

External consultation and responses tracker

Live consultations & inquiries

Newly launched consultation or inquiry
Recommend BU responds
Would be good to respond, but not critical
Of interest only, not planning to respond – will track outcomes
Awaiting launch
New or updated information

	Consultations and Select Committee inquiries	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
	There are not any current consultations or select committee inquiries				
	<p>Coming soon...</p> <p>UUK Grade inflation consultation. Currently UUK GuildHE and QAA are considering the affects of algorithms on grade scoring. Following this there will be a full 3-month consultation commencing November 2018.</p> <p>Level 4-5 qualification proposals will be consulted upon when the Post-18 Review concludes in early 2019. (Source: Mature PQ)</p> <p>Immigration white paper expected in autumn (Source: Dods 25/09 Kier Starmer briefing).</p>				

Further details on these consultations and sector requests can be [found here](#). Current Select committee enquiries are [found here](#). BU's responses to consultations can be [found here](#)

Niche Consultations

There are currently no niche consultations of direct interest to BU. However, please note that due to the volume and breadth of niche consultations details are shared with academics in advance of placing the consultations on this tracker. Only consultations and inquiries considered sufficiently relevant or that an academic intends to respond to are included.

New or updated information
Awaiting final outcome/report
Outcome finalised and closed

Closed consultations/consultations we have responded to

BU's responses to consultations can be [found here](#)

	Consultations	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
1.	Migration Advisory Committee Call for Evidence (nb this is about staff and is separate from the international students one below)	Call for Evidence	27 October 2017 (Fri)	KP – via UCEA	Submitted to UUK (who co-ordinated responses in conjunction with UCEA). Interim response here: EEA-workers in the UK labour market: Interim Update (published March 2018) No Government response yet – still analysing feedback at 13.09.2018, and 24.10.2018.
2.	Science & Technology Committee request for information on implementation of 2012 Concordat to Support Research Integrity	Request for information	30 Nov 2017 (Thurs)	Julie Northam	Response submitted Evidence published 12 June. Outcome – published 11 July 2018, Committee's report. Government's response
3.	Migration Advisory Committee - a detailed assessment of the social and economic impact of international students in the UK – here is the call for evidence , questions and briefing note .	Call for Evidence	26 January 2018 (Fri)	Policy Team	Submitted. BU's response. Committee published their report on 11 Sept 2018
4.	The technical advisory group call for evidence on the Knowledge Exchange Framework metrics. Other KEF sources: Minster's letter ; HEFCE news .	Call for evidence	30 January 2018	Jane Forster /RKEO	BU's response submitted Tues 30 January. No response at 13 Sept 2018, outcome will likely be on the Office for Students website when available. Checked 24.10.2018.
5.	EUA doctoral education survey. Above link no longer works – this new link does work.	Consultation	31 January 2018 (Wed)	Fiona Knight	BU's response submitted Tues 30 January 2018. UPDATE: EUA are currently preparing the final report and anticipate publishing it early 2019. They have sent us the slideshare presentation of the key survey results .
6.	Cabinet Office consultation on Revised Freedom of Information Code of Practice , FOI Code of practice , FOI Code of Practice Consultation Document , Independent Commission's FoI Report	Consultation	2 February 2018 (Fri)	Deborah Wakely	Not responding. Will follow for outcomes Summary of responses here (published 4 July 2018)
7.	Dept for Education - Accelerated Degrees: widening student choice in HE Consultation document , Accelerated degrees impact assessment Annex A , Annex B , Annex C , Online survey link	Consultation	11 Feb 2018 (Sunday)		Did not respond No DfE response yet at 4 July, nor at 13 Sept or 25 Oct 2018.
8.	Public Accounts Committee inquiry into: Delivering STEM skills for the economy	Inquiry	Open	N/A	Evidence (written and oral) available here The Committee published its report on 22 June 2018. We are awaiting the Government's response to the report. (Still analysing feedback at 25 Oct 2018)

