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## **Research Leadership Development Programme**

University Of Edinburgh

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ed.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Research Leadership Development Programme

Reference number

EC1075

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80500000 - Training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The University of Edinburgh intends to procure a 4-year contract for the delivery of a Research Leadership Development Programme and is looking for expressions of interest from organisations who have capacity and capability to provide this.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80500000 - Training services

- 80570000 - Personal development training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The University of Edinburgh offers a Research Leadership Development Programme which provides a framework to develop core research leadership skills and behaviours to progress experienced mid-career researchers into prominent future research leaders. The programme is suited to experienced mid-career researchers who demonstrate the potential and motivation to develop into a research leader role and is designed to advance research leadership skills that are applicable to both internal and external research environments.

The University of Edinburgh is looking for expressions of interest from suitably experienced organisations interested in leading co-design, delivery, and monitoring elements of our Research Leadership Development Programme over the next 4 years in line with our values and behaviours, and working towards the goals of our People Strategy and Strategy 2030, and Research and Innovation Strategy 2030.

The programme is conducted once per annum over a period of 6 months per cohort. Each cohort has up to 24 participants and the programme comprises of various elements, which we anticipate will be conducted as a combination of in-person and virtual events. The frequency will be 1 iteration of programme per annum for 4 years, running alternately for either open or targeted cohorts.

Please note the Specification is still being developed and therefore this is subject to change.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

13 April 2026

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Organisations who may be interested in tendering for this requirement are encouraged to note interest via Public Contracts Scotland.

The intention is to use the Open Procedure to tender the contract, however this may change depending on the volume of interest this Notice generates.

The University will use Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) to issue the Contract Notice, which will link to Public Contracts Scotland-Tender (PCS-T) for the tender documents and process. The University would recommend you to register on both sites, if not already done.

Enquiries from interested suppliers regarding the content of this PIN are welcomed in the PCS Question and Answer Facility.

The University of Edinburgh may contact organisations that register interest for further information or market engagement at a later date.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=821645](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=821645).

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