

DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Researcher Development Programme

2016–17

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OUR PROGRAMME

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In each section we list the workshops, webinars, online modules and other sources of support (such as one-to-one consultations with tutors) which are available to you. We've also included feedback from researchers engaging in our sessions.

Our activities run throughout the year, and throughout the week. See our website for the latest dates:

www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

In the description of each resource we indicate how long the activity is, and for what stage of the doctorate (early stages/middle/late), to help with your planning.



RESEARCH STAGE



EVENT DURATION



WORKSHOP



WEBINAR



ONLINE MODULE

See page 20 onwards for details of other doctoral community events, ways of staying in touch, finding funding to support your professional development and opportunities for getting involved.

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

WELCOME

Welcome to our latest edition of the Doctoral School's Researcher Development Programme designed to support doctoral researchers across the University.

Developing your research, personal and professional skills is an essential part of studying at doctoral level. Our programme will help you to adjust to doctoral life, meet the challenges along the way, and develop these important skills. We aim to compliment the support provided within your School and provide relevant development opportunities whatever your discipline. We offer a range of ways of engaging with our programme – from short sessions to longer workshops, online modules to webinars.

Our programme provides practical and interactive learning opportunities, and the chance to share experiences with other doctoral researchers, as well as learning from our tutors. The programme is delivered by tutors within professional services (Research & Enterprise, Library

Research Support, Careers & Employability, Technology & Enhanced Learning), and research and academic staff.

We aim to cater for all levels of experience, and recognise our researchers begin their doctorates with a range of previous experience and skills. There are a range of options, and in discussion with your supervisor, you can choose the activities which are right for you at each stage of your research journey, and which will help you in your current and future careers. We look forward to welcoming you at one of our workshops soon.

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Plan your professional development as a researcher to make the most of your doctorate and ensure you have what it takes to be successful in your future career.

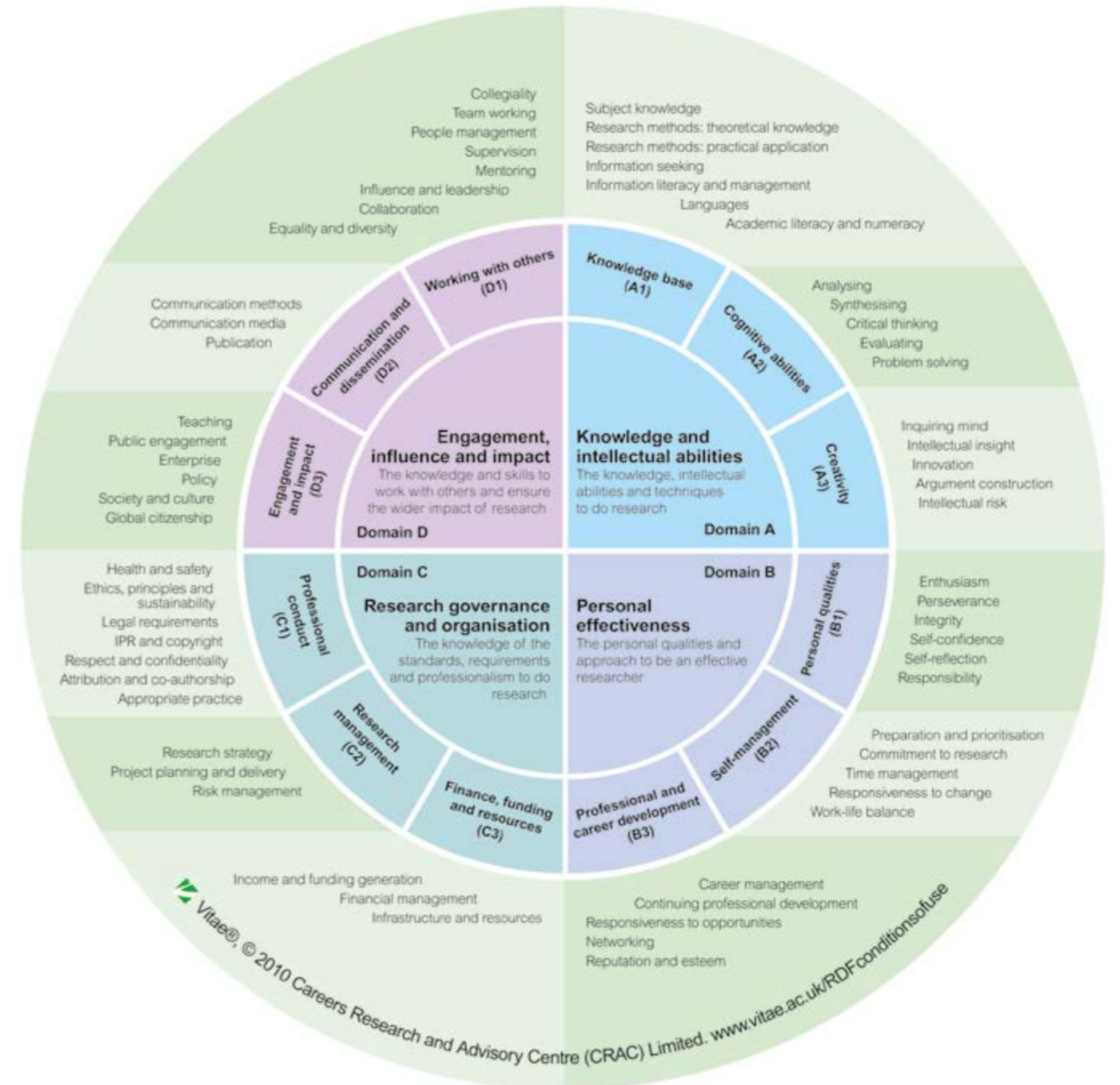
We recommend reviewing the **Researcher Development Framework (RDF) in planning your training and development (see diagram opposite).**

