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RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2020/21

Graduate and Researcher College (GRC)

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The Graduate and Researcher College's Researcher Development Programme (RDP) is designed to equip postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers with a range of transferrable skills, to improve their effectiveness when conducting research and increase their employability for a variety of careers.

RDP workshops are run by academics, professional service staff and external consultants, and complement research skills training delivered by academic schools.

Workshops in Canterbury

Due to COVID-19, this year the majority of RDP workshops will run online and a small proportion face-to-face, to enhance accessibility for all students. Where events are held in person at Canterbury, postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers at Medway can book onto these workshops and use the **free shuttle bus** which runs between the two campuses. Information on shuttle bus times and booking can be found at: www.kent.ac.uk/campus-shuttle

Workshop bookings:
For workshop descriptions and dates of future workshops, please consult our online booking system at: https://grctraining.targetconnect.net

Support and opportunities at Kent

Associate Fellowship Scheme (AFS)

The University offers the Associate Fellowship Scheme (AFS) which is a formal qualification intended for Graduate Teaching Assistants.

www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qualifications/pgche

Help with Maths and Stats

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) offers Maths and Stats clinics if you need support from understanding the basics to more advanced principles.

www.kent.ac.uk/learning/academic-advice/maths.html

Library resources

The library makes available a variety of resources and information for postgraduate researchers.

www.kent.ac.uk/library/students/postgraduate.html

Three-Minute Thesis (3MT®)

The Graduate School organises Kent's Three-Minute Thesis competition. The 3MT®, developed by the University of Queensland, cultivates students' academic, presentation and research communication skills.

www.kent.ac.uk/graduate-researcher-college/about/celebrating-success# three-minute-thesis

Online resources

All postgraduate researchers are automatically enrolled onto the Graduate School's Moodle module, which includes links to a variety of online resources, training and guides.

IT online learning guides

Information Services offer a variety of learning guides that can be used for self-paced learning or reference material. Topics include; ECDL (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Improving Productivity) and more.

www.kent.ac.uk/itservices/training/studenttraining/learning-guides

PG Community Experience Awards

The PG Community Experience Awards allow postgraduates to apply for funding to run events or projects which have an interdisciplinary focus and will enhance the postgraduate experience at Kent. Applying will help to develop skills in bid writing, budget preparation and project delivery.

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Special requirements

Should you require any assistance to engage with the workshop please contact skills@kent.ac.uk and we will do our best to accommodate.

Mapping to Vitae's Researcher Development Framework

	Knowledge base (A1)	Cognitive abilities (A2)	Creativity (A3)	Personal qualities (B1)	Self-management (B2)	Professional and career development (B3)	Professional conduct (C1)	Research management (C2)	Finance, funding and resources (C3)	Working with others (D1)	Communication and dissemination (D2)	Engagement and Impact (D3)
Kickstart your PhD					✔	✔				✔		
Introduction to University Teaching												✔
Finding and Managing your References	✔											
Rapid Reading	✔	✔				✔						
How to write a literature review (online resource)	✔	✔										
Effective Reading techniques	✔				✔							
1:1 Coaching sessions				✔	✔							
1:1 advisory writing tutorials	✔										✔	
Time Management					✔							
Presentation Skills											✔	✔
Communicating across cultures							✔				✔	✔
Producing a research poster (online resource)			✔			✔					✔	
Progressing in your PhD: Developing your research questions		✔	✔									
Progressing in your PhD: Thesis structure and beyond the PhD	✔											
Publishing in the Sciences	✔	✔									✔	
Writing a paper in the Sciences	✔	✔	✔									
Writing Retreats	✔											
Editing your Thesis	✔	✔	✔		✔			✔			✔	
Finishing your PhD		✔			✔	✔		✔			✔	
Preparing for your Viva		✔	✔	✔							✔	

/ CONTACT

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Postgraduate Development Officer

Hollie is responsible for co-ordinating and enhancing the operation of the Researcher Development Programme and the on-line booking system.

Dr Jo Collins

Postgraduate Researcher Developer

Jo leads on the development of new postgraduate training initiatives for the Graduate and Researcher College and delivers workshops as part of the programme.

Enquiries about the programme should be directed to skills@kent.ac.uk in the first instance.

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