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The postgraduate policy and funding landscape

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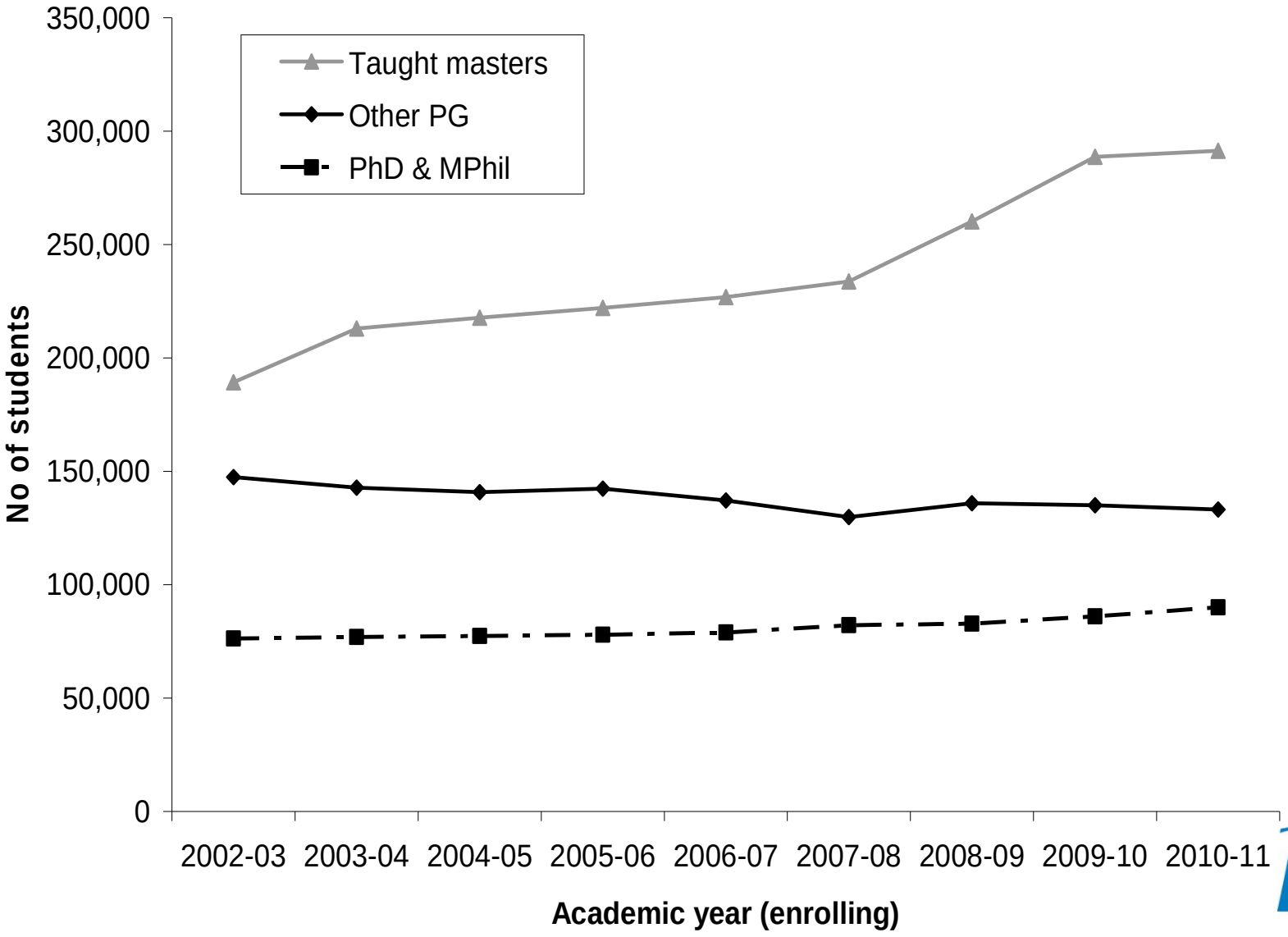
Trends in PG - overview



Institutional perspective

- PGT funding maintained at pre-fee reform levels until 2014, by providing £39m additional funding
- Research begun into PGT costs, using TRAC
- PGT Home/EU fees collected via HESA from 2012
- UUK PGT fees survey carried out summer 2012
- Information on PG strategies sought from institutions

