

Remit for “PDN Researchers” committee (replacing the “PDN Postdoc” committee) – Approved by Management Committee Nov2021

- To foster and enable best practice in research culture, with a focus on unestablished researchers, for example research assistants, postdocs and early PIs.
- To offer a forum for discussion about how best support the partnership between unestablished researchers, their PIs and PDN.
- To liaise with unestablished researchers in PDN at all stages of their careers and review their representation at Departmental level.
- To set up a PDN postdoc network that will run in parallel with the existing early PI network. The aim of the network will be to identify areas where adjustments might be beneficial to be considered by this committee, and where relevant, by other departmental committees.
- To oversee the organization of internal research seminars, where PDN researchers present and discuss their work. [The current format for internal seminars has two components: the weekly Chalks and Talks on Friday 10 am and an annual Spring Symposium, both organized by researchers. The overseeing is shared with the Graduate committee, since PhD students contribute to both weekly meetings and Symposium.]
- To review and facilitate the key steps on the pathway that unestablished researchers follow during their stay in PDN. These including recruitment, induction, career reviews, access to mentoring, access to training opportunities such as teaching, and exit interviews.
- To liaise with relevant bodies at School and University level, in order to cascade down to Department level opportunities for unestablished researcher development.