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Contract

Post Graduate Award in Policy Government Policy Fast Stream

Department for Education

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Scope

Reference

project_10123

Description

This Direct Award is to King's College London for the delivery of the King's College London Post Graduate Award for the 2025 Government Policy Fast Stream cohort with teaching of the first module beginning in March. Designed with the UK Civil Service the KCL Post Graduate Award is designed for Government Policy Fast Streamers to support their development across the policy profession standards. This offer has been designed to complement the fast stream programme. This direct award aims to provide learners continuity of service and provision, ensuring that there is no break in our ability to deliver accredited learning to fast streamers whilst we identify a longer-term procurement strategy and the Learning Framework 2.0 is established. If this Direct Award were not to proceed, we would have a gap in learning provision for this cohort, as KCL are the only supplier available to provide this programme in this timeframe.

Contract 2

Supplier

- Kings College London

Contract value

- £731,170 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

12 December 2025

Contract dates

- 27 December 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 3 months, 5 days

Description of possible extension:

Authority may extend the Contract for a further

period of up to twelve (12) calendar months to enable the delivery of services to an additional cohort of learners.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80300000 - Higher education services

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Social value: Public Accessibility of Academic Expertise	Number of public facing academic events hosted or delivered annually. Measurement: Annually reported by the supplier	12 months
Survey satisfaction score	Average satisfaction score from postgraduate learners (via Evasys surveys) Annually reported by the supplier	12 months
Course Completion Rate	Measures the percentage of enrolled postgraduate students who successfully complete the course Within the agreed timeframe. Annually reported by the supplier	12 months

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Kings College London is the only provider able to deliver the PGA cohort starting enrolment in October and delivery in March 2026. Onboarding a new supplier in time is not feasible due to development and approval timelines. Their quote offers a £140,000 saving based on current learner numbers. The existing framework is expiring, and the replacement is not yet ready, with no confirmed supplier. A direct award ensures continuity, allows time to test future requirements, and includes an optional extension to safeguard delivery of two cohorts if the new framework proves unsuitable.

Supplier

Kings College London

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2

Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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