

RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Welcome to our Summer Term 2026!

This term you will find a stronger emphasis on your **Career Development**, preparing you for conference season, and supporting you in communicating your research. This is a time in the year when many of you begin to look ahead, and we hope this programme gives you the space to reflect on your next steps, explore different career pathways, and build confidence in how you present yourself and your work.

Alongside this, we will continue to run our **Writing Support** sessions and offer a range of specialised workshops on **Research Practices and Methodologies**, as well as **PhD Essentials** to help keep you on track at different stages of your journey. Whether you are working towards key milestones, developing skills, or simply trying to keep momentum going, there will be sessions to support you.

We also continue to support those doing a **PhD in a Second Language** and **Part Time PGRs**, with a number of evening and Saturday sessions available to help make the programme more accessible. This term, we are also working with **colleagues from across the university** to bring in a wider range of perspectives and expertise, helping to create a more connected summer programme.

Please check below for our full summer term schedule. Bookings open on 11th May on [Warwick SkillsForge](#)

What is the Researcher Development Programme

It is a training programme offered by the Doctoral College. It is designed to help you make the most of your time at Warwick and of yourself. We offer a wide range of workshops to support your research, your personal, and your professional development. The curriculum is comprehensive, integrating intellectual expansion with wellbeing. Our holistic approach recognises PGRs as researchers and academics, and also as individuals with diverse needs.

We believe that success encompasses more than just research achievements; it also includes the overall fulfilment and growth of an individual. You can find out more about the programme here: [Researcher Development 2025-2026](#)

What to expect in our sessions

We run a mostly online programme (RDO) with some in-person sessions of support and training throughout the year including weekdays, evenings and weekends. Our sessions are coaching, and development focused. We do share knowledge, but we aim to help you find the answers for yourselves. The sessions are interactive, and you are fully in charge of your own learning and development. We hold all our online events on our [RDO Teams channel](#), where we also publicise any research related events that we hear about.

How to book a workshop

Doctoral students (PhD, EngD, Professional Doctorate, EdD, PhD by publication) or a Masters by Research (MRes, MPhil) can book via [Warwick SkillsForge](#) (booking links are also provided in this document). Once booked, you will receive a Microsoft Teams meeting link 24hrs before the session (but we encourage you to save the event in your own calendar as reminder). *If the session you wish to attend is fully booked, please add your name to the waiting list.

Who are we

Researcher Development is offered by a team who have experienced the highs and lows of research, are active researchers or lecturers (or both); and most importantly, skilled facilitators. We are Michele, Kate, Frane, Luana, Anna, Saadia, Hande and Vicky. You can meet the team [here](#).



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PGR CAREER DEVELOPMENT			
What can you do with your Research Degree? Identify achievements & assumptions	01/06/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
What role do you want? Searching for a career that is best for you	03/06/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Applying for Research Fellowships	08/06/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Preparing for a Job Interview *	12/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing Research Grant Applications	13/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Hidden Opportunities: how reviewing could support your academic career	16/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Designing and Managing a Collaborative Research Project	17/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Developing your LinkedIn Profile *	17/06/2026	13.00-14.00	Book
Marketing your Skills - CV Building *	18/06/2026	14.00-15.00	Book
Developing your Leadership Skills	22/06/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
What do Employers Want? Selling your PhD to employers outside of academia	25/06/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Networking with Employers during your PhD *	25/06/2026	14.00-15.30	Book
Using Commercial Awareness to Strengthen Your Applications and Interviews *	26/06/2026	10.00-11.30	Book
Academic Interviews - making an impact	02/07/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
What Editors Really Want: Publishing tips, advice and workarounds *	02/07/2026	13.30-15.00	Book
Dealing with Rejection in Academia *	03/07/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Develop a Career Strategy to get the job you want (IN PERSON SESSION)	07/07/2026	11.00-16.00	Book
Deconstructing Job Adverts *	08/07/2026	13.30-15.00	Book
Conference Season & Communicating Research			
Assertiveness for Researchers: Communicating & Collaborating	01/06/2026	13.30-15.00	Book
Dealing with Social Anxiety (Particularly in Conference Season)	01/06/2026	17.30-19.00	Book
Presenting your Research	02/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Creating a Networking Strategy for Conferences and Events (Saturday Session)	06/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing and Giving Conference Papers	11/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Design for Academics 1	16/06/2026	13.30-15.00	Book
Research Poster Design (Saturday Session)	20/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Using Storytelling to Communicate your Research	22/06/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Making Connections: Strategic Networking for Researchers	23/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Design for Academics 2	23/06/2026	12.30-14.00	Book
Organising and Running an Academic (or similar) Conference	09/07/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
PhD in a 2 nd Language Series			
Conferences & Networking in a Second Language	03/06/2026	13.30-15.00	Book
Presenting in Another Language	11/06/2026	13.30-15.00	Book
Navigating Communication Challenges in English	23/06/2026	14.30-16.00	Book