This resource sets out the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to be an effective researcher. As a new doctoral researcher, you may only wish to focus on one or two of these areas in the early

stages (depending on your previous research experience). It's useful to review your skills on a regular basis, and you will be encouraged by your supervisor to do so during your annual reviews.

Further details about the RDF, which our programme is mapped to, are available at: www.vitae.ac.uk/rdf


It is important to discuss your training and development needs with your supervisor, and we recommend arranging a meeting for this purpose within the first few months of starting your doctorate. This should help you to jointly identify training needs and ways of meeting them through our programme, your School, and various other activities.





Library and academic skills

Finding dissertations and theses for your research

Theses and dissertations form a valuable body of work that can be really useful for your own research. This short session introduces several online tools that can be used to access dissertations and theses from academic institutions within the UK and beyond.

 EARLY STAGES

 WORKSHOP  1 HOUR

“The workshop was very useful and introduced me to many databases I was not aware of.”

Keeping up-to-date in your subject

There are a number of quick and effective ways to keep yourself up to date with the research going on in your subject area. This workshop will explore the tools and techniques available.

 EARLY STAGES


 WORKSHOP  1.5 HOURS

“Everything was explained very clearly and the presenters had a great deal of knowledge...”

Literature searching using Web of Science and Scopus

Web of Science and Scopus are online databases which search thousands of peer-reviewed journals to find articles across all disciplines. This workshop will use these databases as a starting point to explore how to develop useful search terms and structure searches effectively.

Also available in 2016–17 as a one-hour webinar, providing the opportunity for you to participate in a short session on this topic conducted over the internet.

 EARLY STAGES

 WORKSHOP  1.5 HOURS

 WEBINAR  1 HOUR

“Gave me more ideas on how to refine my search. I actually found 10 articles which were directly related to my current research!”

Finding and using audio-visual resources


This practical workshop, led by the Library, will introduce a range of resources that can help you locate and use audio-visual materials for your research, including Box of Broadcasts and the British Library Sound Archive.

 ALL STAGES

 WORKSHOP  1.5 HOURS

Managing your research data

How safe is your research data? What would happen if you lost it all? This session will help you to write a data management plan that will keep your data safe, secure, and organised. It will also cover how to find existing datasets and share your own data to increase your citations.

