

Attitudes of Toxicologists to Resourcing, Training and Publication

Study Questionnaire

RESEARCH

Question 1: "I believe toxicology research is adequately resourced in the UK"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 2: "When compared to other disciplines, I believe the research funding councils and other funding bodies provide equality of opportunity to facilitate toxicology research"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 3: "I believe collaboration to be important in driving toxicology research in the UK"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 4: "When compared to other disciplines, I believe collaboration to be especially important in driving toxicology research"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 5: " I believe competition to be important in driving toxicology research in the UK"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree

- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 6: "When compared to other disciplines, I believe competition to be especially important in driving toxicology research"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 7: "I believe there is a good infrastructure to support research between academia, industry and the regulatory authorities"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 8: "I believe making toxicology research data openly available with as few restrictions as possible in a timely and responsible manner would improve the impact and efficiency of toxicological research"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

OUTPUTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Question 9: "When reading research publications, I consider whether there is a conflict of interest when assessing the validity of research"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 10: "I believe the current system of peer review for research outputs is a fair and appropriate system"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 11: "When peer reviewing research publications, I consider whether there is a conflict of interest when assessing the validity of research"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 12: "I believe reviewers are often not sufficiently trained to adequately and fairly judge the merit, quality and impact of toxicology research"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 13: "I believe double-blind peer review, where both reviewer and author are anonymised, is a good idea"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 14a: "I believe open access publication, where articles are available free at source, is a good idea"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 14b: Have you published research outputs using an open access route in the last two years?

Question 14c: If so, how was the cost for publication supported?

- Institute or Employer
- Collaborator or industry sponsor
- Competitive research award I received
- Competitive research award a co-author had received
- Funded personally
- Not applicable
- Other

TOXICOLOGY TRAINING AND EDUCATION

My graduate education involved study on a specialised toxicology programme (i.e. BSc or MSc in toxicology)

If not, please indicate below the subject of your undergraduate and postgraduate (if applicable) studies.

Question 15: "I believe that toxicology is a stand-alone academic discipline in its own right"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 16: "I believe that the fundamentals of toxicology are adequately covered within diverse undergraduate programmes, with toxicology being a specialist subject for postgraduate study"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 17: "I believe that the current graduate workforce are sufficiently trained in the principles of toxicology"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

Question 18: "I believe that university education in toxicology within the UK needs to be reappraised"

- Strongly Agree

- Agree
- Conflicted
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Please explain the reasons for your answer

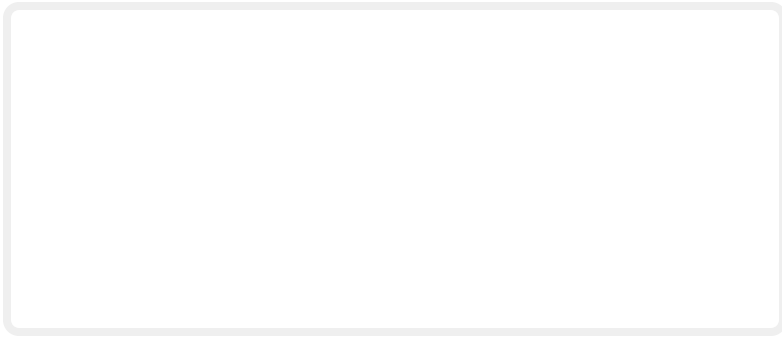
Question 19: The changes I would suggest towards improvement of toxicology education in the UK are?

Feedback

Question 20: I am currently employed/associated within the following area of toxicology

- Academia (staff)
- Academia (student)
- Industry (Pharmaceutical)
- Industry (Chemical safety)
- Risk assessment
- Government agency
- Public Health
- Clinical Toxicology
- Other

If you have any feedback on any aspect of completing this questionnaire it would be greatly appreciated



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