

## **EU referendum**

With the UK having voted to leave the EU, the higher education sector has responded with lots of material about what it means for universities.

THE has reported that a Brexit will have sparked a huge amount of uncertainty for the future of research funding, student fees and hiring of staff from the European Union.

The Independent reports academic's fears around a new form of Brexit – a brain exit or brain drain – that could hit Britain's universities and the wider scientific community.

Wonkhe comments that universities must find a way to argue for the importance of higher education in the UK inside or outside of the EU.

At present, what we do know is that the immigration status of EU students and staff based at BU and in other European countries has not yet changed. We are likely to find out more about the implications when the two-year negotiation process between the UK and other Member States begins- we do not yet know exactly when this will be, but it could be this Autumn with the appointment of a new Prime Minister.

## **Work experience**

The National Centre for Universities and Businesses has published a report exploring business practices and processes around work experience offers. The report highlighted that work experience is used heavily as a recruitment tool, however where work experience is gained is of less importance to employers than the development of transferable skills that the experience of work fosters. You can view the report [here](#).

## **HE & Research Bill**

The Vice-Chancellor of Regent's University London has warned the Higher Education and Research Bill will meet with "substantial opposition" and may not make it through the House of Commons in its current form. [HE bill 'will face substantial opposition in Parliament' \(THE\)](#).

## **TEF**

The TEF could radically reshape the hierarchy of UK higher education, with small campus universities and post-92s outperforming many of the elite Russell Group. [TEF 'set to reshape hierarchy of UK higher education' \(TEF\)](#).

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