 ALL STAGES

 WORKSHOP  1.5 HOURS


“Brilliant. Comprehensive overview presented in a non-threatening and non-scary manner.”



For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev

Library and academic skills

Understanding publication metrics

Publication metrics are increasingly used to demonstrate the impact and influence of research. This workshop will introduce some of the tools that you can use to measure the research impact of authors, articles and journals, and explore how to use metrics responsibly.

 ALL STAGES

 WORKSHOP  2 HOURS

“Lots of researchers don't know they need to know this stuff – very useful.”


Using Zotero to manage your references

While IT Services provide training in EndNote, many researchers choose to use free tools such as *Zotero, an easy-to-use tool that helps you collect, manage, and cite your research sources. Our Zotero online module is available via our homepage. The module covers everything you need to know to get started, with step-by-step guidance and an extensive range of screencasts.

 ONLINE MODULE

Using Mendeley to manage your references

While IT Services provide training in EndNote, many researchers choose to use free tools such as *Mendeley to manage their references. Our Mendeley online module is available via our homepage and explains how the program can help in managing and sharing research papers, discovering research data, collaborating online, and managing references.

 ONLINE MODULE

*For further guidance in choosing between bibliographic software (EndNote, Zotero and Mendeley) see: www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev/technology/bibsoftware

Academic development for international students

The Sussex Centre for Language Studies runs a range of academic development workshops and courses for international/overseas students. The workshops cover a range of topics related to good academic practice including referencing, giving presentations, structuring writing, and critical thinking.

Bookable one-to-one sessions are also available.

To find out more visit:
www.sussex.ac.uk/languages/english/acadev

Starting to Teach training for doctoral researchers

Doctoral researchers can access the Starting to Teach course organised by the Academic Development and Quality Enhancement (ADQE) office. The course provides an introduction to the essential skills for developing effective higher education teaching practice.

Find out more at:
www.sussex.ac.uk/adqe/enhancement/devawardsrecognition/stt

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev



OUR PROGRAMME

Library and academic skills

Library Research Support

The Library Research Support Team ensure the Library's collections meet the needs of researchers, and provide support in using these resources effectively.

The team offer bookable one-to-one sessions which are tailored to your own research interests and will help you get the most from the Library's resources.

In addition to the one-to-one service offered by the Research Support team, if

you are interested in using archives in your research then you can take advantage of the expertise of University of Sussex staff at The Keep (www.thekeep.info) who also offer one-to-one support on general archive use.

Find out how to get the most out of your visit to an archive, including what to prepare in advance to maximise your time there, how to use archival catalogues most effectively, and how to feel more confident in visiting and using any archives.

Book your one-to-one session with the Library Research Support team or The Keep at: www.sussex.ac.uk/library/research/support

OUR PROGRAMME

Personal effectiveness

Effective researcher


Make a successful start to your doctorate with this workshop, designed to prepare you for the doctoral journey ahead. The workshop brings together new doctoral researchers from across the University and will enable you to build your skills and confidence in communication, planning and time management.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  WORKSHOP
-  FULL DAY

“It was a really interesting and informative day with a wide range of topics covered, I found them all really helpful to me and relevant to my own work.”

The part-time researcher

Part-time study can pose a number of challenges, and combining research with work, family and other commitments is not always easy. This interactive workshop offers you the opportunity to take some time and space to share experiences and discuss the key issues of being a part-time researcher.

-  EARLY OR MIDDLE STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  HALF DAY

Making progress in your doctorate

This workshop has been designed to help you navigate the challenging middle part of your doctorate. The workshop provides an opportunity for you to review what you have done to date, explore how that relates to what you need to achieve overall, and look ahead to plan the short to medium-term future.

-  MIDDLE STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  HALF DAY

“It was a great workshop. I really got what I needed to continue progressing in my doctoral study.”





