Who are we

The University of Suffolk undertakes broad research in a number of fields and is a significant part of our work. One part of this work is to understand the experiences of postgraduate students at the University on both taught and research degrees. Collecting experience data directly from participates allows the University to improve the experience of future students This privacy notice applies to those who provide information in one of two surveys

- ‹ Postgraduate research Experience Survey (PRES)
- ‹ Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES)

This privacy notice makes you aware of how and why your personal data will be used, namely for the purposes of improving student experience, and how long it will usually be retained for. The University of Suffolk is a "data controller". This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you.

Our Lawful basis for using the data is/are:

- ‹ Consent   you provide your answers to the survey voluntarily and the information is then used as described in this privacy notice.
- ‹ Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.
- ‹ Necessary for the legitimate interests of a third party (future students)

Why are we processing your personal data

It is necessary for the University to process your personal data in order to ensure that:

- ‹ Our provision of Postgraduate Taught and Research degrees meets the needs of those on the the course

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) our processing is necessary for the performance of your student contract and for the legitimate interests of the University.

How your data is collected

- ‹ Students enrolled on the relevant course will be sent an email link to the survey.
- ‹ Data will be collected directly from students who consent to be part of the PTES and PRES surveys.

‹ Consent will be sought prior to the completion of the survey following the opportunity to read and understand this privacy notice.