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PGR Recruitment Summary

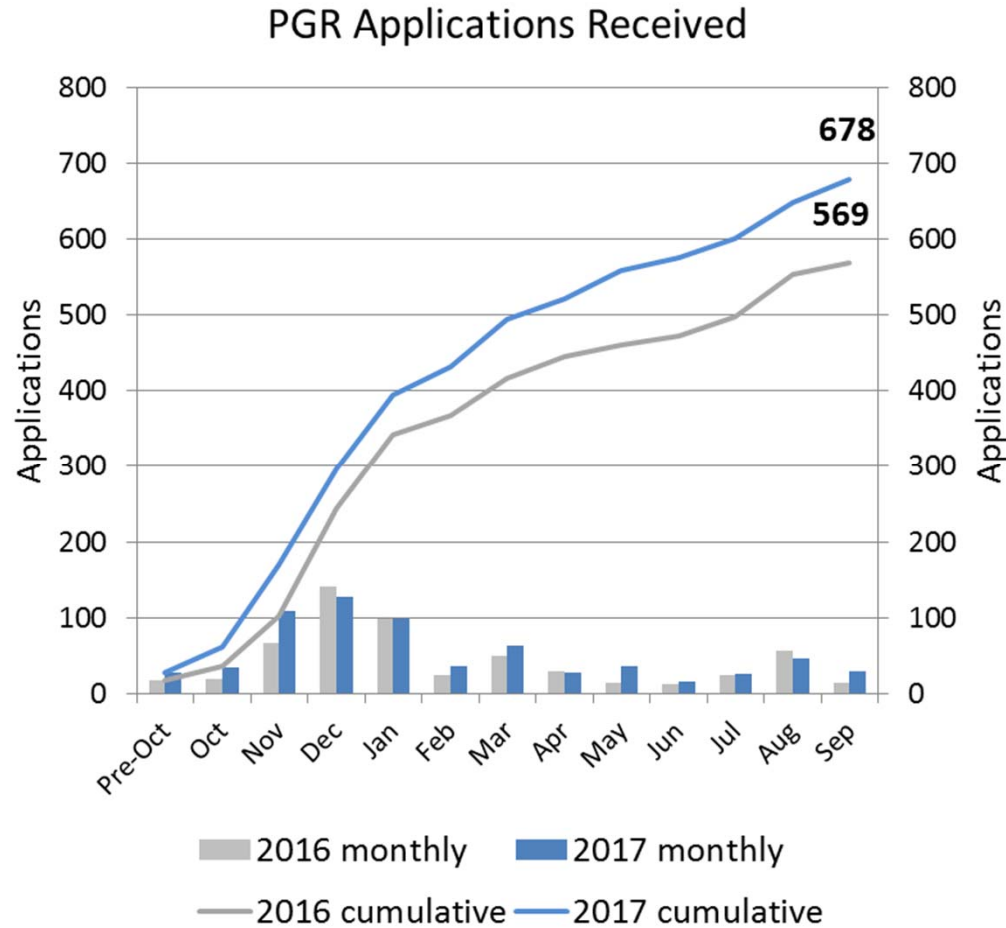
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Recruitment summary

