STATEMENT CONCERNING THE GRADUATE UNION CONSTITUTION
JANUARY 2017

RESOLUTION

Currently, the current Graduate Union (GU) constitution has three tiers of membership: Members, Non-graduate members, and Associates. Postdocs who are on the Roll of the Regent House are included as Non-graduate members, whereas postdocs who are not are considered Associates.

The Postdocs of Cambridge (PdOC) Society acknowledges that although we have common interests, the GU is not the ideal body to represent postdocs. It is the position of the PdOC Society that all research staff should have equal rights, regardless of whether they are currently on the Roll of the Regent House.

Thus, we support the proposed amendments to the Schedule on Membership in the GU constitution that will state that all research staff associated or affiliated with the University of Cambridge, its colleges, or University Partner Institutions will be Associates of the GU.

Furthermore, we have together agreed to establish a joint subcommittee of the GU trustees and the PdOC Society, which will meet quarterly.

ADOPTION