

Resolution for the introduction of the Graduate Application Fee

This flysheet is circulated jointly by those who proposed and opposed the above resolution at the Congregation meeting on June 25th.

The debates and votes on the Graduate Application Fee, both in 2020 and this year, show that opinion on the fee amongst Congregation and throughout the university is firmly split. Therefore, we have sought a compromise solution which will provide stability and remove barriers to access.

At a meeting held on 8th July, Council agreed to make a strong recommendation to Education Committee that fees be set in line with figures suggested jointly by those who proposed the resolution and the postal vote: a nominal £20 for postgraduate research (PGR) courses, while remaining at £75 for postgraduate taught (PGT) courses. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) confirmed that he would follow this recommendation in putting the decision to the committee.

The intent is for the fee to remain at this level for at least three years, excepting only increases due to inflation.

Noting that:

- This compromise achieves a substantial reduction in the level of fee charged to many applicants.
- Income from the fee would still be ring-fenced for graduate access purposes, as set out in the congregation resolution.
- The split between PGR and PGT is clear and easy to understand.
- That retaining the higher level of fee addresses in large part concerns about workload that might be produced by a large volume of increased applications for PGT courses.
- All of the streamlining of processes to improve the efficiency of the graduate admissions process suggested by the Application Fee Working Group will remain in place.
- All of the existing application fee waivers will remain in place.

we urge you to vote **in favour** of the resolution.

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