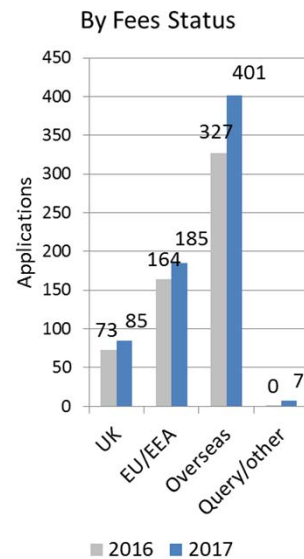
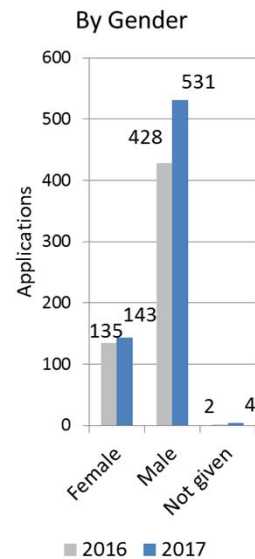
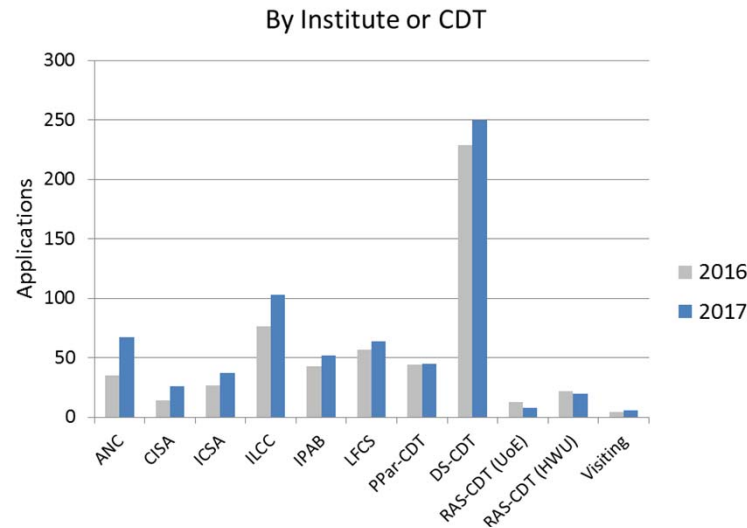
- 303 research students currently studying in Informatics
 - From 51 countries: 30% UK, 45% EU, 20% OS
- 81 recruits this year, selected from 678 applicants¹
 - applications up 19% on 2016, recruitment up 15%
 - 20% female, 80% male
 - 23% UK, 40% EU, 37% International
- 47 new PhD students, 2 new MScR students
 - starting Aug (1), Sept (27), Oct-Feb (21)
- 32 new students in Centres for Doctoral Training
 - 17 in Data Science
 - 5 in Robotics & Autonomous Systems (5 more at Herriot Watt)
 - 10 in Pervasive Parallelism

PGR applications received for 2017 entry



- 19% increase on YTD
- More applications arrived earlier in the year
- Applications continued strongly into Spring 2017
- Increased applications coincided with extra funding, enabling more offers to be made

PGR applications - analysis



■ Highlights

- Applications up across all Institutes, from all genders, and in all fees status
- Data Science CDT remains very popular
- ANC PhD applications up 91%

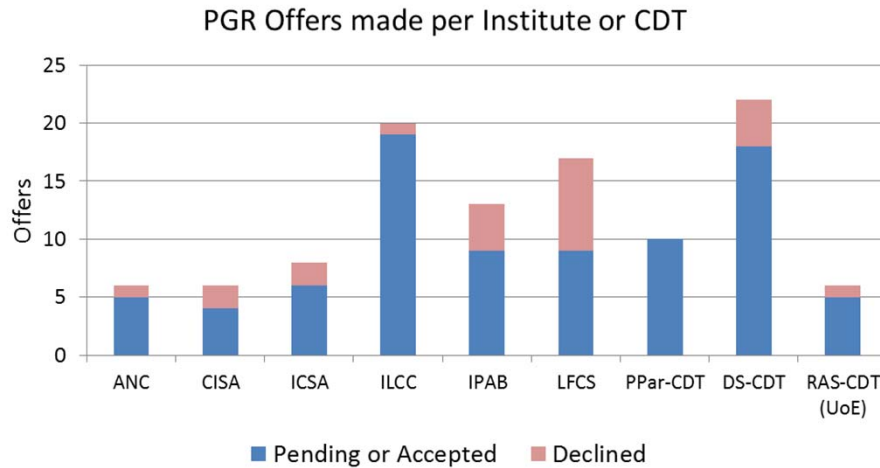
■ Lowlights

- Robotics CDT (UoE) applications down 39%

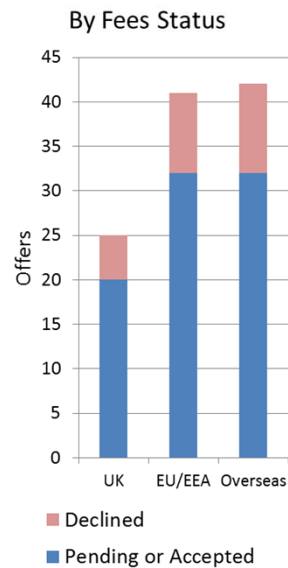
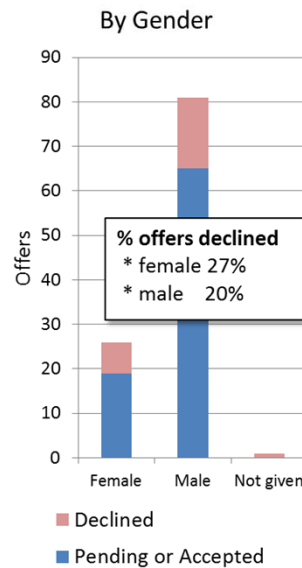
■ Observations

