Academic Engagement Team

Established in November 2015

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The co-ordinating centre for The National Archives’ engagement with its academic audience.

Importance of working across teams and departments.

“Academic Audience”

Very diverse and multifaceted
Individuals, organisations, and consortia
Academics, independent scholars, research students
Our current academic engagement

1. Established Academic Programmes

   Collaborative Doctoral Programme
   Doctoral Training and Student Placements

2. Collaborative projects

   With individual academics and research partners

3. Academic events

   Postgraduate Archives Skills Training (PAST)
   Academic open days, seminars, and conferences

Our Academic Engagement

Sometimes inconsistent and uncoordinated in the past
Ongoing review and revision of our academic programmes
Times are a changing…….

**Academic Engagement**

Co-ordinating our engagement with the academic, researcher, and scholarly communities.

Revise, enhance, and expand our Academic Programmes.

**Desire to enhance our profile**

Foster new collaborative relationships

Diversify our research profile reflecting our research interests

**Research-led approach**

Academic Landscape Scoping Study
Digital Landscape Scoping Study
Academic Landscape Scoping Study:

Academic Landscape Scoping Study undertaken between October 2015 and March 2016 by DJS Research.

Reported in March 2016

• Examined the changes occurring within the academic and research landscapes;

• How these changes might affect TNA’s relationship with the academic community;

• What is our current reputation amongst these groups.

Identified TNA’s strong reputation for service provision.

But cited its weakness in terms of research visibility, clarity of mission, and infrastructure.
Academic Engagement and Research Roadmap:

The roadmap offers….

- A collective staff response to the Scoping Study’s findings and recommendations

1. Clarify the role of research

2. Share research more effectively internally

3. Support research individually and corporately

4. Showcase research more effectively externally

5. Facilitate collaboration to maximise impact

6. Resource research to allow experimentation and underpin our credibility