

Researcher Development Programme

2016-17

Preparing for your final year

Facilitator: Dr Catherine Pope

Duration: 3 hours

Target audience: Doctoral researchers in the late stages from any discipline

Workshop description: There's so much to fit into to your final year and careful planning is essential. With clear guidance, individual exercises, and group discussion, this practical workshop helps you prepare for the last stages of your doctorate, including submission, the viva, and what happens next. Please note, there is a separate workshop that goes into much more detail on the viva.

Programme:

Here's what we cover:

1. Introduction

- Final year timeline
- How not to write a thesis (group discussion)
- My mistakes

2. Finishing your thesis

- Understanding the regulations
- Planning your time
- Editing your work
- Avoiding inadvertent plagiarism
- Dealing with copyright problems
- Maintaining focus
- Managing potential obstacles

3. Submitting your thesis

- Deciding when to submit
- The submission process
- Writing an abstract
- Printing your thesis

4. The Viva & Beyond

- What is the purpose of the viva?
- How do you prepare for it?

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- What happens next?

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the session, you should have:

- A strategy for the successful completion of your thesis
- More confidence in your ability to get through the final year
- A clear idea of the skills you need to develop

Feedback:

"Unravelling mysteries about the last few months before and after submission."

"It's going to save a lot of time."

"Essential workshop. Excellent and knowledgeable trainer. Should be compulsory. So glad I spotted it."

Contact us

If you have any questions or queries please get in touch with us by e-mail to researcher-development@sussex.ac.uk or by telephone on 01273 873366.