For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

Doctoral process




Starting your doctorate at Sussex

This online module will provide you with essential guidance on the doctoral process and the practicalities that you need as you begin your journey as a doctoral researcher. Accessible from our webpages, the module is designed to complement the induction provided by your School, and will provide you with essential skills for the doctoral journey ahead.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  ONLINE MODULE

Induction webinar

This webinar, designed for researchers unable to attend a Doctoral School welcome event on campus, will help you to discover the range of opportunities and support available to doctoral researchers at Sussex.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR

Exploring ethical issues in your research

A good understanding of research integrity is essential for every doctoral researcher. This workshop will provide an overview of the principles of responsible research conduct, exploring common myths and discussing ways in which you can become more aware of ethical issues in your research.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  2 HOURS

Getting ethical approval

At an early stage in your doctoral research, it is essential to explore the need for obtaining ethical approval. This workshop will look at the key principles of undertaking ethical research, and explain how to go about obtaining ethical approval from the University.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  2 HOURS






Undertaking a literature review

The literature review is a key and substantial part of your thesis, and this workshop has been designed to help you get started. You'll receive useful information and guidance from the Library Research Support Team on searching for literature, and guidance in structuring and developing your review.

Also available in 2016–17 as a one-hour webinar.

We offer an online module on the same topic (**Writing a literature review**), so if you're unable to attend the workshop you can still access the content through our homepage, and work through the module at a time and place that suits you.

In addition to guidance on the tools and resources available to help you with your literature review, the module also includes subject-specific tips and advice on how to plan and structure the content of your literature review.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  3 HOURS
-  WEBINAR
-  ONLINE MODULE




For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev

Doctoral process

Writing your thesis

With essential advice and guidance on writing a thesis, this workshop is suitable for doctoral researchers who are about to start writing as well as those who have already begun.

An online module on the same topic is available. The module can be accessed through our webpages, and includes advice on planning and structuring your thesis; writing style; staying on track; dealing with 'writer's block', and knowing when you're finished.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  3 HOURS
-  ONLINE MODULE






“Calming! Good ideas for planning and thinking about how to structure thesis and overcome problems.”



Editing your thesis

The first draft is only the start of the writing-up process for a thesis and a long process of editing and revision is required to produce the final text. This workshop will provide practical advice and guidance on how to get from your first to your final draft.

Also available in 2016–17 as a one-hour webinar.

-  MID-LATE STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  3 HOURS
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR

“I found this session incredibly useful – it allayed a lot of the fears I have as I enter the editing process. Now I can't wait to start editing!”



Postgraduate funding: considering the alternatives

Delivered by the authors of *The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding*, this workshop provides useful guidance for making strong applications to charities, trusts and foundations for extra funding during your doctorate.

-  ALL STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  2 HOURS

“Extremely helpful and engaging.”








For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev

Doctoral process

Giving a conference paper in the Arts and Humanities

Aimed at those giving their first conference paper, this workshop provides guidance on structure, writing, and delivery.

Also available as a one-hour webinar.

-  ALL STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  2 HOURS
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR

Working with your supervisor






Developing the relationship with your supervisor, and being aware of each other's responsibilities is vital for productive working. This one-hour webinar will help you develop an effective strategy for making the most of the supervisory relationship.

-  EARLY-MID STAGES
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR

Preparing for your final year

This workshop has been designed to help researchers navigate the final stages of their doctorate. You'll find out what is required to successfully complete your thesis, and receive advice on managing your time and expectations.

Also available as a one-hour webinar.

-  MID-LATE STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  3 HOURS
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR



Preparing for your viva

The doctoral viva can be a daunting experience for which you need to be well-prepared. This workshop will de-mystify the viva process and requirements, and provide you with useful guidance on preparing for the big day.

Also available as a one-hour webinar for 2016–17.

An online module on the same topic (Preparing for your viva) is available via our homepage at any time. The module explains what to expect from your viva, the possible outcomes, and some techniques to help you prepare.

-  MID-LATE STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  3 HOURS
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR
-  ONLINE MODULE




“Should be attended by everyone approaching a viva.”

