WELCOME TO PG RESEARCHERS

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This schedule contains all the events available to you during the Autumn Term. The events are organized into themes that match to the knowledge, behaviour and attributes of successful researchers. You can find out more and sign up by clicking on the individual events.
MAP YOUR RESEARCH...

Knowledge and intellectual abilities
The knowledge, intellectual abilities and techniques to do research.

Speed Reading & Note Taking
12 Oct 2020 - We need to read and digest a vast amount of data and information. And we need to do it both quickly and efficiently – how?

Literature Review
20 Oct 2020, 3 Nov 2020, 12 Nov 2020 - We all need to write our Literature review but how do we start, what do we really need to cover and how?

Using storytelling to communicate your research
4 Nov 2020, 25 Nov 2020 - Whether writing your final chapters or preparing for a conference, skilful storytelling has many uses in life.

How to make reading your thesis easy for your examiners
10 Nov 2020 - Introducing the concept of thesis mapping and signposting.

Presenting your research (F2F/online)
16 Nov 2020 - Whether you are presenting online or in person we will discuss how you can write, prepare and deliver a presentation that leaves your audience feeling informed and engaged.

My Research
19 Nov 2020 - The best 90 minutes of your month. Come along and present for up to 10 minutes about your research – whatever stage you are at.
**Decode Your Data**
21 Oct 2020- We invite you to turn detective in a quest to crack the code and interpret the 'secret' data file. We'll also provide hints and tips on how to ensure your own data can be found, accessed and interpreted by others.

**Mastering Microsoft Word (delivered by ITS)**
3 Nov 2020 - Go through the essentials of Microsoft Word to pickup skills which will help you to save time and effort when creating, formatting and editing documents.

**OneNote in One Hour(delivered by ITS)**
26 Oct 2020, 12 Nov 2020-
Microsoft OneNote is an easy-to-use note-taking programme that allows you to make notes and capture text, images, video and sound from a variety of sources including the internet and e-mail. Your OneNote Notebook (if saved on OneDrive) is accessible and editable on most devices including mobile phones and tablets.

**Finding and Organising Information**
Throughout your project, you will need to find and manage information from a wide variety of print and digital sources. Our Academic Support Librarians (ASLs) are subject specialists, who have an in-depth knowledge of the resources available in your subject and can advise you on literature searching and accessing the information you need for your research. They can also help with referencing and reference management using EndNote.

**Contact your ASL** for a one-to-one appointment.
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Research governance and organisation
The knowledge of the standards, requirements and professionalism to do research.

Planning, patience & preparation for post lockdown
13 Oct 2020, 2 Nov 2020- As we move into a new phase of pandemic & lockdown measures, we need to think about what next?

What can I do? More contingency planning for the ‘newer normal’
28 Oct 2020- We are still in unprecedented times and we need to make sure we have back-up plans and ideas to get us through the next 12 months. Discuss risk assessments, and think about more contingency planning and objective-setting.

Project Management
20 Oct 2020, 29 Oct 2020- We will help you identify what project management tools can be used in your day to day tasks and understand the importance of project management for your own research.

Goal Setting (beating self-sabotage)
14 Oct 2020, 15 Oct 2020- Are you procrastinating; getting distracted; obsessing over the standard of your work? Some practical strategies to get you back on track and moving forwards.
PhD - preparation for the middle years
5 Nov 2020- Where are you in the doctoral process? We will look at what your gains have been in year one and identify practical steps to chart a successful course through the next 12-18 months.

Understanding your upgrade
1 Dec 2020- More PGRs now are required to follow a 1+3 route. The facilitators will share their own experiences of their upgrades and their learning from the process.

Reflexivity for researchers
1 Dec 2020- Reflexivity is a strategy to question our own attitudes, thought processes, values, assumptions, prejudices and habitual actions. Join us to try to understand our complex roles in relation to others.

Seven steps to PhD completion
3 Dec 2020, 8 Dec 2020- What are the key characteristics of successful PhDs? A discussion session identifying some best practice, characteristics and hints.
Care and management of your data is an essential part of research good practice. Our Moodle course and online sessions provide advice and support with collecting, storing, retrieving and preserving your data.

Sign up for the [Research Data Management and Planning Moodle course](#) (available from Week 1)

- [Keeping your data safe](#) - 28 Oct 2020
- [Publishing your data](#) - 4 Nov 2020

Contact the [Research Data Team](#) for a one-to-one appointment.
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Personal effectiveness
The personal qualities and approach to be an effective researcher.

**Hope, Fears & Challenges**
30 Sep 2020- What are you hoping to get from you doing a PhD? We will share some of our top tips for enjoying your research experience.

**Meet a PhD (or two)**
1 Oct 2020- Meet up with some PhD colleagues from different departments and different stages of their PhD.

**Get Prepared, Get Organised**
5 Oct 2020- What do you need to know and where to start? Start with some clear goal setting.

**Researcher Development Online**
28 Sep 2020- Introducing the RDO Teams site and what it can do for you.

**Get your week started - action planning for the week ahead**
Every Monday- Consider what three things need to be done today and over next four days to make the biggest impact on your research, in your research, and around your research.
**10 things I wish I had known…**

7 Oct 2020, 8 Oct 2020 - Colleagues share the 10 things that they wish they had known at the start of their PhD.

**Friday Checkout: Did you do it?**

Every Friday - A weekly opportunity to check back in with an RDO tutor to discuss how the week has gone.

**Increase your Productivity**

19 Oct 2020, 9 Nov 2020 - How do you fit the diverse demands on your time into your day? Find out how to snack-manage your tasks and find that extra time in the day.

**Procrastination Busters for lockdown, new normal, newer normal…**

21 Oct 2020 - A small group coaching session to help you identify your procrastinating behaviours, make achievable goals and identify small and quick wins.

**Preparing for your (online) Viva**

27 Oct 2020, 7 Nov 2020 - Join us to learn how to prepare for your viva, understand the types of questions you might be asked and where to get the details for examination logistics at the University of Warwick.

**Imposter Syndrome**

3 Nov 2020 - Worried that they might find out that you’re not as bright and capable as they thought you were? You’re not alone! Learn to banish your fears so you can enjoy your research with confidence.

**Researcher Development Framework**

11 Nov 2020 - Make sure you know how to talk about you, your research and your abilities in a globally recognised way. See [Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF)](https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researcher-development-framework-RDF).
**Networking for Researchers**

17 Nov 2020 - Networking – love it? Hate it? We will start with some basic guidance on making networking work for you in face-to-face situations, then look at how you can apply that knowledge to the online networking experience.

**Networking (or meet the folks)**

26 Nov 2020 - A chance to get to know more people across Warwick, practice your online networking skills, and start to create a community of interest - all of which will support you throughout your research and career.

**Resilience for Researchers**

17 Nov 2020, 9 Dec 2020 - Research is challenging, not just in itself but in its impact on our wellbeing as researchers. Resilience is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties and is a very important part of maintaining wellness and continuing to be productive.

**Tackling perfectionism - It doesn't need to be perfect - it just needs to be done**

11 Nov 2020 - Do you find yourself endlessly re-writing, re-doing experiments because they were not 'perfect'? Do you compare your work & successes to others and feel like you don't measure up? If any of these are familiar to you, come along to this session.
Using Notion for Productivity and Wellbeing

21 Oct 2020- A peer-led workshop introducing you to Notion, an all-in-one workspace to organise your projects, tasks and notes. Find out how to use it to structure work, enhance productivity and monitor your own wellbeing.

PG Virtual Drop-In

Every Tuesday- discussing different themes regarding your work and your wellbeing, you can receive and share tips on postgrad life. This is also your chance to meet some of our mentors from our online community in person, who can pass on their experience and advice.

Write Here, Write Now Online

Every Tuesday and Friday- Are you struggling to concentrate in lockdown? Is working from home preventing you from getting "in the zone" with your work? Dial in to Write Here, Write Now Online via Microsoft Teams for a few quick bursts of productivity, and learn a new way of managing your time in the process.

PGR Networking Session

15 Oct 2020- Join us for an opportunity to network with other research students across the University.

Looking after your wellbeing

Every Wednesday- Aimed at PGR students to provide a snapshot of strategies and tips that you can use to look after your wellbeing. The session will provide you with advice on how to manage some of these and other challenges that may arise during your research. You will come away with a range of practical tools and resources that you can use to remain motivated, productive and that can help you to manage competing demands.
Managing Change

We recognise that in the current situation lots of us will have had to deal with unexpected and, at times, unwanted changes. This Masterclass provides a brief overview of these strategies and the steps you can take to make the most of your time whilst looking after your health and wellbeing.