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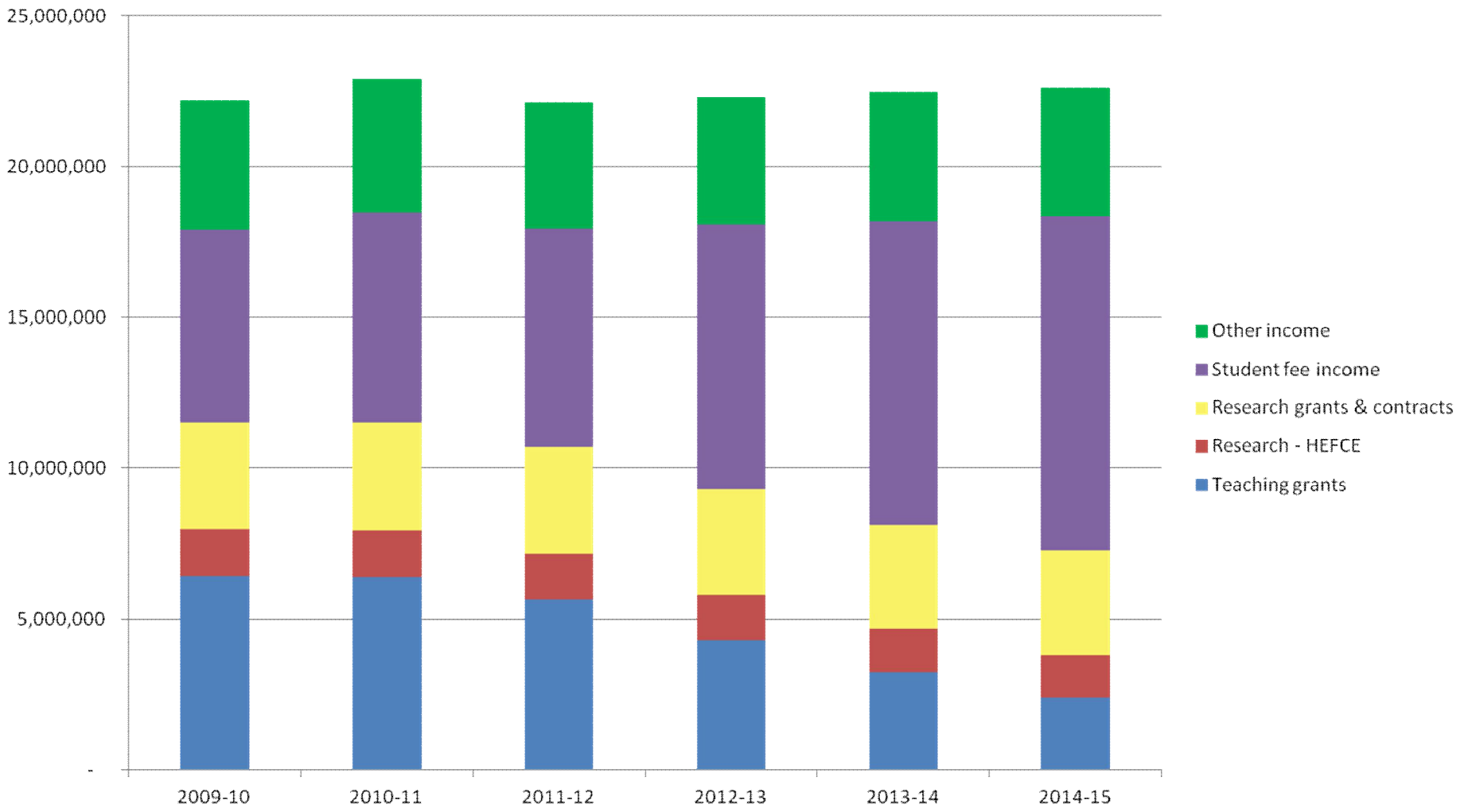
Student perspective

- NSS-linked ‘intentions after graduation’ survey pilot in 2013
- Information needs of PGT students
- Recruitment information from institutions
- PG included in HEFCE national strategy for access and student success

Changes to public funding



Key finance concerns

- Balancing affordability with institutional freedom
- Impact of undergraduate fees on postgraduate market
- A heterogeneous funding system
- Unintended effects of funding methods on academic practice