- Female applications up only 6%, compared to 24% increase in male applications
- DS-CDT receives 37% of all PGR applications
- UK applications up 16%
- EU/EEA applications up 13%
- Overseas applications up 23%

PGR offers and conversions



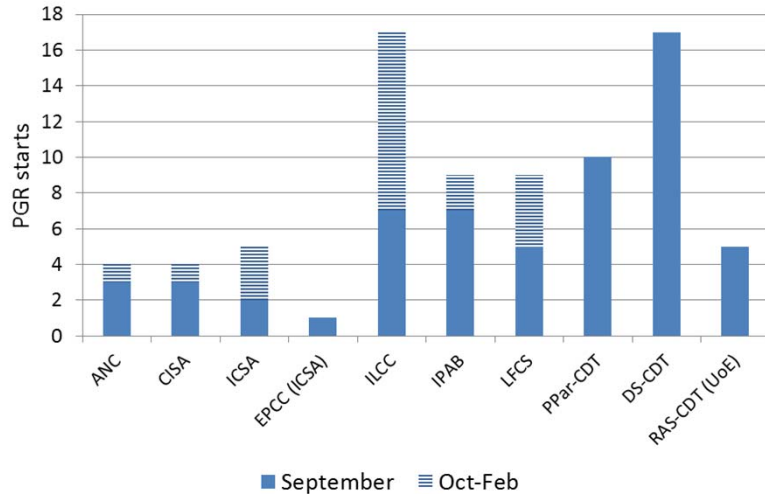
- 108 offers made
- 81 offers accepted
- Wide variation in conversion rate by Institute and CDT
 - max = 100% conversion for PPar-CDT
 - min = 53% conversion for LFCS



- Lower conversion rate among female candidates than male candidates
- Higher than average conversion rate for UK candidates

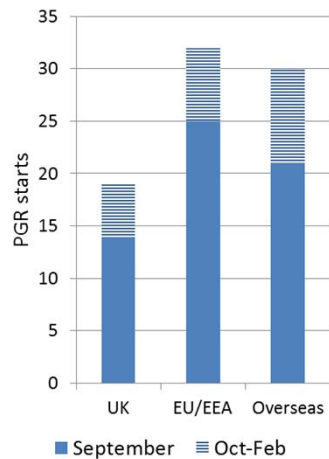
PGR starts – Sept to Feb

PGR Starts per Institute or CDT

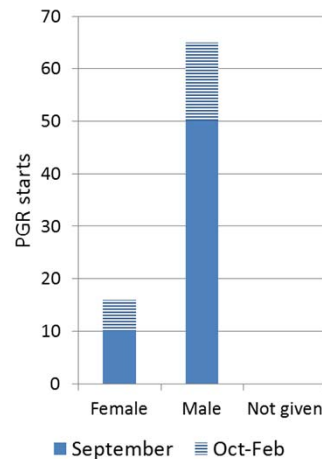


- All CDT students have now started
- Most Institutes have significant numbers of PGR starts in Oct – Feb
- Desk space was almost (but not quite) a limiting factor in 2017 recruitment

By Fees Status



By Gender



PGR funding for 2016/17 recruitment

- Significant increase in funded places for 2017 entrants
 - IGS budget increase – enabled 20 student places
 - 6 IGS studentships (only 3 taken up)
 - 7 overseas fee top-ups
 - 4 bursaries
 - 3 partial studentship top-ups
 - EPSRC DTA
 - 9 allocated for 2016/17
 - 5 extra places funded from earlier years
 - NPIF scholarships – 5 extra places
 - DS-CDT (2), Ppar-CDT (2), DTP (1)
 - MSR scholarship – only 1 in Informatics this year
 - EPSRC CASE conversion – 1 extra place awarded by College
 - University scholarships awarded
 - 3 Principals Career Development scholars (PCDS)
 - 2 Edinburgh Global scholars (EGRS)
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PGR funding – 2017/18 outlook

- EPSRC DTA budget – no change expected (~9 studentships)
 - Not expecting a repeat of NPIF
 - No unallocated EPSRC funds from previous years
 - IGS budget not yet set for 2017/18
 - Enlightenment Scholarships
 - Starting 2018, recruit now
 - No fees, 4 year programme with integrated study
 - Informatics may take up to 2 ES students in 2018
 - MSR scholarships
 - Call open now, deadline 12th October
 - Google & IBM scholarships
 - Calls out soon
 - Gender balance in nominations needs to improve
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