Faculty of Humanities
Research Skills Training Bulletin

August 09

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 Research Skills Training website.

For all regular skills training updates please follow our Twitter page.

I.T. drop-in sessions

There are no drop-in sessions scheduled for August.

All future drop-in sessions take place from 1pm – 2pm in Ellen Wilkinson building - room C1.44 (Learn Higher cluster).

Useful links

Research Skills Training site

PGR Training Calendar

PGR Resources in Blackboard

Research Staff Programme Calendar

Vitae

Postgraduate Training

Training Workshops

There are no training workshops scheduled in August. The new-look 2009/10 Skills Training Programme will be launched in September so please keep checking the Training Calendar for details of new courses on offer.

As numbers are limited on training opportunities and events, please ensure you register for sessions you wish to attend. Check the training calendar for location and sign-up details.

Upcoming Events
There are a number of events scheduled to take place before the end of the academic year: Please check the training calendar for details and updates.

Research Staff

Information about research staff events is sent out in a weekly bulletin. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients please contact claire.stocks@manchester.ac.uk.

University-Wide Training

The John Rylands University Library is offering information skills training sessions specifically aimed at researchers.

Dates for your Diary

Managing Your Supervisor - Tuesday 29th September
The Academic Year 2009/10 gets off to a flying start with a brand new course for PGRs delivered by Professor Adrian Armstrong from the School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures. This course is designed to equip PGRs with the skills necessary to develop an effective supervisory relationship and addresses some of the common difficulties associated with PhD supervision. This is an excellent chance to hear about what your supervisor might expect from you. Please keep checking the Training Calendar for further details.

Other Information

2009 Researcher Showcase

The 2009 Researcher Showcase took place in the Kinaris Lecture Theatre at the Manchester Museum on Saturday 9th July. If you are interested in presenting a poster at next year's event, please sign up for the two 'Showcasing Your Research' training sessions scheduled to take place in 2009-10.

PhD Transitions Programme – Are you a PGR in the second year of your thesis or beyond? Please take 5 minutes to complete our survey for the new **09/10 PhD Transitions Programme**, due to be launched in September and aimed at those finishing their thesis and moving on. Although the Transitions Programme has now been finalised for 09/10 we would still like to hear from PGRs who are writing up so that we can design future courses and training modules. The more input you have the more accessible the programme becomes, so please take some time to provide us with feedback.

Working as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
On occasion we take on postgraduate research students to work as GTAs, providing I.T. training sessions and drop-ins for other PGRs. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions when vacancies arise please email your CV to humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk.

Working Groups

PGRs – would you like to advertise your own 'working group' for others to join? You can advertise here on this bulletin. Please contact humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk.