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.

News

27th March 2011 is Census Day.

Don't forget that all students are expected to fill in a census form. More information can be found on StudentNet.

Postgraduate Training

Please only attend sessions when you have booked a place*. All training sessions are listed on our training calendar – please click on the course you want to attend then book it through eProg.

* Before booking onto a course please make sure that you can abide by our code of professional etiquette.

March Faculty Training Sessions with places still available to book (at the time of writing this bulletin):

- Academic Writing 4 – Tuesday 8th March
- Speed Reading – Tuesday 8th March
- Psychometric Questionnaires – Thursday 10th March
- GTA training – Monday 14th March
- Improve Your Presentation Skills – Monday 14th March
- Networking – Tuesday 15th March
- Developing Yourself and Others – Wednesday 16th March
- Writing for Oral Presentation – Tuesday 22nd March
- Editing and Proofreading Your Thesis – Tuesday 22nd March
- PPF2 – Tuesday 22nd March
- Social Media & Web 2.0 for Researchers – Tuesday 22nd March
- Developing your Awareness of Integrity in Research – Thursday 24th March
- Word Level 2 – Thursday 31st March

Online Training: Media and Information Literacy for Researchers is now available through eProg. It will be added to your Skills Training Record by registering in eProg and submitting the online form on completion of the course.

For more information or to book on a course please go to the training calendar.

Upcoming training sessions in April are as follows:

- Workshop in Academic Writing – Tuesday 5th April
- Mind Maps – Tuesday 5th April
- Developing Learning in Others – Wednesday 6th April
Preparing to Undertake Fieldwork – Thursday 7th April
Viva Survivor – Tuesday 12th April
Landmap Training – Monday 18th April
Publishing in Journals – Tuesday 19th April

For more information or to book on a course please go to the training calendar.

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. Alternatively you can visit the Research Staff blog at: www.researchstafftraining.wordpress.com.

University-Wide Training

Postgraduate Online Writing Clinic - Need help with your writing? The live writing clinic is an online cross-faculty resource for postgraduate students at the University of Manchester. The clinics will take place between 12.30 – 1.30pm on Fridays. You can find out more information about this resource or access the clinic directly here.

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. They will also be of interest to any member of staff who is curious to find out about a new method. You might also like to have a look at the methods videos for summaries of talks on Social Sciences Research methods.

‘Working with digital archives’, research workshop organised by Manchester Digital Media Network and sponsored by Research Institute for Cosmopolitan Cultures - 17 March 2011, 3-6pm, University Place 4.211. Attendance is free. Tea and coffee will be provided. This half-day workshop explores technical, methodological and cultural issues associated with increasing use of digital data and in particular, digital archives, in academic research. Full abstracts of presentations are available here.

Training at the John Rylands  
Emerald Publishers Workshop for business, policy and education – Thursday 17 March  
Information Management Skills and the RDF for all subject areas – Wednesday 23 March  
Using Special Collections – Wednesday 23 March

Freedom of Information event  
A free regional workshop will take place at the University on 22nd March for more information and to register for the event check out the Research Information Network website.

STEPS tea party – 9th March 2011, 3.30 - 4.45 in the Schunck Room, Burlington Building. STEPS is the Newsletter for Postgraduate Researchers on training issues. The tea party will be an opportunity to meet the editorial team. Dan Colgate and Elizabeth Wilkinson will lead a workshop and demonstrate the Postgrad Toolbox and Graduate Junction websites. Check out the STEPS blog for more information.
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.

Manchester GRADschool 2011 - applications of interest now open. Communicating your ideas and research to different audiences is an essential skill for today’s effective researcher. This interactive, non-residential, GRADschool taking place in Manchester 3 - 6 May 2011 is open to postgraduate researchers (PhDs) in any discipline who have completed their first year.