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## Circular letter

### Notification of funding: Additional Quality-related research (QR) research degree programme (RDP) supervision funding allocations

To	Heads of Research England-funded higher education providers
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Dear Vice-Chancellor or Principal

1. UKRI has today announced that Research England will be providing £11.57m of block grant funding to English universities as a contribution to the work they are undertaking to support their postgraduate research (PGR) communities. Further information is available at: <https://www.ukri.org/news/further-action-to-support-doctoral-students-affected-by-covid-19/>.
2. The impact of the pandemic on PGR students is significant. This additional Research England funding is intended to supplement support provided by universities to PGR students, and complements measures to support UKRI funded students.
3. This additional Quality-related Research (QR) funding will be distributed to institutions eligible to receive funding from Research England in proportion to their existing QR research degree programme (RDP) supervision fund allocation.
4. Allocations will be paid in March 2021 (full details can be found in Annex A which will be published in due course).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Sweeney', with a checkmark at the end.

David Sweeney, Executive Chair