

Research Proposal
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Main Project Title: How do we measure the quality of a degree?

Background:

This research project asks how students considering where to study, employers sorting through potential graduate hires and the government deciding on how to best fund universities can evaluate the quality of a degree. In particular, we look at the typical economics undergraduate degree and look at the skills that universities and potential employers expect graduates to have; the teaching and learning activities required to develop these skills; and finally, how to evaluate these skills. This project involves input from various stakeholders, including academic staff from leading economics programmes, past and current students, as well as employers.

The scholar's responsibilities:

- Literature review on evaluating degrees
- Design and structure input for existing website on the project

Project outcome:

This is a chance to influence a new way to think about evaluation in education - this project seeks to start a conversation about this important topic through an innovative website, with an ultimate aim of producing an interactive e-book on this topic.