

Covid-19 – Week Four Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Economics - PGR

Dear PhD students in the Department of Economics,

I'd like to say a big Thank You to those of you who have taken the time to complete the University's 'Check In' survey during Week 4 of this semester. We have received the anonymous responses from PGR economics students and have analysed them so that we can get a better sense of your experience and take this opportunity to react to your suggestions for improvement. Here are the headline student satisfaction figures: Of the six students who responded, two thirds say they are satisfied with their experience, while one third say they are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.

The open comments suggest that you like our solution-focused approach, our online provision, as well as the flexibility to move between online and in-person delivery. Suggested improvements focus on finding ways to re-create spontaneous opportunities for students to meet and engage, which is more difficult to under the social distancing measures currently in force.

One way in which we have responded to your feedback is by organising a dedicated workshop for PhD students in the Department around the topic of 'Preparation for the Job Market', which covers both academic and non-academic career paths for PhD economists. This event will give you the opportunity to interact with academics in the Department, high-profiles economists from the US Department of Justice, Bank of America, and the Financial Conduct Authority, as well as fellow PhD students. We hope this event will be a great opportunity to create connections and interactions with others in the Department and beyond.

I'd like to thank you once again for your feedback and your open and constructive interaction with us. Take good care of yourself, and all the best.

Subho and Peter