

Researcher Development Programme Training Courses

Face to Face

Courses	Delivery Style	Eligibility	Course Stage	Credit Hours
Please note: Courses may become available throughout the year, please check back if dates (listed on Moodle) are not currently available				
Managing your Research				
Creative Thinking	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Early to mid	2
Introduction to ORIS for new postgraduates	Face-to-face	PGR/ PGT	Early	N/A
Philosophy of Science	Face-to-face	PGR	Early	2
Planning Research and Time Management	Face-to-face	PGR	Early	2
Preparing for the Viva	Face-to-face	PGR	Late	2
Understanding how to use EndNote	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Early to mid	2
Understanding how to use Mendeley	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Early to mid	2
Communication Skills				
Communicating your Research: Dealing with the Media	Face-to-face	PGR	Late	2.5*
Presentation Skills: Building your confidence	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Early	4
Using Posters to Communicate Research	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Early to mid	2
What Do I Want to Get Out of a Conference?	Face-to-face	PGR	Early to mid	2
Networking Skills				
Introduction to the Skills of Teamwork for Researchers	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Any	2
Writing Skills				
Creating a Strong Argument for Your Thesis	Face-to-face	PGR	Mid to late	2
Drafting a Chapter of Your Thesis	Face-to-face	PGR	Early to mid	2
Editing Academic Writing	Face-to-face	PGR	Early to late	2
Getting Published	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Any	2.5
Light Your Fire: Motivational Tools for Researchers	Face-to-face	PGR	Mid to late	2
Preparing for your Annual Review	Face-to-face	PGR	Early	2
Publication – Perspective from Journal Editor (previously known as Anatomy of a Good Journal Paper)	Face-to-face	PGR	Any	2.5*
Starting Your Literature Review	Face-to-face	PGR	Early to late	2
Structuring Your Thesis	Face-to-face	PGR	Early to late	2
Career Management				
Applying for Academic Jobs & Interview	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Late	4**
Introduction to Development Needs Analysis and Goal Setting for PGRs	Face-to-face	PGR	Any	2

Research Methodology (<i>details</i>)					
	Introduction to Research Methodology	Face-to-face	PGR	Early	2
	Strategies for Academic Writing	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Any	2
	Research Ethics and Integrity	Face-to-face	PGR / PGT	Any	2
	Research Development	Face-to-face	PGR	Early	2
	Postgraduate Life Cycle (previously known as Nature of the PhD and the Supervision Process)	Face-to-face	PGR	Early	2***

Key	
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*Revised credit hours for certain session takes effect from June 2021, onwards

**4 credit hours for full day session, and 2 credit hours for half day session

***Revised credit hours take effect from Oct 2022 onwards

Online Training Courses

REF	Courses	Course Description	Delivery Style	Eligibility	Course Stage	Credit Hours
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Managing your Research						
	Literature Searching and the Literature Review	This course is designed to support your success in writing your literature review, from discovering the literature to creating a writing plan.	Standalone	PGR	Early to mid	7
	Preparing for your Viva	An online course to help you prepare for your Viva Voce examination.	Standalone	PGR	Late	3.5
	Project Managing your Research	This course enables researcher to learn more about the principles of project management and how they can be applied to manage their research projects more efficiently and effectively.	Moderated	PGR	Early	7
	Referencing your Research	This course is designed to help you cite, organise and use references effectively, and to create bibliographies for your essays, thesis and for publication.	Standalone	PGR	Early to mid	3.5
	Research Integrity: Comprehensive	This course provides practical advice on dealing with the complex issues that can arise while planning, conducting and reporting research.	Standalone	PGR / PGT	Early to mid	7
	Research Integrity: Concise	This concise course is suitable as a refresher for the more experienced researcher, it could also be your first introduction to Research Integrity.	Standalone	PGR / PGT	Early to mid	1
	Understanding your Research Degree	The course is ideal for students who would like to gain a clearer understanding of the UK doctorate and other research degrees as well as how to manage the process effectively.	Standalone	PGR	Early	7
Communication and Dissemination Skills						
	Advanced Presentation Skills for Researchers	This course explores in detail, some of the skills needed when delivering a presentation to a range of stakeholders.	Moderated	PGR	Late	7
	An introduction to writing for academic journals	This course will explore the process of writing for academic journals and provide researchers with an insight into the necessary skills required to develop, write and edit articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals.	Standalone	PGR / PGT	Any	5.5
Professional Conduct						
	Research Ethics for Doctoral Researchers	This webinar is for doctoral students in the early stages of their research who would like to explore the ethical issues and requirements potentially relevant to their work.	Webinar	PGR	Early	1.5
Research Skills and Techniques						



Approaches to qualitative research, analysing qualitative data, mixed methods	This page contains resources on qualitative and mixed methods research.	Resource	PGR	Early	N/A
Building Digital Capabilities for Researchers	This module enables you to explore your 'digital capabilities' and find out how you can develop and enhance your digital practice.	Standalone	PGR / PGT	Early	3.5
Introduction to NVivo	This resource is suitable for complete beginners who are yet to explore the program as well as researchers looking to refresh their knowledge and access further resources.	Resource	PGR / PGT	Early	N/A
Introduction to Quantitative Research	This course is for you if you have little or no previous experience of quantitative methods, but feel that there is potential to apply such methods to your research. The aim of the course is to provide a brief introduction to the principles of quantitative research methods.	Standalone	PGR / PGT	Early	0
Mixed Methods Research Designs	This course is specifically for postgraduate researchers who are interested in using mixed methods research (MMR) in their thesis. It is designed to provide introductory insights into mixed methods research and helps to support researchers who are new to mixed methods research.	Standalone	PGR	Early	7
Qualitative Methods in Practice: Using Focus Groups in your Research	This workshop will discuss reasons for using focus groups in research, recruitment and the practicalities of conducting focus groups. The discussion will cover benefits and disadvantages are compared to conducting one-on-one interviews and innovative ways of conducting focus groups for co-produced research.	Moderated	PGR	Early to mid	3.5
Statistical Test Advisor	An interactive and user-friendly tool designed to help you find a suitable statistical method for your research.	Resource	PGR / PGT	Early to mid	N/A
Statistics: An Intuitive Introduction	This resource consists of a set of online materials that help you to develop an intuitive understanding of the concepts underlying statistical methods.	Resource	PGR/PGT	Early to mid	N/A

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