

DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Researcher Development Programme

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Whether you're just at the start of your Sussex adventure, or a late-stage researcher thinking about post-PhD life, our Researcher Development Programme is designed to enhance your skills, helping you to succeed in your doctorate and future career. We aim to complement the support provided within your School and offer relevant and practical development opportunities, whatever your discipline. Our programme provides year-round training opportunities, coordinated around the four following areas:

- Managing your research
- Library and academic skills
- Writing and communication
- Career development

All training sessions are delivered by professional services, research and academic staff, and are open to doctoral researchers from any discipline. Sessions come in a range of formats, including short information-focused sessions, longer workshops, and online opportunities such as webinars.

Our programme is updated regularly. Full workshop descriptions and online opportunities can be accessed at:

► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev

97% of participants would recommend our workshops to other researchers.

Before booking onto any activity, you should meet with your supervisor to discuss your training and development needs, and identify ways of meeting them through our programme. We recommend reviewing Vitae's Researcher Development Framework (www.vitae.ac.uk/rdf) as part of this discussion. This resource sets out the knowledge and skills required to be an effective researcher.

It is important to review your skills on a regular basis, and you should be encouraged by your supervisor to do so during your annual reviews. For any queries please email

researcher-development@sussex.ac.uk

We recently launched a website to provide new researchers with all the information and guidance they need to get started. Take a look at:

► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/new-doctoral-researchers

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

IT services organise training for all students and staff at Sussex on a broad range of topics from beginner through to advanced levels.

► www.sussex.ac.uk/its/services/informationandsupport/training

The **English Language for Academic Study** team runs a range of academic development workshops for international/overseas students on a range of topics related to good academic practice. Bookable one-to-one sessions are also available.

► www.sussex.ac.uk/languages

Get the most from **the Library** with a one-to-one session tailored to your research interests. If your research involves archives you can speak to Sussex staff at **The Keep**. They offer one-to-one training on general archive use.

► www.sussex.ac.uk/library/research/support

Doctoral researchers can access the **Starting to Teach** course organised by the **Academic Development and Quality Enhancement** office.

The course provides an introduction to the essential skills for developing effective higher education teaching practice.

► www.sussex.ac.uk/adqe/enhancement/devawardsrecognition/stt

Improve your writing skills by making an appointment to visit one of the two **Royal Literary Fund** Writers-in-Residence at Sussex.

► www.sussex.ac.uk/library/guides/rlf

The **Careers and Employability Centre** works with researchers during and after their time at Sussex and can help you to explore the pathways open to you both within academia and in non-academic roles. Contact careers@sussex.ac.uk to request a one-to-one appointment with a professionally qualified consultant.

Vitae is a non-profit programme supporting the professional development of researchers, and committed to enhancing the skills and careers of researchers. The University is a member of Vitae, so by registering on their website with your Sussex email address you will have full access to a range of resources.

► www.vitae.ac.uk



In June 2018 we hosted our very first **Festival of Doctoral Research**, to celebrate the outstanding work of our doctoral researchers. Next year's Festival will be even better, and we'd love you to take part! Keep your eye on your inbox for updates in the new year.

DOCTORAL COMMUNITY

The Sussex Research Hive, located on the second floor of the library, is a dedicated space for doctoral researchers and research staff. It contains desks and PCs for private study and two bookable meeting rooms. Three Research Hive Scholars support the area whilst engaging with and fostering the research community at Sussex.

► www.sussex.ac.uk/library/research/hive

Excursions is an online interdisciplinary peer-reviewed journal, run by doctoral researchers at Sussex and supported by the Doctoral School. Excursions offers doctoral and early career researchers from all disciplines the opportunity to join the editorial team and develop skills in editing, peer review, and team working.

► www.excursions-journal.org.uk

The Postgraduate Education Officer, Student's Union, works on behalf of the postgraduate student body and works with Doctoral Student Reps within Schools to represent your views and interests. Find out more at:

► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoral-school/help



RESEARCHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We also administer a number of funding opportunities to support your professional development.

The **Sussex Fund Doctoral Overseas Conference Grant** supports doctoral researchers who are presenting their work at an overseas conference. You can apply for up to £1000 during the period of their registration.

The **Researcher-Led Initiative Fund** offers support to doctoral researchers and research staff hoping to run professional development events and activities on subjects not already covered by Sussex.

POSTGRADUATE FUNDING AND GUIDANCE ONLINE

The University subscribes to the **Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding Online**. The Guide contains a huge database of funding opportunities from charities, trusts and foundations, comprehensive guidance written by successful applicants, and numerous tools to help you prepare a winning grant application. The University also has a subscription to the **Research Professional** database, a comprehensive database of funding opportunities.

Full details of these and other funding opportunities can be found on the Doctoral School website:

► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/funding



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