



XCRI - A National Roll-Out

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Graduate Prospects

Who are we?



- Agency of Universities UK and GuildHE
- HECSU - the charity
- Formed in 1972
- All UK HEIs are members/stakeholders
- Central services to HEIs
 - Careers services
 - Postgraduate admissions departments
 - Registries

Who are we?

Prospects.ac.uk



Prospects Software

iHEDD

Higher Education
Degree Datacheck

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National Postgraduate Database

- 1996 Harris Review
- UUK, GuildHE, QAA, Research Councils
- a standardised, national database of postgraduate opportunities
- a directory of postgraduate taught courses and research opportunities

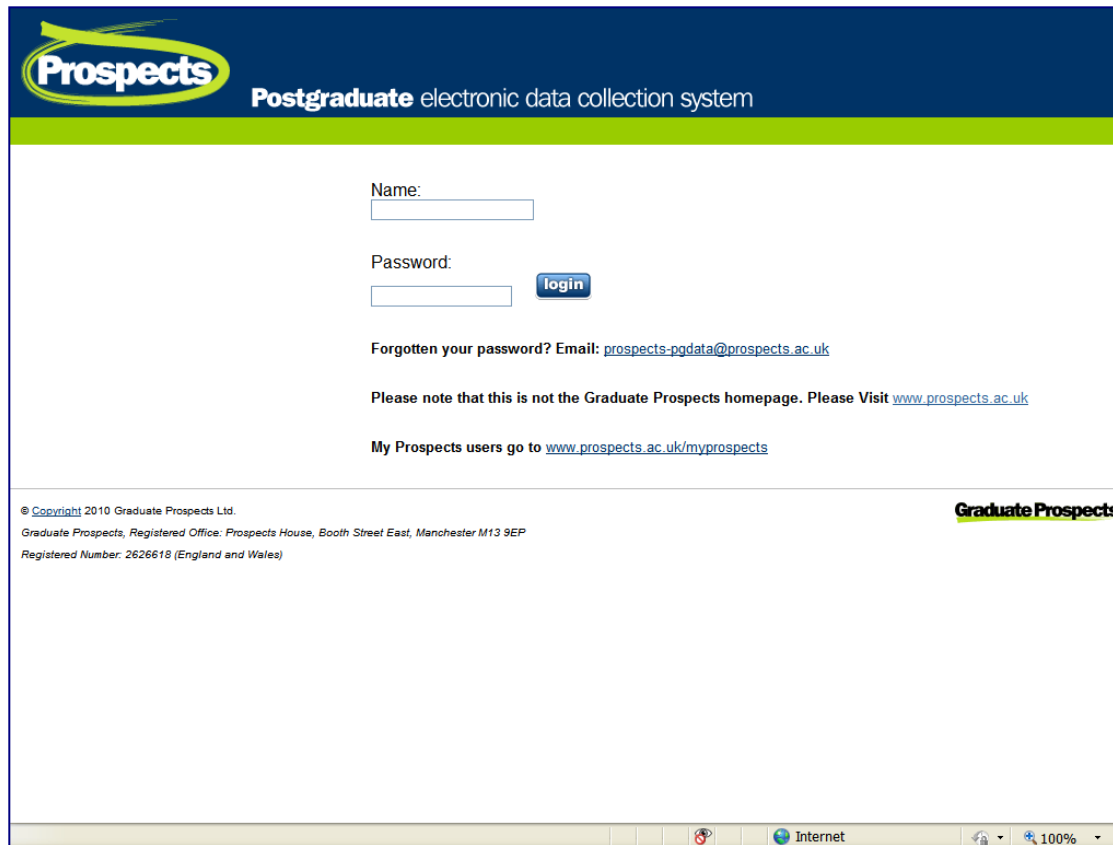
National Postgraduate Database

- 1997 - manual collection



National Postgraduate Database

- 1999 - electronic collection



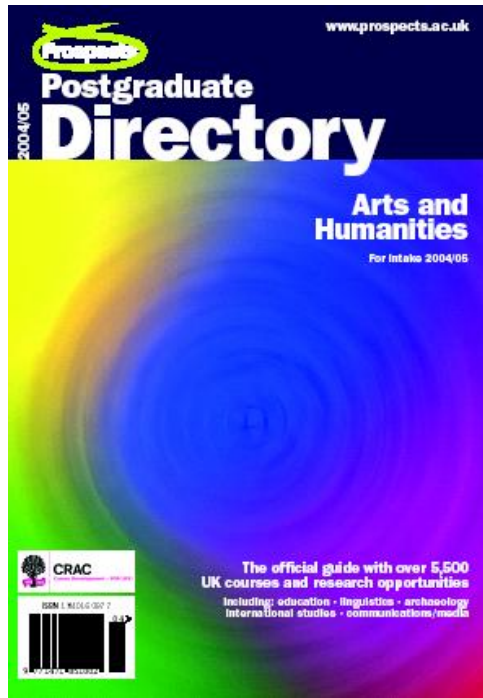
The screenshot shows the login interface for the Prospects Postgraduate electronic data collection system. At the top left is the Prospects logo, and to its right is the text "Postgraduate electronic data collection system". Below this is a login form with a "Name:" label and an input field, followed by a "Password:" label, an input field, and a blue "login" button. Below the form are three lines of text: "Forgotten your password? Email: prospects-pgdata@prospects.ac.uk", "Please note that this is not the Graduate Prospects homepage. Please Visit www.prospects.ac.uk", and "My Prospects users go to www.prospects.ac.uk/myprospects". At the bottom left, there is copyright information: "© Copyright 2010 Graduate Prospects Ltd. Graduate Prospects, Registered Office: Prospects House, Booth Street East, Manchester M13 9EP Registered Number: 2626618 (England and Wales)". At the bottom right, there is the "Graduate Prospects" logo. The browser's address bar at the bottom shows "Internet" and a zoom level of "100%".

