

Welcome to our Autumn Term 2026!

Before you explore what our sessions are all about, here is some information on who we are, what we do and how we plan on offering you the best support throughout your studies at Warwick.

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.

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; so hopefully you will find an event which suits your timing. 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**. We repeat sessions and you will be automatically allocated a spot and guaranteed a place when we next offer them.

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, Katy, Frane, Luana, Anna, Saadia, Hande and Vicky. You can meet the team [here](#).

*You need to be registered as PGR to book onto RDO Sessions, unfortunately we don't have the capacity to accommodate PGTs

*Please note that timings of sessions are subject to change – for latest update on schedule, please visit [Warwick SkillsForge](#).

*Bookings for Autumn Term open on **14th September 2026**



First Year PGRs

Are you just starting your PhD Journey? These Researcher Development sessions are tailored for you.

Accelerator Series			
Supervisors & PGRs: Building Successful Practice Explore how to establish a positive, productive relationship with your supervisor	14/10/2026 02/12/2026	11.00-12.30 11.00-12.30	Book
Introduction to Project Management Practical tools to manage your PhD as a project - from timelines to milestones	15/10/2026 04/11/2026	16.30-18.00 16.30-18.00	Book
Get prepared, get organised - starting your PhD Tips and strategies to set up strong routines and systems for your first year	19/10/2026 09/11/2026	10.30-12.00 13.00-14.30	Book
Research Planning for your First Year Structure and plan your first year	21/10/2026 11/11/2026	11.00-12.30 11.00-12.30	Book
Speed Reading Techniques to read more efficiently and critically without losing comprehension	26/10/2026 23/11/2026	10.00-11.30 10.30-12.00	Book
Note Taking Discover methods to capture, organise, and use information effectively in your research	26/10/2026 23/11/2026	12.30-14.00 12.30-14.00	Book
Literature Reviews: where to start? Learn how to plan, structure, and begin your literature review with confidence	28/10/2026 21/11/2026	16.30-18.00 10.30-12.00	Book
PhD in a 2nd Language: things to consider Tips for PhD study in the UK	08/10/2026 18/11/2026	10.00-11.30 13.00-14.30	Book
Academic writing: what is it and how to prepare for it Core principles of academic writing	31/10/2026 27/11/2026	10.00-12.00 10.00-12.00	Book
Time Management Learn to prioritise, plan, and make the most of your research time	12/11/2026	13.00-14.30	Book

Research Methodologies & Practices			
Research Designs Explore designs and choose the right one for your project	10/10/2026 09/11/2026	10.00-12.00 16.30-18.30	Book
Qualitative Research Part 1 – Epistemologies and data collection Foundations of qualitative research and data	07/10/2026 26/10/2026	16.30-18.30 16.30-18.30	Book
Meta Analysis Research Part 1 - A 'how to' guide Plan and conduct a meta-analysis	12/10/2026	16.30-18.30	Book
Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis Gather and interpret quantitative data	21/10/2026 07/11/2026	16.30-18.30 10.00-12.00	Book
Qualitative Research Practices: Interviewing and Oral History Methods Learn interviewing and oral history techniques	12/11/2026 28/11/2026	10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	Book
Sustainable Research Practice Building sustainable research habits	04/11/2026	13.00-14.00	Book
A (complete beginners) Guide to Data Handling: what is mean, mode, median and range? Refreshing essential data basics	16/11/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Qualitative Methods for Visual Research Analysing images as data	03/12/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Mixed - Methods Research Design, Data Collection and Analysis Integrate qualitative and quantitative approaches	16/11/2026	16.30-18.30	Book



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Writing Support			
Finding, Reading, and Quoting Research Locate, analyse, and quote effectively	05/10/2026 04/12/2026	13.00-14.30 10.00-11.30	Book
Academic writing: what is it and how to prepare for it Core principles of academic writing	31/10/2026 27/11/2026	10.00-12.00 10.00-12.00	Book
Literature Reviews: where to start? Learn how to plan, structure, and begin your literature review with confidence	28/10/2026 21/11/2026	16.30-18.00 10.30-12.00	Book
Representing research fairly, organising your reading, fill the gap Summarise, organise, and find your gap	27/10/2026	11.15-12.45	Book

PhD Essentials – Researcher Support			
10 Things I Wish I'd Known at the Start of my PhD Welcome Week Event – Get tips and insights from RDO facilitators	30/09/2026 01/10/2026 02/10/2026	11.00-12.00 12.00-13.00 13.00-14.00	Book
Research Planning for your First Year Structure and plan your first year	21/10/2026 11/11/2026	11.00-12.30 11.00-12.30	Book
Visualising your Research: how visuals can help plan your PhD Use images to map your research	29/10/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Understanding the PhD Upgrade: a starting point for PGRs What is the upgrade review	07/10/2026 03/12/2026	10.00-11.30 13.00-14.30	Book
Keeping on Track (and well)			
Emotional Intelligence for Researchers Develop awareness to strengthen relationships with others and yourself	05/10/2026	16.30-18.00	Book
How to prevent burnout during your PhD Stay balanced and avoid PhD burnout	14/10/2026	16.30-18.00	Book
Goal Setting: moving forward Set goals and plan your progress	19/10/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Dealing with Impostor Syndrome Overcome self-doubt and build confidence	04/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Tackling Perfectionism Progress over perfection	10/11/2026	13.00-14.30	Book

Career Development			
Presenting your Research Deliver confident and effective presentations	06/10/2026 30/11/2026	13.00-14.30 10.00-11.30	Book
Design Skills for PGRs: creating clear and confident images for research and publications Create engaging academic visuals	22/10/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Research Poster Design Design impactful and professional posters	29/10/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Using Storytelling to communicate your research Bringing research to life	09/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Making Connections: Strategic Networking for Researchers Building meaningful research connections	24/11/2026	10.00-11.30	Book

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