

# Faculty of Humanities Researcher Development Bulletin

## December 2013

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](#).



### Useful links

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

### Postgraduate development workshops

#### **December workshops with available places (at the time of bulletin production):**

[Planning Your Final Year](#) - Wednesday 04/12/2013

[Academic Writing workshops](#) – Tuesday 10/12/2013

[Networking](#) - Tuesday 10/12/2013

[GTA Training](#) various dates

For more information or to book on a course please go to the [PGR Development Calendar](#) – please click on the course you want to attend and book through eProg. You can check the status of your bookings, register and cancel workshops through [eProg](#). Please see the 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](#).**

Please **only** attend sessions when you have booked a place. We keep track of numbers to make sure classes are not too full, and attending without registering is also unfair to those who have booked or are on a waiting list. Contact [Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk) to cancel a place on workshop.

Please also make sure you can arrive to the session on time and that you can attend the whole session: late arrivals and people leaving halfway through the session create disruption.

### Other Workshops

#### **The University of Manchester 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.

### 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 [Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk). Alternatively you can visit the [Research Staff blog](#).

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**Researcher Development Bulletin****December 2013****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.

**[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.

**[Training Courses for Research Computing](#)**

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.

**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](#).

**Opportunities****North West Researcher Development Programme**

The NW Training Programme Working Group in collaboration with the Vitae NW Hub is pleased to present the following series of regional collaborative workshops for this academic year.

**Effective Researcher** allows researchers who are 3-12 months into their doctorate to focus on building understanding, capability and confidence in communication, planning, time management, problem solving, leadership and assertiveness.

25-26 March 2014, Bangor University.

**Effective Researcher: Effective Progress** offers participants in the second year of their doctorate a chance to focus on the detailed critical success factors and management skills required to successfully complete their PhD.

20 February 2014, University of Manchester

28 March 2014, Bangor University

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**Effective Researcher:** The End is in Sight focuses on successfully completing your PhD and how to be successful in searching for jobs.

15 January 2014, University of Manchester

**Part-Time Researcher** - Designed specifically for part-time researchers, these workshops will provide you with an opportunity to meet other part-time students and understand the part-time experience. Each course will also provide 2 skills workshops in key areas for part-time researchers. See the website pages for more details.

21 February 2014, University of Cumbria (Academic writing/scientific writing and Developing your potential using the RDF)

27 February 2014, University of Liverpool (Getting the best from a part-time supervisor and Planning to manage your time)

16 May 2014, University of Cumbria (Research methods (qualitative/quantitative) and Getting the best from a part-time supervisor)

10 June 2014, Liverpool John Moores University (Structuring your thesis and Making progress: avoiding defeatism and self-sabotage)

For more information and to book your free place on any of these courses visit

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/nwhub>

**Need help with your writing?**

If so, you should log-on to the Postgraduate Online Writing Clinic. This is a forum which gives postgraduate students (Home and Overseas from all faculties) the chance to ask questions about any aspect of academic writing.

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. The clinics will usually take place between 2.00 – 3.00pm on Wednesdays.

To access the online clinic at time shown above, follow the link below:

<http://unimanchester.adobeconnect.com/owc2013>

This will launch Adobe Connect and a login page. Enter your name and School (e.g. Simon: MACE). Then click the 'Enter Room' button and you will enter the clinic. Please note: you will need headphones to listen to the clinic. If you have a headset with microphone you will be able to speak to the tutor. If not, you will communicate by a chat facility.

Please be aware of the following:

- This is a University-wide resource and so the guidance and feedback given will be generic and not subject/School specific. If you have any subject specific questions (e.g. regarding formatting of your thesis), you should speak to your supervisor/mentor or to some other relevant person within your subject field.
- This is not an online proofreading service.

If you have any questions regarding the online clinic, please email:

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