

ESRC DTP Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the February ESRC Newsletter – we hope you are well. In this newsletter you will find information on upcoming events, a chance to showcase your research at the Festival of Postgraduate Research plus much more.

If you have any items that you would like us to include in the next newsletter, please send them to ESRCdtp@warwick.ac.uk and mark the subject as 'Newsletter Item'.

Student Successes and News

Arokia

Arokia would like to share their publication update and activities they have participated in this month:

- Henderson, E.F., Mary, S.A., Lillo, D., Khurana, R., Thomas, A. and Sabharwal, N.S., 2024. Going bahar (outside) for higher education: gendered symbolic boundaries of higher education access and choice in Haryana, India. *Gender and Education*, pp.1-18.
- Co-presented in an invited lecture on '*Towards a Capability for Higher Education Outreach: Exploring the Role of Faculty Members in Tackling Educational Inequalities in India*' at Centre for Global Higher Education, University of Oxford, UK, 04 February 2025.
- Resource Person, Diary Data Analysis Session for *Widening Access to Higher Education in India: Institutional Approaches*, Research Project, Department of Education Studies, University of Warwick, CPRHE-NIEPA, Fair Chance Foundation on 11 February 2025.

Congratulations Arokia!

We love to hear what our students are up to so please let us know if you have any news, publications or activities you have been involved in that you would like to be shared in a future newsletter.

Me, Myself & AI – PGR Student Competition

Postgraduate Researchers across the University of Warwick are invited to apply to the 2024/25 interdisciplinary competition entitled 'Me, Myself and AI', which will explore artificial intelligence's roles and effects on business, manufacturing and innovation.

- We welcome applications from postgraduate research students in all departments, whether you are an existing team or an individual
- We encourage submissions on a range of relevant themes exploring AI's role and impact on Business, Manufacturing and Innovation, and in various formats: from images and videos; physical artefacts; written work (essays, poems, songs...). We will particularly favour creative submissions
- Senior academics and practitioners will work with you to develop and assess your submission, and your work will be displayed online and at our event in Term 3
- The winners will receive a total monetary prize of £1000, to be split equally among members of your team

Find out more [Postgraduate Researcher Competition](#), or [email the team](#) to discuss your planned application.



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- Find out more using the QR code or at warwick.ac.uk/research/spotlights/business-manufacturing/pgrcompetition, or email ldresearch@warwick.ac.uk

Me, Myself and AI PGR Student Competition

Submit your expression of interest by 24th Feb!

Find out more:



Advanced Training

For those students on the 2023 cohort, please remember that during the course of your PhD you are required to undertake 20 credits of Advanced Training at one of the MGS Institutions.

Please follow this link for more information:

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/mgsdtp/researchandtraining/

Guidelines for the use of AI in Research

The University's Research Governance and Ethics Committee have developed guidelines for the use of AI in Research at the University of Warwick [AI in Research](#).

This guidance provides information and advice to researchers to raise awareness of risks when using AI in research and sets out responsibilities and expected standards, focusing on accountability and transparency.

Any questions should be directed to researchgovernance@warwick.ac.uk

Upcoming Events

The following events will be coming up which may be of interest to you.

Publishing as a PhD student - 5th March, 1-3.30pm (in person at Loughborough)

The Midlands Graduate School Doctoral Training Partnership is pleased to present 'Publishing as a PhD student', delivered by Professor Darren Smith (Loughborough Institutional Lead) on Wednesday 5th March. Darren is currently the editor of three journals and will share his perspective on beginning your publishing journey as a PhD researcher.

The session will cover:

- Why publish your research as a PhD student?
- Identifying journals and tailoring your articles for submission
- Being strategic about publications as a PhD student

Lunch and other refreshments will be provided. Travel expenses are available for those travelling from other institutions. More info and register here by 21st February:

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/mgsdtp/news/seminars/publishing

Impact and outreach as a PhD student - 2nd April 1-3.30pm (in person at Aston)

The Midlands Graduate School Doctoral Training Partnership is pleased to present 'Impact and Outreach session – practical lessons, delivered by Dr Patrycja Rozbicka (Aston Institutional Lead) on Wednesday 2nd April. Patrycja is currently a head of the Live Music Mapping Project, a cross-disciplinary and cross-organizational research project on live music industries and will share her experience on building impact case studies and designing outreach activities aimed at various stakeholders.