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

Communicating research

Practical presentation skills

Whether it's for a conference, a seminar, or a School meeting, at some point during your doctorate you'll be presenting your research. This workshop is suitable for any doctoral researcher who would like to improve their general presentation design and delivery skills and enhance their confidence and performance in front of groups.

-  ALL STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  2 DAYS

Posters: designing, presenting and networking

Presenting your research via a poster is often a first step in disseminating research. This practical workshop covers planning the content and layout of your poster, poster requirements, design suggestions, and using images.

-  EARLY STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  3 HOURS

Practical tips to improve your academic writing

Giving you practical pointers and advice, this workshop is suitable for all doctoral researchers, whether you're looking to impress your examiners, improve your writing style, or need some hints on how to start writing and editing.

Also available as a one-hour webinar.

-  ALL STAGES
-  WORKSHOP  3 HOURS
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR

“Can't tell you how many little tips you've given today that will really, really change the way I write. Thank you.”




Writing tips for researchers

Our online writing tips module can be accessed via our homepage at any time. The module provides practical pointers and advice combining tips and tricks from the worlds of creative writing, marketing, and academic editing to help you improve your writing.

-  ONLINE MODULE




How to create a research blog using WordPress – for absolute beginners

Blogs provide a valuable online space through which you can publicise and promote your research. This webinar will talk you through the process of setting up a blog in WordPress, and adding all of the site features and functionality you'll need to start blogging about your research.

-  EARLY-MID STAGES
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR

Building a researcher web presence using social media

Having an online presence is an increasingly important part of being a researcher and it's essential to consider how you present yourself to collaborators, funders, and potential employers. This one-hour webinar provides an overview of how you can use social media and online networking to develop and enhance your academic web presence.

-  ALL STAGES
-  WEBINAR  1 HOUR

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

Communicating research

Introduction to Open Access publishing

This workshop will introduce you to Open Access (OA) publishing and what this means for you as a researcher. It will explore the benefits of making your work more widely available via the different routes to Open Access. Increasingly funders will require more work to be published OA and we will discuss how to meet their criteria and promote wider dissemination of your research.



ALL STAGES



WORKSHOP



1.5 HOURS

Thesis Boot Camp

Running twice a year, Thesis Boot Camp is an intensive writing program for late-stage doctoral researchers. It takes place across three days, and supports participants by providing the tools, time, space, motivation and confidence to make significant progress on your thesis.



LATE STAGES



WORKSHOP



3 FULL DAYS

Communicating your research to the media

This interactive workshop is run by two ex-BBC journalists and will benefit researchers wishing to gain media interest in their research. Packed with practical guidance on working with the media and top tips for dealing with interviews, you'll also get the opportunity to put what you've learnt into practice by participating in an on-camera interview about your research.



MID-LATE STAGES



WORKSHOP



FULL DAY

“The fact it was so tailored to our individual research was amazing. It's been an eye-opener!”

Three Minute Thesis

Developed by The University of Queensland, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is an academic competition that challenges doctoral researchers to describe their research within three minutes to a general audience. With some great prizes to be won and a chance to go on to the UK semi-final, find out more at www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev/threeminithesis

Open Access Week

International Open Access Week takes place 24–30 October. The Library will be organising events and speakers to support the theme of 'Open in Action'. Keep an eye on the Library and Researcher Development Programme webpages to find out how you can get involved and discover the benefits of Open Access for research.

Language Café

The University's Students Union host the Language Café, an informal weekly drop-in session for students looking to practice and develop their language learning skills.

Find out more at www.sussexstudent.com/events/language-cafe/

Royal Literary Fund writing support

Doctoral researchers can receive help with improving their writing skills by making an appointment to visit one of the two Royal Literary Fund (RLF) Writers-in-Residence at Sussex.

You can book a one-to-one tutorial through Study Direct.

“It completely transformed the way I think about the writing process, and has transformed the way I think about my thesis. I now have absolute faith I can finish it, whereas before I seriously doubted that I could ever get it done!”

FEEDBACK FROM THESIS BOOT CAMP

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

Engagement and impact




The Brilliant Club



The Brilliant Club is an award-winning charity that recruits, trains and employs researchers to deliver programmes of university-style tutorials to small groups of high performing pupils in schools that serve communities with a traditionally low participation rate in higher education.

To find out more about The Brilliant Club see: www.thebrilliantclub.org

The Brilliant Club information sessions

These short information sessions will introduce the work, vision and mission of The Brilliant Club, and explain how working with The Brilliant Club might supplement your professional development. There will be opportunities to ask questions and you will find out how to apply to be a Brilliant Club tutor if you wish to.

 MID-LATE STAGES

 WORKSHOP  1.5 HOURS

First steps in public engagement

This interactive workshop is designed for researchers who are new to, or have some experience with public engagement. During the workshop we will explore how public engagement can benefit your research, the range of activities you can use to engage the public, and how to take the first steps in planning your public engagement activity.


 ALL STAGES



 WORKSHOP  3 HOURS

Technology for research

Using technology to manage your research


When it comes to finding effective ways of managing and protecting your doctoral research, there are a range of technological solutions available. This webinar will provide an overview of some of the software available for organising your research, writing your thesis, protecting your data and managing your bibliography.


 EARLY-MID STAGES

 WEBINAR  1 HOUR

Managing your research with Evernote

Evernote is a free suite of software designed for note-making and archiving, making it a useful tool for research. Our online module which can be accessed via our homepage will guide you through the different stages of learning how to use this very useful software.

 EARLY-MID STAGES

 ONLINE MODULE

Using SPSS to analyse research data – for beginners

This two-part practical workshop is ideal for researchers with no previous experience of using SPSS and covers the basics to get you started. Working through a number of practical exercises, you will learn some of the key functions of SPSS – from data entry and creating basic output, to plotting figures and running more advanced statistical analyses.


 ALL STAGES


 WORKSHOP  3 HOURS (X2)

“Excellent course. Really clear and well presented”

Using Scrivener to write your thesis


Scrivener is a word-processing program designed especially for writers which provides a system for documents, notes and metadata. This online module, available through our webpages, explains the key features of the software.


 EARLY-MID STAGES

 ONLINE MODULE

Working with your data in NVivo

This two-day workshop provides a practical introduction to the NVivo, a qualitative data analysis software package. It is suitable for researchers who have a basic understanding of the theory of qualitative data analysis, and will help you to get up and running in using the software.


 ALL STAGES



 WORKSHOP  2 DAYS

“I have never used NVivo before and this workshop was excellent – thorough and moved at a pace I could keep up with. Great to have practical tips too.”

Introduction to NVivo

This webinar offers you a brief introduction to NVivo and its capabilities. You'll find out how it works, what you can do with it, and how you can install it on your own PC for free. We'll also consider a few alternatives.

 EARLY-MID STAGES

 WEBINAR  1 HOUR

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

Technology for research

Introduction to R

This two-part workshop will introduce you to using R for statistical analysis. The workshop will cover running analyses, writing simple functions, managing data files, undertaking statistical analyses (including multiple regression, logistic regression, and linear mixed models) and creating graphs.

- ALL STAGES
- WORKSHOP
- 3.5 HOURS (X2)

Graphics in R

This workshop will introduce you to the powerful graphics capabilities in R by focusing on the package ggplot2. You will learn how to produce the main types of graphs (histograms, bar charts, line charts) and how to change all features of the graph to whatever size, colour and shape you want.

- ALL STAGES
- WORKSHOP
- 3.5 HOURS (X2)

Innovation Week

At the end of November 2016, the Library and Technology Enhanced Learning will be hosting Innovation Week which will include a number of events for researchers to explore innovative uses of technologies for teaching, learning and research. Last year's programme ran under the heading of Mobile Technologies Week, and included making an augmented reality magic book, mobile video editing and a Sussex Research Hive hosted workshop to explore how apps can boost your productivity during your doctorate.



