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[**Million+**](http://www.millionplus.ac.uk/research-policy/reports/latest-reports) The university think tank have consistently produced excellent, relevant and authoritative reports. They submit reports to parliamentarians, governments and other agencies to develop and shape public policy and funding regimes on a non-party basis.

[**National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER)**](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/publications/?browse=year)NFER works with a range of organisations, from national government to local authorities, charities and private sector companies carrying out research, evaluation and assessment in addition to consulting, surveying and a range of associated activities.

[**UK Council for Graduate Education**](https://www.ukcge.ac.uk/main/login)- UK Council for Graduate Education, UKCGE, was founded in 1994 under the Chairship of Professor Robert Burgess to champion the interests of graduate education is the. It was founded in 1994 under the Chairship of Professor Robert Burgess to champion the interests of graduate education. Register with theUKCGE to gain access to their resources and publications.

## Open Access Resources

* [99 Excellent Open Access Journals for Educators](http://www.onlinecollege.org/2009/11/11/100-excellent-open-access-journals-for-educators/)
* [100 Extensive University Libraries Anyone can Access](http://maryandmacdesign.wordpress.com/2009/09/22/100-extensive-university-libraries-from-around-the-world-that-anyone-can-access/?utm_source=twitterfeed)
* [CORE: global research papers aggregator](https://core.ac.uk/)
* [DERA: Digital Education Resource Archive](http://dera.ioe.ac.uk/)
* [D](http://www.ergobservatory.info/ejdirectory.html)[irectory of Open Access Scholarly Journals in Education](http://www.ergobservatory.info/ejdirectory.html)
* [DOAJL Directory of Open Access Journals](http://www.doaj.org/)
* [Education Research Global Observatory](http://www.ergobservatory.info/)
* [Google Scholar](http://scholar.google.co.uk/) (some articles from various research repositories & websites)
* [Google Books](http://books.google.com/) (some out-of-copyright materials available in full view)
* [Internet Archive](http://www.archive.org/)
* [IOE E-Prints](http://eprints.ioe.ac.uk/)(research output of IOE staff)
* [MERLOT](http://www.merlot.org/)
* [OAOPEN Library](http://oapen.org/home) (Open Access Publishing in European Networks is a collection of peer-reviewed academic books in the Humanities and Social Sciences).
* [OpenDOAR](http://www.opendoar.org/): allows you to browse repositories and access pre-print materials from around the world)
* [Project Gutenberg](http://www.gutenberg.org/)
* [SSRN: Social Science Research Network (purchased by Elsevier so may not be wholly OA)](http://www.ssrn.com/)
* [SSOAR: Social Science Open Access Repository](http://www.ssoar.info/en/blaettern.html?ext=/ssoar/Browse/domain=ssoar-typo3/&virtclassificationen&order=_pubyear%3E&selcat=Social+Sciences%3E%3E)
* [UCL Discovery](http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk) (research output by IOE staff since 2012 and UCL staff)
* [UCL IOE Press](https://www.ucl-ioe-press.com/) (many IOE journals are now open access)
* [UCL Press](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-press) (open access books)

## Other OA Resources for Keeping Current on HE matters

[**Guardian**](http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network)

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[**HEER**](http://heer.qaa.ac.uk/pages/default.aspx)

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[**UK Web Archive**](http://www.webarchive.org.uk/ukwa/)

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