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- Their Research Organisation to disclose Student contact details to UKRI. This is to allow UKRI or Third Parties acting on the UKRI's behalf to contact Students both during and beyond the duration of their Studentship for evaluation purposes, or regarding funded courses or to invite Students to events or conferences that the Councils fund.
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