

Project Name: Research into demand for taught doctorates

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Background

This project aims to enhance higher level vocational and professional opportunities in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and the surrounding areas.

Objectives of the Project

The project has four objectives:

- 1 To establish what progression opportunities exist from in terms of vocational and professional pathways from Masters to Doctorate level for students in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and the surrounding areas.
- 2 To compare models of provision such as professional doctorate currently available, and consider what would be appropriate for the region
- 3 To analyse gaps in provision
- 4 To identify development opportunities

Project Approach

The project will be led by an experienced researcher with a relevant university background. It will be undertaken quickly, and involve desk and web research. It will focus on major occupational groups (education, health, psychology, management and creative arts). It will include the Universities of Birmingham, Worcester and the OU. The research will establish demand for professional doctorate progression by surveying current and former Masters students, enrolment profiles on similar programmes at benchmark institutions, and publically available higher degree registration data.

Scope:

A Key Products from the project

A 3000 word report for the LLN partners with recommendations for developments over 2009-2012

B Out of Scope

The project funding will not cover the costs of developing any programmes.

Constraints

The development of new awards by University of Worcester is dependent upon the achievement of research degree awarding powers.

Initial Project Case

The research will identify gaps in progression opportunities for vocational and professional learners, and make recommendations about the best way to plug them in a manner relevant to the work place.

Benefits of the Project

Benefits to the students :

- New work-relevant awards to enable the continued progression of professional learners.

Benefits to the LLN :

- Production of a research report available for all partners
- Activity at the higher end of vocational/professional HE awards

Key Assumptions

- The availability of an appropriate researcher

Costs of the project

15 days at up to £200 per day	3000
Expenses and printing	250
Total	3250

How will the project be evaluated?

The research report will be available for all HE providers in the Network to inform future curriculum development for advanced practitioners.

How will the project be sustained?

The research will produce recommendations for developments to be taken forward by partners

Initial Risk Log

Risks	Probability	Impact	Containment Plan
Key project members unavailable due to other commitments	L	H	Use of other staff

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