

Welcome to our Autumn Term 2026!

Before you explore what our sessions are all about, here is some information about 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 and development 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. For this, we've designed our sessions around different 'pillars' of development:

- Research Methodologies & Practices
- Writing Support
- PhD Essentials – Researcher Support
- Career Development
- Accelerator Series – designed specifically for first year PGRs

To better navigate this autumn programme, you will find workshops grouped by **PhD stage**, so you can focus on what's most relevant to you.

[Early-Stage PhD](#)

[Middle Stage PhD](#)

[Late-Stage PhD](#)

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.

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.

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](#).

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

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

Support for 1st Year PGRs

Are you just starting your PhD Journey? These 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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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)			
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PhD Middle Years

Sessions Designed to Support the Mid-stages of your PhD Journey

Research Methodologies & Practices			
Qualitative Research Part 2 – Methodologies and analysis Apply qualitative methods and analyse data	24/10/2026 02/11/2026	10.00-12.00 16.30-18.30	Book
Meta Analysis Research Part 2 Interpret and report meta-analysis results	19/10/2026	16.30-18.00	Book
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
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
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
Fieldwork Abroad: How to plan and what to expect Preparing for fieldwork abroad	19/11/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Autoethnography: researcher as research subject Explore self as subject of study	01/12/2026	09.30-11.00	Book
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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
Representing research fairly, organising your reading, fill the gap Summarise, organise, and find your gap	27/10/2026	11.15-12.45	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
Paragraphs: the building blocks of your thesis Craft clear, coherent paragraphs	06/11/2026	10.00-11.30	Book
Writing Sentences: starting strong Discover how to craft precise, engaging sentences that strengthen your writing	14/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book



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How to Respond to Feedback Handle feedback constructively and effectively	26/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book

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Long documents: practical tips, structuring your work, signposting Manage and structure long writing projects	16/11/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
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