

Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions (topic, why grad school, future plans, random fact)

Training

- Departmental: [Training and Development](#)
- Language classes
- CADRE (Arts Faculty): [CADRE workshops 2026/27](#) (Tuesdays 11-1, Wolfson Research Exchange)
- University:
- Research Development Programme: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/dc/training/pgr>
- Skillsforge: <https://skillsforge.warwick.ac.uk/>
- Research integrity training: [Research Integrity Online Training | Research at Warwick](#)

Teaching

- Preparing to Teach in HE: Wednesday 14th October 10.30-12.15. Open to MAR too (for info/career development).
- Teaching usually from yr 2 PhD; expressions of interest in summer term. Be as specific as possible in what you can teach!

PGR life

- Monthly supervisions (logged on Tabula: <https://tabula.warwick.ac.uk>)
- Personal tutor
- Research/reading/writing – find a structure that works for you and your supervisor
- Language classes
- Each journey and topic is unique
- Everyone thinks they are a fraud (truly)
- Fighting perfectionism. ;-)

Supervision

- Usually monthly (maybe more at the start)
- Record on Tabula including agreed next steps and date for next meeting.
- Submit work for review beforehand (agree with supervisor, but usually a week) – via email or Tabula.
- Supervisor will read and comment on work, offering suggestions, bibliography, ask questions to help you define your research question and methodology.
- Supervisors can look at second drafts but will not make the same points repeatedly – it's up to you to take ownership of your work and respond.
- Your role – to come prepared, ask questions, have materials for supervisors to comment on, be organised. Supervisors will not chase you repeatedly.
- Let us know if anything is affecting your work/progress – there are options to offer support, but not if we only find out when you're due to submit!
- More info on roles and responsibilities: [PGR Supervision](#)
- Problems? Talk to Zahra or David.

Requirements

- MAR: either
- Route A: <40,000 word dissertation OR
- Route B: 2 x 5,000 word essays + <25,000 word dissertation + language dossier.
- PhD: <80,000 word dissertation (excludes footnotes and bibliog).
- Key information: [Guide to examinations for higher degrees by research](#)
- All submitted to the Doctoral College, except for language dossier (email to classics@warwick.ac.uk)
- NB Nomination of Examiners Form
- FINAL Deadline – as on your Tabula profile. Note there are no automatic extensions etc – if you think you will not make the deadline you need to discuss this with your supervisor and DGS well in advance of the deadline.
- NB I will run a session on MAR submission and PhD upgrades in Term 3.
- Use the Classics style guide for presentation of notes and bibliography: [Essay and Exam Resources](#)
- Academic integrity: Good note taking is essential to avoid plagiarism. Be very careful if using AI for research and ensure written work is ALWAYS your own.

Progress Reviews

- **MA by Research**
- February: Complete the Spring progress report), email to z.l.newby@classics.ac.uk; meeting with DGS
- May/June: Complete Annual report form, email to z.l.newby@classics.ac.uk; meeting with DGS /
- **MPhil/PhD**
- Upgrade Interview with two members of staff (after 1 yr ft). Complete annual report form including training record, submit sample chapter and timetable. See handbook for further details.
- Annual reviews / Completion review.
- [Forms and Handbook](#)

Monitoring Points

Important: Postgraduate research Student Visa sponsored students who are in the UK require monthly physical face-to-face contact, so you must meet with your supervisor IN PERSON once a month (and at least once in 2 month period Term 3/summer).

NB it is essential that YOU log your supervisions on Tabula.

Generally these include monthly supervisions and attendance at WIP

Plus :

October: Attendance at induction

Feb: Attendance at WIP Seminar (PhD) or Progress meeting with DGS (MAR)

May: Attendance at PG Colloquium

Sept/Oct: MAR: Submission of thesis

June-Sept: PhD: Submission of upgrade/annual review report

NEW: Tap in with your university card for WIP attendance (Oculus 1.03)

VISA Holders: If leaving the UK for research or holiday, please email your supervisor and Classics@warwick.ac.uk as we are required to hold this information.

