted on recruitment and admission? If so, has any mitigation been put in place?
2. Has there been an increase in students working during their PGR studies? What is the impact of this?
3. Are students less willing to live in their University city? How is this managed?
4. Has there been an increase in students:
 - a) Accessing hardship/financial assistance funds?
 - b) Withdrawing on financial grounds?

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Network support: Aims

1. Provide a supportive environment for colleagues to share their experiences, and work through current challenges, enabling peer-to-peer support
2. Support colleagues' professional development by exposing them to an extensive network of practitioners at all levels, creating opportunities to learn, collaborate, make contacts, and build knowledge and confidence
3. Meetings are limited, so we want to explore other avenues for achieving the above, and LinkedIn hasn't taken off.

Network support: Ideas

In no particular order:

- Buddying - peer-to-peer support
- Mentoring - career development
- Regular online 'clinics' - trouble-shooting and hot topics
- Periodic online 'new to PGR' sessions - inducting new PS colleagues into the world of PGR

Network support: Discussion

1. Initial thoughts on the ideas presented?
2. How/would you engage?
3. Have we overlooked any alternatives?
4. If we were to prioritise, which would you put first?
5. How frequent should clinics and 'new to PGR' sessions be?



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