

BREXIT SURVEY 2016

1. In your opinion, should the UK exit the EU or remain in the EU?

	UK researchers who intend to vote		EU (excluding UK) researchers		UK researchers regardless of whether they intend to vote	
UK should exit the EU	93	13.96%	158	16.56%	108	11.91%
UK should remain in the EU	536	80.48%	739	77.46%	757	83.46%
I am unsure	37	5.56%	57	5.97%	42	4.63%
Total	666	100%	954	100%	907	100%

2. In your opinion, what impact would a UK exit from the EU have on UK science?

	UK researchers who intend to vote		EU (excluding UK) researchers		UK researchers regardless of whether they intend to vote	
1 — Very harmful for UK science	324	48.65%	291	30.50%	468	51.60%
2	195	29.28%	386	40.46%	257	28.34%
3	68	10.21%	162	16.98%	81	8.93%
4	18	2.70%	29	3.04%	27	2.98%
5 — Very beneficial for UK science	42	6.31%	27	2.83%	49	5.40%
I don't know	19	2.85%	59	6.18%	25	2.76%
Total	666	100%	954	100%	907	100%

3. In your opinion, what impact would a UK exit from the EU have on the rest of EU science?

	UK researchers who intend to vote		EU (excluding UK) researchers		UK researchers regardless of whether they intend to vote	
1 — Very harmful for EU science	118	17.72%	139	14.57%	152	16.76%
2	312	46.85%	307	32.18%	394	43.44%
3	158	23.72%	355	37.21%	251	27.67%
4	12	1.80%	64	6.71%	28	3.09%
5 — Very beneficial for EU science	22	3.30%	37	3.88%	26	2.87%
I don't know	44	6.61%	52	5.45%	56	6.17%
Total	666	100%	954	100%	907	100%

4a. Where do you live?

UK	666	41.11%
Rest of EU	954	58.89%
Outside the EU	0	0%
Total	1,620	100%

4b. For EU researchers excluding the UK, which European country do you live in?

Austria	46	4.82%
Belgium	32	3.35%
Bulgaria	3	0.31%
Croatia	2	0.21%
Cyprus	0	0%
Czech Republic	15	1.57%
Denmark	22	2.31%
Estonia	2	0.21%
Finland	22	2.31%
France	102	10.69%
Germany	233	24.42%

Greece	15	1.57%
Hungary	14	1.47%
Ireland	24	2.52%
Italy	129	13.52%
Latvia	4	0.42%
Lithuania	3	0.31%
Luxembourg	3	0.31%
Malta	0	0%
Netherlands	58	6.08%
Poland	22	2.31%
Portugal	34	3.56%
Romania	12	1.26%
Slovakia	3	0.31%
Slovenia	7	0.73%
Spain	113	11.84%
Sweden	34	3.56%
Total	954	100%

5. For UK researchers, do you intend to vote in the UK's EU referendum?

Yes	666	73.43%
No — I don't want to	9	0.99%
No — I don't qualify to vote	232	25.58%
Total	907	100%

For a graphic and a full discussion of this survey, see the News story [‘Scientists say ‘no’ to UK Exit from Europe in Nature poll’](#) (*Nature* 531, 559; 2016).