National Postgraduate Database

- 235 institutions
- 300 data compilers
- 58,000 courses
- Agreed set of qualifying criteria, data fields, subjects, codes
- Available for updating 24/7
- Full-time data management team

The Directory

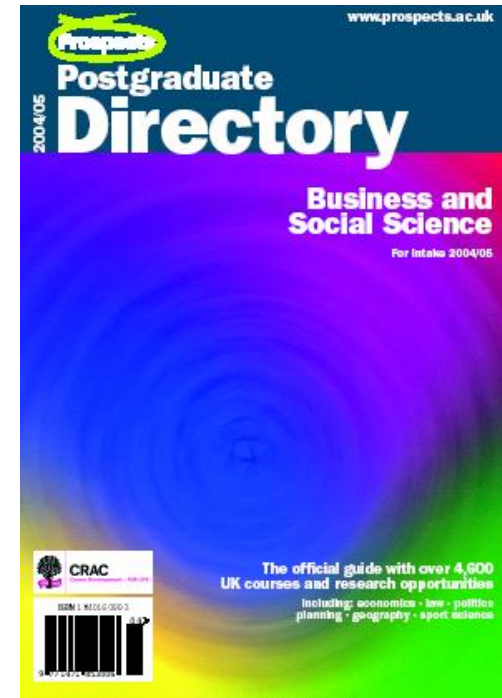
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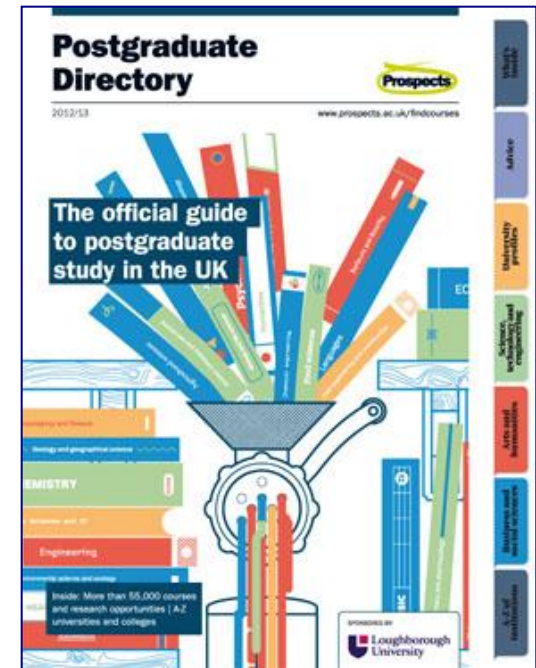


Volume 3



Postgraduate Directory

- UK Careers Services
- British Council Offices
- Commonwealth Universities
- Libraries



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Prospects.ac.uk

- 550,000 page impressions
- 85,000 unique users

The screenshot displays the Prospects.ac.uk website interface. At the top, the logo reads "Prospects the UK's official graduate careers website". A navigation bar includes links for "Careers advice", "Jobs and work experience", "Postgraduate study", "Job sectors", and "Student life". A search bar is located in the top right corner, and a "Log in to My Prospects" button is visible. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail shows "Home page > Postgraduate study > Search courses and research". The main content area features a "Search courses and research" section with a search box and a "Search" button. A "Subject area" section lists various academic fields with checkboxes, including accounting and finance, agricultural sciences, animal care and veterinary science, archaeology, architectural studies, art and design, biology and life sciences, business and management studies, chemical engineering, chemistry, civil engineering and construction, classics, computer sciences and IT, economics, engineering, aerospace, engineering, electronic and electrical, information science and librarianship, languages, law and legal studies, linguistics, literature and creative writing, manufacturing management, marketing and advertising studies, materials science, mathematics, media studies and publishing, medicine and surgery, music and performing arts, nursing and midwifery, pharmacy and pharmacology, philosophy, and physics. To the right, there are promotional banners for Teesside University's "THE NEXT LEVEL" postgraduate open day on 6 November, a "Find Out More" button, and a "POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAY" on 28 November 2012. The Queen Mary University of London logo is also visible at the bottom right of the page.

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- Multiple updating mechanisms
- Increased burden on staff
- Data quality
- Outside your control
- Copyright infringement?
- Data Integrity
- Effect on student experience

XCRI - The Techie Bit

- Course Advertising Profile
- JISC/HESA - What is A Course
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XCRI-CAP - what will it mean?

- One record - held at the institution
- Single maintenance requirement
- Automatic feed to Prospects and beyond
- Feed to other aggregators
- Frees up valuable resource
- Data integrity
- Data quality
- Improved, consistent student experience

Next Steps

- Mapping to Prospects data requirements
- PG KIS?
- Testing - 48 HEIs with XCRI projects
- Roll-out



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