Holidays, sick leave etc

- Full-time PGR students are expected to study at their normal place of work/study for 37-40 hours per week. Annual leave is important to maintain a work/life balance, as well as to maintain your stamina over your degree! It is anticipated that research students will not take more than 4 weeks annual leave at a time. **Full-time PGR students are entitled to take a maximum of eight weeks/40 days holiday in the year (incl. the statutory (i.e. Bank Holidays) and customary University holidays). For part-time students this will be pro rata.** Students on visas must refer their plans to the immigration team prior to requesting a leave of absence, since this may affect your visa.
- Temporary withdrawal over extensions at end of thesis. International students need to consult Doctoral College and our visa people.
- Funded PGR policy:
https://warwick.ac.uk/services/dc/schols_fund/current/funded_pgr_policy/

Work in Progress + Colloquium

- Wednesday 2-3.30pm (see programme [Work in Progress Research Seminar](#))
- PG Colloquium in May each year (date tbc)
- Additional opportunities: invited speakers and IAS visiting fellows
- CRS seminar series (and other departments' seminars)
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/events/studio/>
[Faculty of Arts Events Calendar - University of Warwick](#)
Email lists (events at other institutions): [Classical mailing lists - The Digital Classicist Wiki](#)

Travel Funds

- Travel funding: [Wiedemann Fund](#)
- Humanities Research Fund conference funding:
- <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/ris/research-funding-opportunities/rdf/hrf/>
- Departmental Funding:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/intranets/postgrads/handbook/>
- Ask supervisor to approve then send application form to DGS
- International travel requires prior approval from your supervisor and a risk assessment

Humanities Research Centre

- HRC Doctoral Fellowship Competition - Launch Event
- Wednesday 28th October 2026, 12:30-14:00, Wolfson Research Exchange 1&2
- Come and find out about this competition, learn how to put in a good application, ask questions and enjoy lunch!
- Presentation by Dr William Rupp (Director)
- Q&A with Sue Rae (Centre Administrator)
- Lunch provided - please [REGISTER HERE](#)

Other Info/Resources

- Libraries elsewhere
- Back up your files!!! [Data Storage - IDG - University of Warwick](#)
- Web presence
- Mitigating circumstances/reasonable adjustment

PG study space

- Academic studio (keys for lockers available from the administrative office, fridge/hot water/microwave available on the floor)
- FAB 2.08 for quiet space
- PG Hub, Wolfson research exchange
- PGR desks in the FAB (CADRE)

PGR Hardship Funds

- https://warwick.ac.uk/services/dc/schols_fund/current/hardship_fund/
- Postgraduate research students are eligible to submit an application for funding at any point during their registration period, including during a period of temporary withdrawal. Priority will be given to cases where an award will assist on-time thesis completion during the standard registration period. Awards will not normally be made to students more than three months into an extension period or following thesis submission.
- Payments from the Fund will usually cover a maximum period of **three months** with the level of funding being half of the research council stipend rate. However, additional funding may be available in exceptional circumstances.

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27.9.21 Clare Rowan

[Arrizabalaga y Prado](#) , A. (2017). [Varian Studies vol. 3: A Varian Symposium](#). Cambridge. Needed for Antoninus Pius to Constantine.

23.9.21 Clare Rowan

van der Hout, M.P.J. (1999). [A Commentary on the Letters of M. Cornelius Fronto](#). Leiden. Needed for Antoninus Pius to Constantine module (e-book please!)

Boatwright, M.T. (2021). [Imperial Women of Rome: Power, Gender, Context](#). OUP. Needed for Antoninus Pius to Constantine please!

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/intranets/postgrads/booksuggestions/>

Other tips

- There will be times of loneliness and despair – invest in peer relationships. (And the bad times will pass).
- Also – enjoy this time!!
- The ‘Banbury’ split
- Look at previous theses

Previous work (PhD/MAR)



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Questions, fears and anxieties... ?

- To do next:

SSLC Reps:

One from each degree: MAR, PhD, part time?

Send Zahra confirmation of Topic title for the pg webpage:

[Postgraduate students' research topics - Classics and Ancient History](#)