Join us at an online face to face session—every Thursday

Watch our masterclass video in your own time

View the masterclass slides

Feeling good and functioning well

A masterclass giving you with a snapshot of strategies and tips you can use to improve your own wellbeing. You can explore the topic in your own time with our masterclass video. The aim is to give you tools you can use to reflect on your own experiences during, and after you have taken part.

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MAP YOUR RESEARCH...

Engagement, influence and impact

The knowledge and skills to work with others and ensure the wider impact of research.

Who does what? The role of your supervisor & your responsibilities

30 Sep 2020- What are your responsibilities as a PGR; what are those of your supervisor. A great place to start to understand this important relationship.

Research Poster Design

22 Oct 2020, 18 Nov 2020- Designed for Postgraduate Researchers producing their first poster - and also a refresher for those who have produced several - covering both evaluation and techniques.

Writing for your research audience: putting Public Engagement into practice

26 Oct 2020- We need to communicate with all our stakeholders, and we need to communicate in a way that is suitable and relatable for them.

Reading with Researchers

28 Oct 2020- Reading with a purpose and an ability to network and learn something along the way. Three themes for discussion: writing more productively, surviving your viva, decolonising our research.
Supervisor & PGR; building successful practice
29 Oct 2020, 25 Nov 2020 - Your supervisor can be the most valuable resource you have during your PhD. But key to success is understanding how to manage this relationship successfully and being clear on responsibilities of both.

Twitter Chat: monthly
30 Oct 2020, 27 Nov 2020 - At the end of each month we take the chance to reflect. By holding this conversation on Twitter it allows us to engage in social media, meet researchers from across the globe, and a chance to reflect upon our thinking.

Parent Juggle
3 Nov 2020, 24 Nov 2020- Are you struggling with the parent-work-research jugggle? Join us to share your experiences and learn from others. Looking after the kids is fine!

Bake your research
9 Dec 2020- The next stage in the Public Engagement challenge. You’ve done posters, conference presentations, written about your research – now cook it!! A chance to show off your baking skills and talk about your research or your job.

Twitter for Researchers
21 Oct 2020, 5 Nov 2020- Why should you be on Twitter – are you missing out? The session will look at some basic housekeeping of all your social media profiles in preparation for setting up or developing your Twitter profile.

PGR matters
Every other week- mini information sessions for you to find out more about topics important to researcher life. They give you the opportunity to meet other PGR's (online) and have a break!
Managing your online identity

Having an online presence is increasingly important for researchers. This online course will prompt you to think carefully and strategically about how you present yourself online.

Sign up for the Managing your online identity Moodle course (available from Week 2).

Pint & PhD

Every other Wednesday- Looking for an informal way to share your research and hear from others? Join us in this fortnightly session.

Publishing in a Digital Environment

Publishing your research findings has many benefits, both for you as a researcher and for the wider academic community. The Scholarly Communications Team provide training and advice on planning your publication strategy and how to publish your work formally and informally. Our Moodle course and supporting webinars provide an introduction to the publishing process. We also provide training and guidance on copyright.

Publishing in a Digital Environment - Moodle course (available from Week 5).

Planning your publication strategy: PGR & Early Career - 3 Dec 2020

Copyright for Research and Teaching Moodle Course (available in Term 1).

Copyright and your thesis - 25 Nov 2020

Research Refresh

Every Thursday- Fill your mug, bring a snack and join us. Due to the current restrictions in place we are running this event online - and we have shortened the session to make it easier to drop in for a quick coffee and chat!
**Understanding Open Access**

Open Access (OA) is the practice of providing unrestricted access to scholarly outputs via the Internet. Our online course and supporting webinars will explore the concept of Open Access, how to find and use OA outputs in your research and how to make your own outputs openly accessible.

Sign up for the [Understanding Open Access Moodle](#) course (available from Week 3)

*Why Open Access?* - 12 Nov 2020

*Making your work Open Access: a practical guide* - 16 Dec 2020
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