

Oxford UCU Branch Motion

Passed at Branch General Meeting on 11th February 2025

Motion for Postgraduate Researcher (PGR) Meeting Funding

This Branch Notes:

1. A campaign meeting for PGR and Early Career members will be held on 19 February at the Quaker Meeting House.
2. The branch PGR reps have invited two members of the Justice 4 Cambridge Supervisors (J4CS) campaign, James Clark and Ali Suriel Melchor, to speak and lead group discussions at the meeting.
3. The meeting will hopefully encourage more PGR members to become actively involved in branch activities. The committee have previously given their support to the initiative.

This Branch Believes:

1. J4CS ran a successful campaign around fairer pay, secure contracts, and paid training for postgraduate and other precariously employed college supervisors in Cambridge. The campaign managed to secure a 10% increase in the hourly rate paid to college supervisors.
2. PGR members in Oxford could learn from the success of J4CS and could use their campaign as the basis for future organising in Oxford.
3. As the two J4CS members will be leading group discussions at the PGR meeting, it would be beneficial for them to attend in person.
4. The J4CS members should be compensated for their travel and their time.

This Branch Resolves to:

1. Allocate £300 to reimburse the J4CS members' travel costs (£75 each) and to provide them with an honorarium (£75 each).