

Welcome to our Autumn Term 2026!

If you haven't been to one of our sessions yet, 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'll need to be registered as PGR to book onto RDO Sessions, unfortunately we don't have 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**



Late-Stage PhD

Support for your final year (and getting your PhD done!)

Research Methodologies & Practices			
Researching Sensitive Topics: A Trauma-Informed Approach Researching sensitive topics safely	27/10/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Sustainable Research Practice Building sustainable research habits	04/11/2026	13.00-14.00	Book
Graphical Representation of Qualitative and Quantitative Data Present data visually and effectively	12/11/2026	16.30-18.30	Book
Participant Observation and Participatory Research Working alongside research participants	18/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Reflexivity for Researchers Reflect on your role in research	18/11/2026	16.30-18.00	Book
Autoethnography: researcher as research subject Explore self as subject of study	01/12/2026	09.30-11.00	Book
Qualitative Methods for Visual Research Analysing images as data	03/12/2026	10.30-12.00	Book

Writing Support			
Get your Writing on Track Building momentum with writing	06/10/2026	11.15-12.45	Book
Writing and Giving Conference Papers Develop and present conference papers	12/10/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Writing Proposals and Abstracts Write clearly and persuasively	15/10/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing Tips - Focus on Style: How to be more Concise Write concisely and with impact	17/10/2026	10.30-11.30	Book
Making your thesis easier to read for your examiner Improve readability for examiners	02/11/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Get your Writing Organised - Stage 1: storyboards Plan your writing with storyboards	03/11/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Get your Writing Organised - Stage 2: signposting & mapping Structure writing with clear signposting	10/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Long documents: practical tips, structuring your work, signposting Manage and structure long writing projects	16/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing Tips - Academic Hedging: advantages and pitfalls Use cautious language appropriately	17/11/2026	15.00-16.00	Book
How to Respond to Feedback Handle feedback constructively and effectively	26/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Advanced Writing: How to Edit Effectively Refining your academic writing	04/12/2026	10.30-12.00	Book



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PhD Essentials – Researcher Support			
Preparing for your Viva Get ready for your viva examination	20/10/2026 02/12/2026	12.30-14.00 13.00-14.30	Book
Increase your Productivity Finding focus and momentum	05/10/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
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
Building Adaptability & Strategies for Sustaining Motivation Staying motivated through change	20/10/2026	10.00-11.30	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
Designing and Managing a Collaborative Research Project Building successful research collaborations	13/10/2026	13.30-15.00	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
Making Your Research Visible: Writing for Social Media Sharing research beyond academia	03/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Organising and running an academic (or similar) conference Organising academic events with confidence	05/11/2026	10.30-12.00	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
Applying for Postdoctoral Research Fellowships and Grants Preparing strong fellowship applications	24/11/2026	14.30-16.00	Book

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