IT Services Training

ITS organise training for all students and staff at Sussex on a broad range of topics from beginner through to advanced levels. Sessions which may be of particular interest to researchers include:

- Word
- PowerPoint
- Excel
- EndNote

For further information and to book a place on an ITS workshop see: www.sussex.ac.uk/its/services/informationandsupport/training



For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev

Career development

Careers beyond research: applying your skills outside academia

There are a number of options outside of academia that are open to doctoral graduates and postdoctoral researchers. Not everyone chooses to climb the academic ladder and many researchers are unaware of the variety of other options that are available.

This workshop includes overviews of a variety of different job types, case studies of researchers who have moved into different careers, and also provides resources to help participants explore their options.

- LATE STAGES
- WORKSHOP
- 3 HOURS

CVs for doctoral researchers

Find out how to produce an excellent CV for employment or further study and how to present your research to audiences both inside and outside academia. This session will look at different styles and approaches to help you market your skills effectively.

- MID-LATE STAGES
- WORKSHOP
- 1 HOUR

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev

Careers and Employability Centre

The Careers and Employability Centre work with researchers during and after their time at Sussex and can help you to explore your career ideas and find out more about the pathways open to you both within academia and in non-academic roles.

Workshops are available to support you in your career progression, help you plan for your next steps, and make successful applications.

Doctoral researchers can also book a one-to-one appointment with a professionally qualified careers advisor, for advice on:

- Searching for vacancies
- Finding relevant work experience
- Developing your strengths and skills
- Researching career areas of interest
- Writing CVs, covering letters and applications

Contact careers@sussex.ac.uk to request a consultation.

StartUp Sussex entrepreneurship

The Careers and Employability Centre collaborates with the Sussex Innovation Centre to run a range of activities and events to support enterprising Sussex students. The StartUp Sussex Enterprise Training Programme provides business-focused workshops facilitated by experts from the Sussex Innovation Centre where you can make your idea a reality.

This programme of workshops begins in the autumn term, and you can find out more at: www.sussex.ac.uk/careers/careerchoices/startupsussex

Online career development resources

On our webpages we've brought together a range of resources designed to help you find career opportunities and optimise your CV. You'll also find a series of short career profiles from recent Sussex doctoral graduates who have gone on to pursue a variety of careers.

View the resources at: www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctorschool/researcherdev/yourcareer

COFFEE MORNINGS

In 2016–17 the Researcher Development Programme will be hosting a series of coffee mornings where you can drop-in for some refreshments and find out about the support available to you as a doctoral researcher.

Keep an eye on our events listing at www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev/events/date for more information.

DOCTORAL SCHOOL EVENTS

In addition to the Researcher Development Programme, the Doctoral School organise a number of events throughout the year to bring together as many researchers as possible from across the University.

WELCOME EVENTS

Doctoral School welcome events take place in autumn and spring, and are designed to introduce you to the support available at the University. They also provide the opportunity to meet other new doctoral researchers from disciplines across the University.

DOCTORAL SCHOOL FESTIVE EVENT AND BBQ

Each December the Doctoral School organises a festive event, to celebrate the end of the autumn term and to take some time out to enjoy some festive refreshments.

Our Summer BBQ takes place in May, and has proven to be very popular with around 250 researchers attending each year.

DOCTORAL CONNECTIONS

The Doctoral School produces a regular newsletter, sent by e-mail to all doctoral researchers at Sussex. It's designed to keep you up to date with what's going on at the Doctoral School and beyond, and we welcome your ideas and suggestions on what you'd like to see featured.

Get in touch with us by sending an e-mail to doctoralconnections@sussex.ac.uk

You can also get involved by following the Doctoral School on Twitter and Facebook.



[@SussexDocSchool](https://twitter.com/SussexDocSchool)



[University of Sussex Doctoral School](https://www.facebook.com/UniversityofSussexDoctoralSchool)

SUSSEX RESEARCH HIVE

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.