The session will cover:

- Thinking ahead – what will be your impact?
- Designing your research impact activities
- Outreach vs Impact

Lunch and other refreshments will be provided. Travel expenses are available for those travelling from other institutions. More info and register here by 31st March:

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/mgsdtp/news/seminars/impactoutreach/

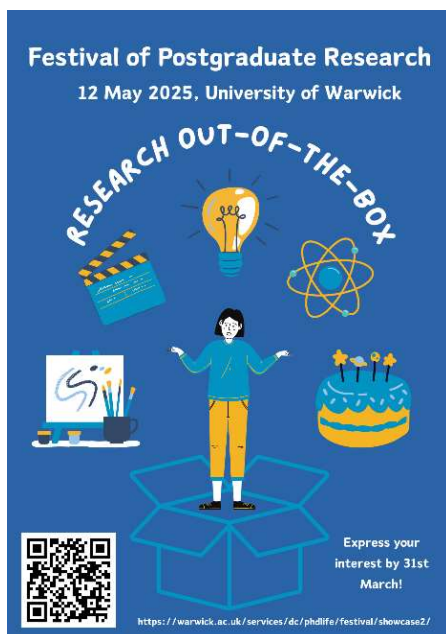
Showcase your research at the Festival of Postgraduate Research

The [Festival of Postgraduate Research](#) is an annual celebration of PGR research at Warwick, held this year on 12th May.

If you haven't already, please consider showcasing your work to our research community. This opportunity is open to all PGR students, regardless of the stage of your PhD and is an opportunity to communicate your research to researchers outside your discipline.

Follow the links below to register your interest by 31st March:

- [3-minute talks \(including free training on enhancing your presentation skills\)](#)
- [other traditional and non-traditional formats](#)



Nearing the End of Funding

For students approaching the end of their funding the following advice should be noted and may be useful for planning your finances:

Stipend Payments: Your stipend payments are paid to you in advance so if your funding end date is 30th September then your last stipend payment would be issued at the end of August.

Early Thesis Submission: Additionally, please note that if you should submit your thesis earlier than your funding end date your stipend payments will stop even if you have time remaining on your studentship award. If any overpayments are made to you in error, then you will be expected to repay them. This also means that any additional funding such as RTSGs will not be approved and expenses occurring after thesis submission cannot be reimbursed, regardless of whether it had been granted approval.

Thesis Submission: Once you have submitted your thesis, we ask can please contact the ESRC DTC at ESRCdtp@warwick.ac.uk to notify us.

End Dates: As ESRC DTP funded students you have a funding end date, stipend end date and registration end date. These end dates can become out of sync if there have been periods of suspension and leave. If you would like to check your end dates, please email the DTP team.

Wellbeing: Living Well

On a final note, the current theme of the Wellbeing team is living well, building healthy behaviours and finding a work life balance is important, yet tricky at times.

During busier parts of the year, when there are conflicting deadlines or exams, it can begin to feel overwhelming. Healthy behaviours can be harder to maintain, and we can lose the balance we need.

It is also important to make sure that you are taking breaks and time for yourself, balancing workload with rest. If we try to work consistently without taking time for rest and relaxation, we will begin to burnout. To keep up productivity and look after ourselves, we must take breaks. Our [Self-Help Resources](#) can be a good place to start if you feel you need tips around balance.

If you would like to speak to someone at Wellbeing and Student Support, you can have a brief consultation with a Wellbeing Adviser. Please access the [Wellbeing Portal](#) to join a queue for a brief consultation with an Adviser, Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm. Consultations can be face to face in Senate House, or online. They both require you to join the queue online when you are available.

With our best wishes,



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