

Participant Information Sheet

Title of Project: Teaching in the context of REF: Academics perceptions of research-integrated teaching at a UK research-intensive university

Introduction

My name is Grace Murkett and I work in the Research Policy Team in RKES at Strathclyde. Alongside my work, I am completing a part-time doctoral programme at the Department of Educational Research, Lancaster University. I would like to invite you to participate in a study that I am conducting for a module on Enhancing Learning Teaching and Assessment in Higher Education. The study is supervised by the Module Convenor, Dr Natasa Lackovic. If you have any questions about the project, the contact details for both of us are provided at the bottom of this information sheet.

Before you decide if you wish to take part, please take time to read the following information carefully. Talk to others about the study if you wish. Ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

The purpose of the study

The aim of this study is to understand how research-integrated teaching is perceived by academics at a research-intensive University. I'm interested in hearing the views of academics at Strathclyde because research-integrated teaching is encouraged through the academics promotion criteria and the University is firmly positioned amongst the leading research-intensive universities in the UK.

What would taking part involve?

I would like to interview academics for up to an hour about their teaching and research activities. Interviews will be conducted via Zoom and recorded. The recording will include video and audio, but you can choose not to turn your camera on if you'd prefer.

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited because you are on an academic contract and therefore have responsibility for both teaching and research. I would like to interview academics who teach either undergraduate or postgraduate courses. I am recruiting academics from across the University.

Do I have to take part?

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and your decision on whether or not to participate will not affect the support you receive from the Research Policy Team. Nobody apart from me will know who has participated. Even if you decide to take part, you can withdraw at any stage up until a week after the interview has been conducted and I will delete the data I've collected from you. After a week, you will not be able to withdraw because your responses will have been anonymised, which means I will not be able to identify your specific interview transcript to delete it.

What will happen to the data?

'Data' here means the recording of the interview, the transcript of the interview and any email exchanges we may have had. Following the interview, I will download the recording files from the

Zoom Cloud and save them on my Strathclyde OneDrive in a folder that nobody else has access to.

I will then transcribe the recording, removing potentially identifiable information as I do so. 'Potentially identifiable information' could include your name, names of your colleagues or highly specific information about your teaching and research context. If, within a week of the interview, you think of something you would like removed from the data or would like to withdraw your participation entirely, you can email me without providing a reason and I will delete the requested data. A week after the interview I will delete the recording and our email exchanges. At this point you will not be able to withdraw your data from the study as I will not be able to link you to the anonymised transcript.

I will be the only person with access to the raw data. I may be required to share the anonymised transcripts with the Module Convenor if requested. Data from the anonymised transcripts will be analysed and used in reporting of the research (for my module assignment and potentially any papers or conference presentations). Please note that I will use direct quotes from transcripts in reporting; however, this will not identify you in any way.

All personal data will be processed in accordance with data protection legislation. Please read the [Lancaster University Research Privacy Notice](#) for more information about your rights under the legislation.

How will my identity be protected?

Transcripts will be completely anonymised. I will use an identifier for each transcript in reporting, such as 'Academic A, Science Faculty'; however, I will not have a key to link this identifier to you. I will ensure that all potentially identifiable information is removed from the transcript at the point of transcription.

What happens next?

If you do not want to participate, you can close this document. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

If you are interested in participating in this study or have further questions, please contact me using the details below. I will answer any questions you have and then, provided you wish to continue, send you a consent form and a calendar invite for the interview.

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Who to contact for further information or with any concerns

This study was granted ethical approval by Lancaster University. The Strathclyde University Ethics Committee has endorsed this approval to allow recruitment of Strathclyde staff.

If you would like further information on this project, the programme within which the research is being conducted or have any concerns about the project, participation or my conduct as a researcher, please contact:

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