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# UUK proposal to Government: achieving stability following C-19

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# UUK case to Government

- universities generate
  - > £95bn for UK economy
  - > 940,000 FT jobs across 4 nations of UK
- develop highly skilled people, driving business productivity & equipping public services
- drive social mobility and improving quality of life
- fuel economic growth, research & innovation, inward investment
- strengthen UK's place in the world through international activities
- civic leadership and regional regeneration

# Significant risks from Covid-19 pandemic

- capacity to deliver existing benefits to UK diminished
- risk to the student interest and to research capacity
- financial risk
  - 2019-20 £790m rent, catering, conferences
  - 2020-21 fall in international students (total £6.9bn) & UG deferrals
- risk of institutional failures
- capacity to play central role in economic and social recovery diminished
- behavioural consequences of institutions
- impact on social and regional equality

# Proposed package of measures

- Research
  - increase QR funding by 100% for 2020-21
  - full economic cost of research
  - Increase innovation funding to support rebalancing the economy
- Stability for student entry 2020-21
  - HEIs recruit UK/EU UG students up to 2020-21 forecast
  - avoids unplanned expansion to boost income
  - must honour place if meet conditions of application
  - Office for Students: clear guidance and significant sanctions
  - sector agreement on fair admissions practices

# Proposed package: skills/student choice

- support for
  - courses that train key workers in the public sector
  - reskilling – part-time and flexible adult learning
  - students from disadvantaged backgrounds
  - small and specialist institutions
  - institutions with high international student intake

# Proposed package: finance

- transformation fund – for mergers/federations - HE/FE/private providers
- confirmation that fully eligible for
  - the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme - furloughing
  - Coronavirus Business Interruption Scheme - CBIS
  - COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility – CCFF
- bridging loans
- reprofile
  - OfS funding allocations
  - SLC tuition fee payments for 2020-21 – pay in first term

# Proposed package: international students

- mitigate impact on international student recruitment
  - additional flexibilities in T4 visa system
  - delay new immigration system for EU students in 2021 calendar year
  - hold fee / loan arrangements for EU students for one further year
  - promote UK as international study destination

# Thank you

If you have any questions or would like to speak to one of our team, we'd love to hear from you.

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