

Note on research populations for Researchers of Tomorrow

The largest research population from which the different elements of the study will draw samples will be all current doctoral students registered with a UK institution; including vocational, taught and research based doctoral students on full or part-time programmes. Where 'Generation Y' students are the focus these will be doctoral students born between 1982 and 1994.

The research populations for each of the three project elements will be as follows:

Wider context setting survey: anybody of any age registered to do Doctoral studies in a UK Higher Education institution (HEI), including international students, part-time and full-time

Cross-sectional 1st year annual survey panels of up to 350 students: First year 'Generation Y' students registered to do Doctoral studies in a UK HEI, including international students, part-time and full-time. The sample will be drawn principally from the participants in the annual British Library National Training Days, supplemented by recruitment from other sources to ensure representative subject discipline coverage. The sample will aim to include only fully funded students, although circumstances may necessitate the inclusion of some self-funded students.

Longitudinal ('tracking') study of up to 70 students tracked from July 2009 to January 2012: 'Generation Y' students registered to do full-time Doctoral studies in a UK HEI, who will be enrolled at least until the end of June 2011 and who completed seven years of secondary education in a UK secondary school.