

# Faculty of Humanities Researcher Development Bulletin

## April 2012

Inside this bulletin you will find information and events of interest to postgraduate researchers and research staff within the Faculty of Humanities. This bulletin and previous issues can also be downloaded from the [bulletins](#) page of the Researcher Development website.

For all regular researcher development updates please follow our [Twitter page](#).



### News

Are you new to PhD research this year? There is a new section of the website called "[The PhD Experience](#)" which ties in with the [Induction](#) page – take a look at the links on the left-hand side of the page. In this section you can find out more about expectation and the PhD, as well as the support available to you during your time in Manchester and how to assess your training and development as a researcher. Please also make time to explore the [Researcher Development Framework](#) (RDF) Interactive Tool and the new [Vitae RDF Resources page](#).

### Useful links

[Researcher Development site](#)  
[PGR Development Calendar](#)  
[Research Staff Calendar](#)  
[PGR Resources](#)  
[methods@manchester](#)  
[artsmethods@manchester](#)  
[eProg](#)  
[Vitae](#)

### Postgraduate Training

Please only attend sessions when you have booked a place\*. All training sessions are listed on our [PGR Development Calendar](#) – please click on the course you want to attend and book through eProg. If you are unable to attend a workshop on which you have booked, you **MUST** cancel your place through eProg or notify [humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk) in advance of the session. You can check the status of your bookings, register and cancel workshops through [eProg](#). Please see the note under 'other information' about our new policy regarding workshop places and see the new information on our website about [assessing your professional needs](#).

\* Before booking onto a course please make sure that you can abide by our code of [professional etiquette](#).

**April - May Faculty development sessions with places still available to book (at the time of writing this bulletin):**

[Networking](#) – 17/04/2012

[Presentations, Practice and Feedback](#) – 18/04/2012 and 26/04/2012

[Managing Long Documents in Word - supported workshop](#) – 19/04/2012

[Planning Your Fieldwork](#) – 19/04/2012

[Writing for Oral Presentation](#) – 24/04/2012

[An Introduction to Social Media/Web 2.0 for Researchers](#) – 24/04/2012

[Graduate Teaching Assistant \(GTA\) Training](#) – 25/04/2012

[Writing Proposals for Grants and Funding](#) – 08/05/2012

[From proposal to publication in non-academic publishing](#) - 09/05/2012

[Word Level 2 - supported workshops](#) – 10/05/2012

[Academic Writing workshops](#) - 15/05/2012

[Speed Reading and Managing Information for Your Research](#) – 23/05/2012

[Graduate Teaching Assistant \(GTA\) Training](#) - 29/05/2012 please note – this is the last GTA workshop for this academic year

For more information or to book on a course please go to the [PGR Development Calendar](#).

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## Dates for your Diary

**Manchester GRADschool 1 – 4 May**

The Manchester GRADschool is an annual event on our calendar of opportunities for postgraduate researchers from across the UK. This year's theme explores *Research Impact – Engagement, Policy & Social Media*. The events keynote speaker is **Dr Inger Mewburn - aka the Thesis Whisperer** (check out the [blog](#) or follow [@thesiswhisperer](#) on Twitter). The GRADschool will take place 1-4 May 2012, at The University of Manchester. For more information and how to apply click [here](#), places are limited.

## Other Information

Would you like to see researcher development resources (websites, twitter and blogs) added to the list of customisable portlets in the My Manchester portal? This would allow you to access valuable information from one source. Please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7QFYWMN>.

## Research Staff

Information about research staff events is sent out in an e-mail bulletin. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients please contact [claire.stocks@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:claire.stocks@manchester.ac.uk). Alternatively you can visit the [Research Staff blog](#).

## University-Wide Development Opportunities

**methods@manchester - What is...?**

A regular series of lunch-time talks which provide short, accessible introductory guides to key research methods. These talks are ideal for research students, or their supervisors, who want to find out what the method does and whether it might be useful in their research. The talks take place on Thursdays from 1 - 2pm in room 1.69/1.70, Humanities Bridgeford Street. No booking is required, just turn up on the day.

**19 April: What is multilevel structural equation modelling? by Nick Shryane, Institute for Social Change**

**26 April: What is Narrative Analysis? by Vanessa May, Sociology**

**3 May: What is Appreciative Inquiry? by Lynn Clark, Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences**

You might also like to have a look at the [methods videos](#) for summaries of talks on Social Sciences Research methods.

**artsmethods@manchester**

artsmethods@manchester is a programme of talks, workshops and events running throughout the year that explore approaches to arts research and the breadth of methodological expertise in arts and languages at the University of Manchester. artsmethods also works closely with cultural partners across Manchester and the North West to enhance the impact and dissemination of arts and languages research. The website contains useful resources both at the University of Manchester and nationwide. Workshops are available to book through eProg.

**Postgraduate Online Writing Clinic**

The live writing clinic is an online, cross-faculty resource for postgraduate students at the University of Manchester. It is a 'drop in' facility which allows you to ask any questions you might have regarding academic writing - for more information click [here](#)

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IT Services is running a series of courses aimed at staff and postgraduates undertaking or interested in computational research. The courses are staged to lead you from understanding basic principles such as accessing high performance computing facilities to programming using parallel languages/extensions. Understanding the masses of data we collect is also covered via a selection of visualization courses.

**[John Rylands University Library](#)**

The Library offers a range of information skills sessions throughout the year to help you with your research. Courses cover literature searching, citation analysis, reference management, keeping up-to-date and a range of workshops on specialist resources and research information issues.

**Faculty Seminars**

To keep updated about what's going on in the Faculty check out the [Humnet Seminars and Events](#) web page. You can also use the online form to submit details of discipline specific seminars which you are organising.

Don't forget to check out [Vitae events in the North-West](#). reminders about professional etiquette, people are still booking on courses then neglecting to turn up.