

Briefing Sheet for Researcher Development Online 2023

What is the RD/RDO and how does it benefit my Postgraduate researcher?

Researchers have very differing needs and requirements and have a varied skill set and the RDO has been designed with this in mind. This allows the PGR to access training that suits their needs, whatever the stage of career and development.

We use a model of Coaching Development which puts your PGR in charge of their learning and development. It supports their curiosity and creativity, works to their strengths and needs.

Core areas we cover are Research Practices & Methodologies; Essentials, Productivity & Wellbeing series; Writing Support; Careers & Conferences; Accelerator series (for the PGR just starting)

When does it run?

We run three 10 week programmes a year- Autumn, Spring & Summer. We run between 8-15 online sessions per week (of 90 minutes) and offer sessions in the early evening & Saturdays as well to include PGR colleagues who find it difficult to reach us during the day.

Maintaining our online presence allows us to work with PGR colleagues abroad, whilst waiting for experiments to run, managing their multiple commitments; and is great preparation for becoming a Global Researcher.

Quality Assurance?

In 2021-2022 we ran a full evaluation project of the previous three years; devised and run by two PGRs. The project brought all the feedback and evaluation materials together to inform us of attendance by department, attendance overall for the University, and feedback from the PGRs who have attended any of the RD/O workshops. This was taken to Board of Graduate Studies in November 2022 and is available to any department.

Our sessions were rated 4.7/5 as a good use of the PGR's time, and 95% would recommend the session they attended; with 5% saying they 'probably' would.

Staff include internationally recognised facilitators, Teaching and Learning specialists, published researchers/ involved in current research practise/ supervision. It also includes 3 Warwick PhDs (two alumni, one current). Several of the team are qualified Coaches and one a Mental Health professional. Guest tutors include academic & professional service staff.

Who is eligible to attend?

Doctoral students (PhD, EngD, Professional Doctorate, EdD, PhD by publication) or a Masters by Research (MRes, MPhil) can book & attend via [Warwick SkillsForge](#). We open sessions when we can to visiting PGRs, and to interested Postdocs & PGTs. They are asked to complete an [Expression of Interest Form](#).

Where do I find more information or direct my PGR?

RD website <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/dc/research/pgr/>

Researcher Development Online Teams site <https://tinyurl.com/Researcher-Development-Online>

Email: RDContact@warwick.ac.uk