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Sabbaticals in University Law Schools

Introduction

The research, funded by UKCLE, aims to test the hypothesis that research sabbaticals currently give limited attention to pedagogical impact. Ten universities across England, Wales and Scotland have been selected randomly to form a sample allowing for a geographical spread and a mix of pre- and post-1992 universities. Your university falls within this sample which is drawn from those universities which our research indicates do operate a sabbatical policy.

We are writing to you to ask whether you would kindly agree to complete this web-based questionnaire which would take up to fifteen minutes to complete. We are interested in the views of legal academics granted a sabbatical and of staff not traditionally considered to be 'research active'. Participants will be guaranteed anonymity in any report or publication. Universities will be referred to only by geographical region and whether established pre- or post-1992.

You will see that the questionnaire [Question 18] asks whether you would be willing to take part in a follow-up interview with the researchers. We would be very grateful for the opportunity to explore your views further, either face-to-face, by e-mail or by telephone.

We realise that this is a very busy time for you, but we would appreciate your assistance in this research.

For the purpose of this survey sabbaticals are periods of paid leave, usually lasting between three months and a year, taken by members of the academic staff of a University for the purpose of:

- a) conducting scholarly research, and/or
- b) engaging in the preparation of teaching materials or other work related to teaching and /or
- c) taking a recognised course of academic or professional study or and/or
- d) undergoing a finite period of secondment to work in another institution.

We are not therefore covering in this survey sabbaticals which are unpaid or which are career breaks for the purpose of taking care of family commitments, travelling, or taking outside employment unrelated to the specific area of academic work. We recognise however that there may be sabbaticals which are related to academic work but which are not covered within our definition. We have therefore left scope for 'other' in the questions below.

Please would you reply to the questions below by selecting the appropriate button(s). Where appropriate, a box is provided for any further comments you may wish to make. When you have completed all the questions, please click on 'done' to submit.

The closing date for responses is Friday, 11th December, 2009.

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1. Please indicate whether you are a

Lecturer

Senior Lecturer

Principal Lecturer

Research Fellow

Reader

Professor

Other (please specify):

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2. How would you describe your university?

Pre 1992

Post 1992

Other (please specify):

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3. Where is your university?

Northern England

Midlands/East Anglia

London and S.E England

SW England

Wales

Scotland

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4. Did your university law Department enter for the 2008 RAE either as a separate unit of assessment or as part of another unit of assessment?

Yes
No.

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5. If you answered Yes to question 4, were you included in the entry?

Yes
No.

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6. Have you been awarded a sabbatical from your current university?

Yes
No.

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(If you answered No, please go to question 11)

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7. When did your sabbatical(s) take place? Please select all years which apply.

2008/9
2007/8
2006/7
2005/6
2004/5
2003/4
2002/3
If your sabbatical(s) took place in 2001 or earlier, please specify in which year(s):
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8. We are interested in discovering the purpose of the sabbatical(s) which you were awarded. Please specify if any of the sabbaticals were awarded for the following purpose(s) selecting all which apply:

Conducting scholarly research
Engaging in the preparation of teaching materials or other work related to teaching
Taking a recognised course of academic or professional study
Undergoing a finite period of secondment to work in another institution

Other (please specify):

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9. If any of your sabbatical(s) were awarded for engaging in the preparation of teaching materials or other work related to teaching, please provide details, including any specific funding (external or internal) and the outcome of the sabbatical(s).

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10. Do you consider that your sabbatical(s) had a definable impact on teaching or on the curriculum more generally?

Yes

No.

If Yes, please provide details:

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11. In your view should your university law department offer sabbaticals to academic staff where the purpose includes engaging in the preparation of teaching materials or other work related to teaching?

Yes

No.

Any additional comments:

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12. While working at your current institution have you made a sabbatical request

which was rejected?

Yes

No.

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13. If you answered yes in question 12, was one of the grounds of rejection that the requested sabbatical was for the purpose of engaging in the preparation of teaching materials or other work related to teaching?

Yes

No.

Any additional comments:

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14. There is currently considerable academic debate about the relationship between research and teaching. It has been suggested that in the case of sabbaticals awarded for research purposes the recipient should be required to demonstrate the impact of the outcome of the sabbatical on teaching and/or the curriculum. Do you agree with such a proposal?

Yes

No.

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16. Please specify your gender:

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[Add Question Here](#)[Split Page Here](#)[Edit Question](#)[Move](#)[Copy](#)[Delete](#)**17. Please add any comments you would like to make about academic sabbaticals in your University or in University Law Schools generally.**[Add Question Here](#)[Split Page Here](#)[Edit Question](#)[Move](#)[Copy](#)[Delete](#)[Add Logic](#)**18. Would you be willing to take part in a follow-up interview with the researchers? Again, anonymity is assured.**

Yes

No.

If yes, please enter your email address, and/or name and telephone number here:

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If you prefer, please contact us at our email addresses below.

Thank you for your co-operation which is greatly appreciated.

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