

STFC Education, Training and Careers News

The [Education, Training and Careers Committee](#) (ETCC) met on 18 June 2024. The main items on the agenda were: Update on Collective Talent Working and Feedback from Science Board Discussion on Skills and Talent; Studentship Algorithm; Annual Student Survey Report; Studentship Annual Report; ERF Fellowships Outcome and Panel Feedback; The Fellowship Questionnaire.

Update on Collective Talent Working and Science Board Feedback

ETCC received an update on Collective Talent Working along with details of the presentation on the science education portfolio provided to Science Board. STFC Division Heads attended the PAPAN Science Board to discuss the development of the long-term roadmap setting guidelines for future investments. ETCC were asked to consider the questions from Science Board on skills gaps, trends and future skills needs.

Studentship Algorithm

ETCC discussed the STFC Studentship Allocation Algorithm. Following agreement at the previous meeting to update the algorithm following recent changes to the astronomy grants process, as well the need to harmonise with other Councils across Collective Talent and to reduce bureaucracy, a longer timeframe is required to develop the algorithm elements to take account of the unique nature of STFC funding. STFC Council have agreed to the simplification of the algorithm but due to time constraints STFC confirmed the plan to extend the use of the current algorithm from 2022 for an additional year. Further work will be done on the new approach to the algorithm in collaboration with ETCC.

Annual Student Survey Report

ETCC noted the main outcomes of the Annual Student Survey.

Studentship Annual Report

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ERF Fellowships Outcome

ETCC noted that ten [Ernest Rutherford Fellowships \(ERF\)](#) were to be awarded this year and that 173 applications were received out of a maximum of 200 applications allowable under the quota limits. ETCC considered feedback received from ERF panel members and discussed the changes to the made. ETCC were advised the [ERF 2024](#) opportunity is now open for applications.

The Fellowship Questionnaire

ETCC noted the main outcomes of the Fellowship Questionnaire.