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.

**I.T. drop-in sessions**

This month’s I.T. drop-in sessions are as follows:

**Microsoft Word queries** – Monday 11th May

**Endnote queries** – Monday 18th May

All 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

For regular skills training updates please follow our [Twitter page](#).

**Postgraduate Training**

**Training Workshops**

This month’s scheduled PGR training sessions are as follows:

**What Makes a Great PhD?** – Professor Bertrand Taithe from the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures, presents a lecture on how to research and write a fantastic doctoral thesis – Tuesday 5th May, 11-12.30pm.

**Showcasing Your Research** – Interested in knowledge transfer and public engagement? Interested in learning new techniques to communicate your research to a wider audience? Then come along to Showcasing Your Research, a two-part workshop on how to engage with a wider audience and how to present a research poster at conferences and public events - Thursday 7th May, 10-4pm

**Effective Presentations** – Monday 11th May, 10-1pm

**Improve Your Presentation Skills** – Monday 11th May, 1.30-4.30pm

**Creativity and Problem Solving** – Monday 18th May, 10-12pm

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.

University-wide Online Postgraduate Writing Clinic
The live writing clinic is an online, cross-faculty resource for postgraduate students at the University of Manchester.

Dates for your Diary

Pathways – 12th and 15th June 2009
A two-day cross faculty event run by the Careers Service.

Publishing in Journals Workshop – 22nd June 2009
This event will provide you with the knowledge you need to start creating a publication profile.

Academic Careers Day – Monday, 6th July 2009
This event will provide you with all you need to know about pursuing an academic career.

Researcher Showcase – Saturday, 11th July 2009
Your chance to present a research poster and ‘showcase’ your research to the wider public.

Other Information

The University of Manchester Student Satisfaction Survey is now available.

It includes questions on all aspects of your experience so do complete it as it will help us to improve our provision, and the sooner you complete it the more chances you'll have to win a prize!