Find out more at: www.sussex.ac.uk/library/research/hive



[@sussexreshive](https://twitter.com/sussexreshive)

EXCURSIONS JOURNAL

Excursions is an online interdisciplinary peer-reviewed journal, run by doctoral researchers at Sussex and supported by the Doctoral School.

The journal 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.

Find out more at: www.excursions-journal.org.uk

YOUR ONLINE RESEARCHER PROFILE

As a doctoral researcher at Sussex, you can develop your own Sussex online profile, to feature alongside other researchers on the 'People' webpages of your department. As well as promoting your research, through your profile you can also present other achievements and experiences, and keep this updated to reflect your ongoing development.

Find out more about creating an online profile at: www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev/onlineprofile

Developing your Sussex online profile

This online module, which can be accessed through our homepage, will show you step-by-step how to create and publish your Sussex online researcher profile.



ONLINE MODULE



FUNDING

Funding to support your research

The Doctoral School administers a number of funding opportunities for doctoral researchers:

DOCTORAL OVERSEAS CONFERENCE GRANT (DOC)

The DOC Grant supports overseas conference attendance for doctoral researchers who are presenting a paper or poster, up to a limit of £1,000 for any one student during the period of their registration. The scheme is funded through the generous donations made to the Sussex Fund by alumni and friends of the University.

RESEARCHER-LED INITIATIVE FUND (RLI)

The RLI Fund supports doctoral researchers and early career research staff in running their own professional development events and activities for researchers.

THE ALTERNATIVE GUIDE TO POSTGRADUATE FUNDING 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.

RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL

The University also has a subscription to the Research Professional database, a comprehensive database of funding opportunities, where you can:

- Search by a variety of criteria, e.g. Sponsor; Discipline; Award Type; Closing Date; Sponsor Country; Applicant Nationality
- Get up-to-date Funding and Sector news, e.g. *Research Fortnight*; *Research Fortnight Today*; *Research Europe*; *Research Europe Today*
- Set up email alerts for funding opportunities and/or research news

Full details of these and other funding opportunities can be found on the Doctoral School website: www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/funding



PRACTICALITIES

Booking a workshop

ELIGIBILITY

All doctoral researchers registered at the University of Sussex are eligible to attend our Researcher Development Programme (RDP) workshops and events.

Research staff are also welcome to attend any workshop they feel may be relevant.

Students who are studying on Undergraduate or Masters programmes are not eligible to attend, but can access support from the Skills Hub: www.sussex.ac.uk/skillshub/

WORKSHOP FEES

There are no fees for University of Sussex doctoral researchers or research staff to attend our workshops.

PRE-WORKSHOP PREPARATION

Some of our workshops require a small amount of preparatory work. Most of the time, this involves providing us with some information about your research so that our facilitators can tailor activities to your interests. We will email you with details of any preparatory work required.

WORKSHOP DURATION

Please ensure you are able to attend for the full duration of any RDP workshop for which you book a place. You may be refused entry if you arrive more than 20 minutes late.

BOOKING A PLACE

You can book a place to attend an upcoming workshop, or add your name to a waiting list online via the RDP webpages: www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel your place on a workshop, you can do so through your Sussex Direct training record.

If the workshop is taking place in the next 48 hours, you will not be able to cancel online and will instead need to inform us of your cancellation by calling **01273 873366**.

Waiting lists are in operation for many of our workshops and your early cancellation enables us to offer your place to another researcher.

Please note that frequent non-attendance or late cancellations are recorded by the RDP and booking restrictions may be applied.

FEEDBACK

We value the feedback we receive about our programme. If you would like to send us some feedback, please email researcher-development@sussex.ac.uk

For dates and to book a place ► www.sussex.ac.uk/internal/doctoralschool/researcherdev

DOCTORAL SCHOOL

The Researcher Development Programme is co-ordinated by the Doctoral School, and colleagues from Schools and departments across the University are involved in developing and delivering the content.

Catherine Pope and Laura Chapman are responsible for managing the Researcher Development Programme, which is overseen by the Training and Development sub-committee of the Doctoral Studies Committee.

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