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9.	DfE HE review : Review of post-18 education and funding. Terms of reference and online submission link	Review	2 May 2018 (Wed)	Jane Forster	Response submitted 2 May 2018 No news yet - the Government is currently analysing the responses received. (Checked 4 July 2018.) Review outcomes rumoured to be delayed until late 2018/early 2019.
10.	DfE consultation Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework Specification – design of subject-level TEF .	Consultation	21 May 2018 (Mon)	Jane Forster	BU submitted a response. Government response (published 22 Oct).
11.	Dept for Digital Culture Media and Sport Civil society strategy consultation . Questions .	Consultation	22 May 2018 (Tues)		No response made Civil Society Strategy: building a future that works for everyone (published 9 August 2018)
12.	The Commons Science and Technology Committee intend to develop its own proposal for immigration and visa rules for scientists. See an immigration system that works for science and innovation	Call for evidence	6 June 2018 (Wed)		No response made. Inquiry remains open – still accepting written evidence. All published oral and written evidence here . Report here
13.	Children, Young People and Education Committee on the Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education (Welsh Government)	Consultation	8 June 2018 (Fri)		Following for outcomes only. Responses submitted available here . Dods alert set up to monitor for outcomes on this inquiry. The consultation is noted as completed; no formal response was made to the consultation besides publishing the evidence received.
14.	Commons Education Committee inquiry into support for young people with special educational needs and disabilities . More information here .	Inquiry	14 June 2018 (Thurs)		Did not respond. No evidence has been published yet. When available it can be found here . Inquiry remains open and oral evidence ongoing at 25 October 2018.
15.	Commons Education Select Committee inquiry into the Fourth Industrial Revolution . Equipping young people with the right skills and the role of lifelong learning in reskilling the current workforce.	Inquiry	21 June 2018 (Thurs)		Did not respond. Inquiry remains open and oral evidence ongoing at 25 October 2018. All written evidence has been published here . When the inquiry concludes it will be noted here .
16.	Labour policy forum consultation Towards a National Education Service . Consultation questions on page 5.	Consultation	24 June 2018 (Sun)		Did not respond No specific outcome report has been published.

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17.	Office for Students consultation on using evidence to improve access and participation outcomes (evidence and impact exchange) .	Consultation	3 July 2018		Did not respond. This link is specific to this consultation. The OfS have invited tenders to establish an Independent Evidence and Impact Exchange (EIX) 'What Works' Centre. The tendering deadline was 28 September with the successful tenderer expected to be announced in November 2018. The EIX is expected to officially launch in Spring 2019.
18.	BEIS Select Committee inquiry into automation and the future of work – business, workers and consumer angles. Business includes which sectors are most likely to be affected by a growth in automation, impact on productivity and what opportunities are there for businesses from a rise in automation	Inquiry	13 July 2018 (Fri)		Did not respond. It is too early to expect outcomes from this consultation yet. The inquiry remains open, no evidence has been published at 24 October 2018.
19.	NICE guideline scope – Behaviour change: technology-based interventions consultation	Consultation	24 July 2018 (Tues)	N/A	Watching for outcomes only. No outcomes at 25 October 2018, contacted Behaviourchange@nice.org.uk for updated timescale (also track).
20.	House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee – the use of the retail price index (RPI) - Response details . Information and previous oral evidence .	Inquiry - call for evidence	25 July 2018	N/A	Did not respond. The inquiry has concluded and a report is in preparation. Meanwhile the evidence has been published .
21.	Advance HE consultation on the purpose, remit and scope of Advance HE	Consultation	7 August 2018 (Tues)	Colleen Harding	Submitted Mon 6 Aug 2018 - copy of response not available Outcome: no summary of consultation responses has been published, however, Advance HE note that during Sept-Oct 2018 they will review interim consultation results and work on a new membership model for 2019-20.
22.	APPG for International Students inquiry: A sustainable future for international students in the UK .	APPG Inquiry	3 September 2018 (Mon)	Sarah Carter	Response submitted 31 August. Two oral evidence sessions: 17 July and 11 September. Report due in October 2018.
23.	Dept for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport consultation on the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation. Summary and Consultation document .	Consultation	5 September 2018 (Wed)	N/A – For interest only	Not planning to respond, will follow for outcomes only. Still analysing consultation feedback at 25 October 2018.
24.	Arts and Humanities Research Council request for information in relation to Developing AHRC's Strategic Delivery Plan (role & priorities). Submission portal	Consultation	14 September 2018 (Fri)	Julie Northam	Response submitted 13 September 2018 by Julie Northam It is too early to expect outcomes to this consultation yet (25 October 2018).

