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RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2019/20

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

Researcher Development workshops are run by academic and professional service staff as well as some external consultants. The RDP provision complements research skills training delivered by academic schools.

Workshops in Canterbury

Postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers based at Medway can also book onto any workshops taking place on the Canterbury campus and can take advantage of the **free shuttle bus** which runs between the two campuses.

More information regarding the bus journey times and booking can be found here: www.kent.ac.uk/campus-shuttle

Workshop bookings:
For dates of future workshops and for workshop descriptions please register with our on-line booking system at: https://bloom.kent.ac.uk

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/graduateschool/news/3MT.html

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.

www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool/news/pgexperience.html

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 Co-ordinator

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

Dr Jo Collins

Postgraduate Development Advisor

Jo leads on the development of new postgraduate training initiatives for the Graduate School 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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