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An ‘Acronymous’ (and one by no means exhaustive) Tour Round HE for PGs

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POSTGRADUATE SITUATIONS:

PGT – postgraduate taught student
(numbers/funding)

PGR – postgraduate research student
(numbers/funding)

RDP – research degree programmes

GTA – graduate teaching assistant
POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS:

MSc – Master of Science
MA – Master of Arts (or is it really?!)
MRes – Master of Research
MPhil – Master of Philosophy
BPhil – Bachelor of Philosophy
MLitt – Master of Letters
PhD – Doctor of Philosophy
DPhil – Doctor of Philosophy
EngD – Doctor of Engineering
EdD – Doctor of Education
PGDip – Postgraduate Diploma
PGCE – Postgraduate Certificate in Education
PGC(LT)HE – Postgraduate Certificate in (Learning & Teaching in) Higher Education
PGCAP – Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice
GENERAL GOVERNMENT & MAJOR QUANGO BODIES (& SCHEMES):

DIUS – Dept of Innovation, Universities & Skills
DfES – Dept for Education & Skills
(DfEE – Dept for Education & Employment)
DTI – Dept of Trade & Industry (OST – Office of Science & Technology)
LEA – Local Education Authority
HEFCE – Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCW – Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
SFC – Scottish Funding Council (Formally SHEFC)
DELNI – Dept of Education & Learning for Northern Ireland
LSC – Learning & Skills Council
(RAE – Research Assessment Exercise
REF – Research Evaluation Framework
CETL – Centres for Excellence in Teaching & Learning)
BOTH POSTGRADUATE STUDENTSHIP & GENERAL RESEARCH RELATED MAJOR QUANGO BODIES (& SCHEMES):

(ORSAS – Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme)
BBSRC – Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council
NERC – Natural Environment Research Council
MRC – Medical Research Council
EPSRC – Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council
ESRC – Economic & Social Research Council
AHRC – Arts & Humanities Research Council
PPARC – Particle Physics & Astronomy Research Council
CCLRC – Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils
STFC – Science & Technology Facilities Council
RCUK – Research Councils UK
HEI ORIENTED BODIES (the HEI being constitutional peculiarity):

HEI – Higher Education Institution
SU – Student Union
PGA – Postgraduate Association
CVCP – Committee of Vice-Chancellors & Principals
SCOP – Standing Conference of Principals
UUK – Universities UK
GuildHE
UCEA – Universities & Colleges Employers Association
(also, in US – University Council for Educational Administration & University Continuing Education Association)
INDEPENDENT (of Govt) REPRESENTATIVE BODIES:

NPC – National Postgraduate Committee of the UK
(MSC – NPC Management Sub-Committee
CSC – NPC Constitutional Sub-Committee
FSC – NPC Financial Sub-Committee)
NUS – National Union of Students
MSU – Mature Students Union
PI-NET – Postgraduate International Network
NRSA – National Research Staff Association
UKCGE – UK Council for Graduate Education
(NATFHE – National Association of Teachers of Further & Higher Education
AUT – Association of University Teachers)
UCU – Universities & Colleges Union
CIHE – Council for Industry & Higher Education
CBI – Confederation of British Industry
INDEPENDENT LEARNED (and relatively disinterested) BODIES:

Subject & Professional Associations
The Leadership Foundation (formally HESDA)
SEDA – Staff & Educational Development Association
SRHE – Society for Research into Higher Education
BERA – British Educational Research Association
SCUTREA – Standing Conference on University Teaching & Research into the Education of Adults
UAce – Universities’ Association for Continuing Education
NIACE – National Institute for Adult & Continuing Education
SCAP – Standing Conference on Academic Practice
IJGE – International Journal of Graduate Education
MORE AMBIGUOUS QUASI-QUANGOS (and independent bodies linked to their conceptions):

QAA – Quality Assurance Agency for HE

HEA – Higher Education Academy
(ILT – Institute for Learning & Teaching in HE)

EURODOC (although researcher representative forum too)

UKGRAD

VITAE
(CRAC – The Career Development Organisation)
(HECSU – Higher Education Careers Service Unit)