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25.	Commons Science and Technology Committee inquiry into Balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending	Inquiry	28 September 2018 (Fri)	Julie Northam	Chose not to respond Inquiry remains open (at 25 October 2018). Evidence has been published here .
26.	Office for Students consultation on calculating student numbers . Consultation document here .	Consultation	5 October 2018 (Fri)	Academic Services	BU Response submitted 5 th October. OfS post-consultation summary and response (published 24 October). Next: technical spec and data strategy expected November 2018.
27.	Office for Students consultation: a new approach to regulating access and participation in HE . Online submission portal .	Consultation	12 October 2018 (Fri)	Academic Services	BU response submitted 12 th October. Outcomes expected to be published in early 2019 .
28.	REF 2021 consultation on guidance, panel criteria and working methods. Press release . Guidance on submissions and draft panel criteria and working methods	Consultation	15 October 2018 (Mon)	Julie Northam	BU response submitted 14 th October. It is too early to expect outcomes to this consultation yet, when available they will be published here .
29.	HE Commissions' call for evidence on degree apprenticeships	Call for evidence	19 October 2018 (Fri)	N/A	Following for outcomes only – did not respond. It is too early to expect outcomes to this consultation yet, when available it is likely they will be published via Policy Connect's HE Commission website .
30.	Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation consultation on Technical Qualifications rules and guidance	Consultation	28 October 2018	N/A	Following for outcomes only – did not respond.

CLOSED - Niche ones we are watching

	NICHE Consultations	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
1.	Work and Pensions Committee Assistive Technology inquiry	Inquiry – Call for evidence	19 Jan 2018 (Fri)	N/A	BU did not respond. Following for outcomes . Written evidence available here (select +view all); oral evidence here . The Committee's reports are available here (select +view all in the blue bar). The Government's response is here (issued 19 Sept 2018).
2.	Dept of Health consultation - Promoting professionalism. Reforming regulation Consultation webpage link.	Consultation	23 January 2018	N/A	Elizabeth Rosser confirmed we would not respond. Responses are being reviewed and the DfH will publish an outcome report here when available. No outcomes at 25 October 2018, the site confirms they are still reviewing responses.
3.	Financial Crime and Scamming APPG inquiry into young people susceptibility to fraud and scams Weblink here	Inquiry (APPG)	16 March 2018 (Fri)	N/A	Keith Brown has confirmed will not respond. Will track for outcomes. No report issued or evidence published at 25 October 2018. Contacted CIFAS for an update: the APPG has compiled a report, however, they are delaying release to secure a backbench business debate on the topic (updated 31.10.2018).
4.	DfE consultation covering Social Work England's secondary legislative framework seeking views on the policy underpinning the social work regulatory functions.	Consultation	21 March 2018	Jonathan Parker	Jonathan Parker submitted a personal response No final outcome report available yet (at 4 July 2018, nor at 25 October 2018).
5.	The Creative Industries Federation is researching what growth in creative enterprises across the UK	Consultative survey	3 July 2018	N/A	Did not submit. Focus groups take place in July. The outcome report was due before the October budget but it has not been published. However, the website notes this budget representation is based on the consultation responses.
6.	Business productivity review	Call for evidence	6 July 2018 (Fri)	N/A	Did not submit – following for outcomes only. The Government are still analysing feedback (at 25 October 2018).
7.	The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport consultation on developing the UK cyber security profession. Consultation document . Online submission portal .	Consultation	31 August 2018 (Fri)	John McAlaney	John McAlaney responded leading the response via British Psychological Society here (John McAlaney and Jacqui Taylor acknowledged). The Government are still analysing feedback (at 25 October 2018).
8.	FE & HE Cyber Security Research by CSES. CSES will proactively contact institutions and invite them to participate by email. Online survey (10 mins), potentially followed up by telephone interview (15 mins)	Survey	31 August 2018 (Fri)		Unknown if BU was contacted to participate. No outcomes posted here yet (at 25 October 2018).

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9.	The House of Lords Committee on Intergenerational Fairness and Provision	Inquiry	10 September 2018		Not responding Oral evidence to the committee is ongoing, previous evidence can be viewed here .
10.	Lords Select Committee – Rural Economy Committee	Inquiry	10 September 2018		Not responding Oral evidence to the committee is ongoing, previous evidence can be viewed here .
11.	The Cairncross review call for evidence on sustainable high-quality journalism in the UK	Call for evidence	7 September 2018 (Fri)	Dan Jackson	The Government are still analysing the feedback (at 25 October 2018).
12.	NICE consultation on charging for technology appraisal and highly specialised technology recommendations , also consulting on the recruiting of appeal panel members.	Consultation	14 September 2018 (Fri)		No interest received The Government are still analysing the feedback (at 25 October 2018).
13.	Lords Science and Technology Committee: Forensic Science	Inquiry	14 September 2018 (Fri)	Matthew Bennett Marcin Budka	Did not respond. Inquiry is open and evidence is ongoing. Published evidence can be viewed here .