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Award

Post Graduate Award in Policy Government Policy Fast Stream

Department for Education

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Scope

Reference

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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 1. Post Graduate Award in Policy

Supplier

- King's College London

Contract value

- £731,170 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

10 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 October 2025 to 31 May 2028
- Possible extension to 31 May 2029
- 3 years, 7 months, 22 days

Description of possible extension:

Optional extension if an additional cohort needs to be onboarded to this contract if frameworks are unavailable

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80300000 - Higher education services

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

King's 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 estimated savings are £140,000 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

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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