Research Practices & Methodologies – Specialised Subjects			
Advance Quantitative data analysis: Regression, Anova, and Manova	04/06/2026	16.30-18.30	Book
Understanding Trauma-informed Research Practice	08/06/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Python Programming: An Introduction (Day 1)	09/06/2026	10.00-13.30	Book
Python Programming: An Introduction (Day 2)	10/06/2026	10.00-13.30	Book
How to Write Qualitative Research Findings?	11/06/2026	16.30-18.30	Book
Sustainable Research Practice *	01/07/2026	13.00-14.00	Book
Qualitative Research: Grounded Theory (Saturday Session)	04/07/2026	10.30-12.00	Book



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Writing Support			
Long Documents: practical tips, structuring your work, signposting	02/06/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Creative Writing to Deal with Writer's Block	04/06/2026	14.30-16.00	Book
Writing Proposals and Abstracts	10/06/2026	14.00-15.30	Book
Writing and Giving Conference Papers	11/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing Introductions and Conclusions	22/06/2026	15.00-16.30	Book
Advanced Writing: How to Edit Effectively	24/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Write More This Week: action planning for the week ahead	29/06/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Writing Tips (45-60min sessions)			
Focus on Style: How to be more Detailed	04/06/2026	13.30-14.30	Book
The Passive Voice: what is it and when should I use it?	24/06/2026	13.00-14.00	Book
Focus on Style: Differences between British & American Writing	26/06/2026	13.00-14.00	Book
Punctuation: an overview	01/07/2026	11.00-12.00	Book
Writing Hypotheses: the conditional, the future perfect, the subjunctive	03/07/2026	13.00-14.00	Book
Focus on Style: How to Sound more Sophisticated	11/07/2026	11.00-12.00	Book

PhD Essentials – Keeping you on track			
How to Manage Change	08/06/2026	17.30-19.00	Book
Preparing for your Upgrade	18/06/2026	10.30-11.30	Book
Skills for Navigating Difficult Conversations	18/06/2026	16.30-18.00	Book
Doing your PhD as a Parent: how to get organised	19/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Part-time PhD - Surviving & Thriving - Seven Steps for PhD Completion	29/06/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Preparing for your Viva (SHAPE Disciplines)	30/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Preparing for your Viva (STEM Disciplines)	06/07/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
PhD Middle Years – charting and preparing for the next 18 months	06/07/2026	13.00-14.30	Book

Saturday Sessions			
Creating a Networking Strategy for Conferences and Events	06/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing Research Grant Applications	13/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Research Poster Design	20/06/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Qualitative Research: Grounded Theory	04/07/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing Tips - Focus on Style: How to Sound more Sophisticated	11/07/2026	11.00-12.00	Book

* Sessions Delivered by our Guests: Gareth Johnson (University Press Manager), Dr Chris Thompson (DTP Placement Manager), Dr Alexandra Petre (Project Manager for Catapult WMG) and colleagues from Warwick Careers Team and Global Sustainable Development Department.

Detailed information and session descriptors at [Warwick SkillsForge](#).

**Please note that timings are subject to change – for latest update on schedule visit [SkillsForge](#)

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