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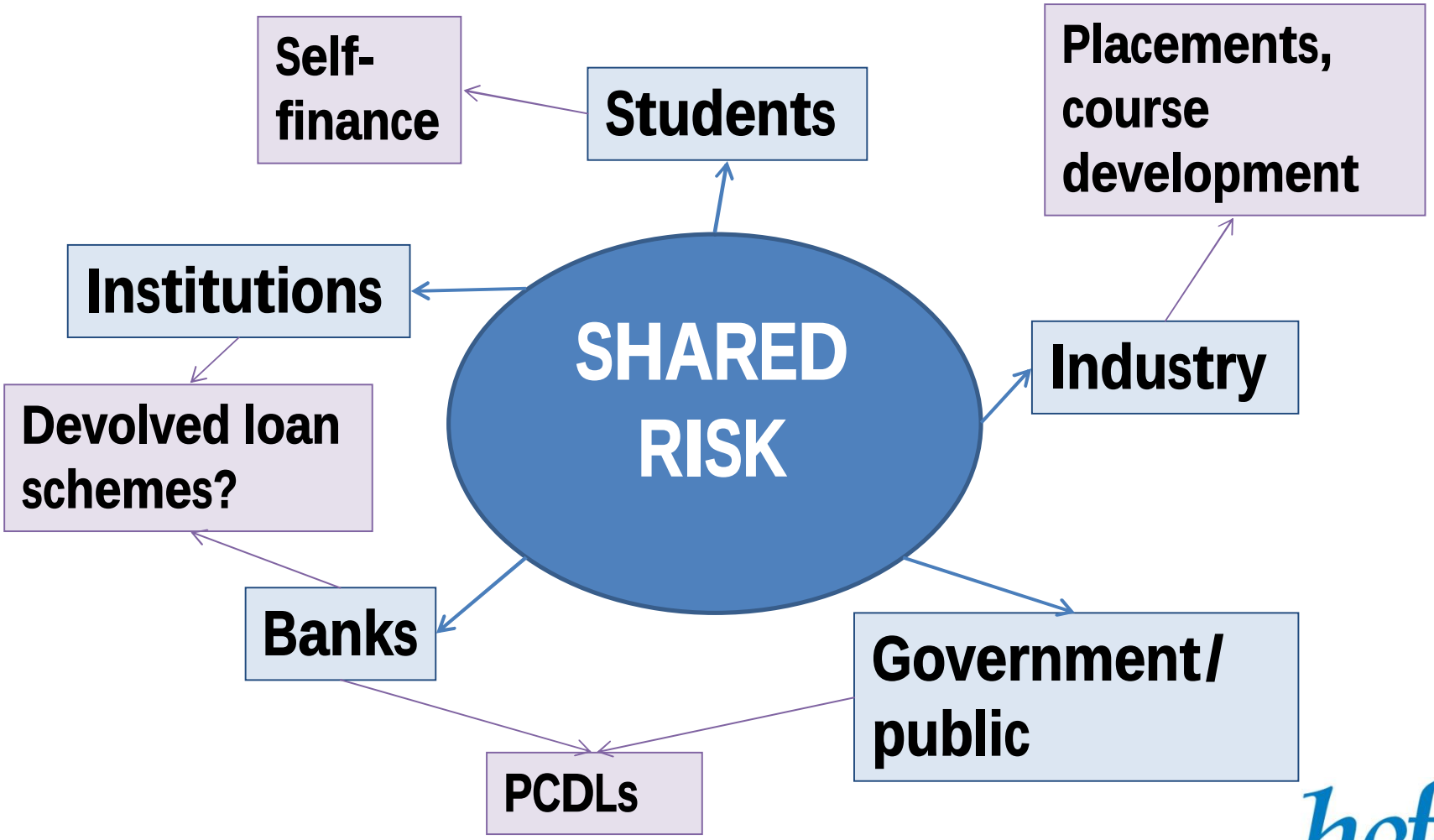
Finance – shared responsibility?



Continuing challenges

- No ‘one size fits all’
- Funding uncertainty
- Continuing economic recession
- International competition
- International reputation
- New funding model for 2015-16

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Thank you for listening

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