

Faculty of Humanities Research Skills Training Bulletin

October 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 October, I.T. drop-in sessions commence in November.

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

I.T. training sessions are listed under Postgraduate Training.

Useful links

[Research Skills Training site](#)

[PGR Training Calendar](#)

[PGR Resources in Blackboard](#)

[Research Staff Programme Calendar](#)

[Vitae](#)

Postgraduate Training

New PGRs - All Postgraduate Researchers are expected to undertake training in transferable skills. To make the most of the opportunities available and to make sure that you can develop a personalised programme which will work for you it is **essential** that you attend one of the introductory sessions on [Managing your Professional Development](#) taking place on Wednesday 14th October. Sign up now via our Training Calendar.

New International Students - If you're new to Britain and have any queries or if you'd simply like to share experiences with others in similar positions you might like to come along to our [International Students' Forum](#) on 28th October 2009 from 10.00 -13.00 when an expert panel will be on hand to consider your questions.

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

- **Core Academic Competencies**

[Speed Reading](#) – 12th October 2009, 13.30-15.30, Simon Building, Ground Lecture Theatre

[Academic Reading in French](#) – 12th October 2009, 17.30-20.30, Roscoe 4.8

[Speed Read Troubleshooting](#) – 21st October 2009, 10.30-12.30, Simon 4.38

[Academic Writing 1 – Insights into the Writing Process](#) – 27th October 2009, 10-12, Ellen Wilkinson C5.1

- **Communications Competencies**

[Continuing to Manage Your Supervisor](#) – 13th October 2009, 10.00-12.00, Ellen Wilkinson C5.1

[Presentations, Practice and Feedback 2](#) – 13th October 2009, 13.30-15.30, Roscoe 1.002

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- **Organisational Competencies**

[Keeping Your PhD on Track](#) – 26th October 2009, 13.30-15.30, Simon 4.38

- **PGR Transitions Programme**

[Team Working](#) – 16th October 2009, 10.00-12.00, University Place, 5.210

[Finding a Job](#) – 19th October 2009, 10.00-12.00, University Place, 2.217

[CV Surgery](#) – 29th October 2009, 13.00-15.00, University Place, 2.217

- **I.T. Training Sessions**

[Endnote supported training](#) - For Full-time students in year 1 of their PhD and part-time students in years 1-2 of their PhD. Session times are listed below:

09/10/2009	09.30 – 12.30	Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2
16/10/2009	13.00 – 16.00	Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2
22/10/2009	09.30 – 12.30	Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2
30/10/2009	09.30 – 12.30	Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2

[Managing Long Documents in Word \(Level 1\) supported training](#) - For Full-time students in year 1 of their PhD and part-time students in years 1-2 of their PhD. Session times are listed below:

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16/10/2009	09.30 – 12.30	Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2
23/10/2009	09.30 – 12.30	Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2
29/10/2009	09.30 – 12.30	Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2

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.

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 [training programme for researchers](#) is now open for bookings.

Dates for your Diary

Realities, part of the ESRC National Centre for Research Methods, which is based at Manchester University, offers a variety of events on topics in research, as well as a range of publications and online resources. The first workshop in this academic year will take place on **14th October** on the topic of **Researching Place**. The event is free of charge but advance booking is essential. For more information check out the [website](#).

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2nd November – [Getting a PhD in the UK: A one day course for international students](#)

Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London WC1 (near Euston Station)

Fee: £95.

Other Information

New DocBlog for PGRs in the Humanities!



The new PGR DocBlog has been launched and can be accessed [here](#). The blog is a new resource for PGRs across the Humanities, providing up-to-date information about training courses, opportunities and a regular commentary on skills training and development issues for doctoral researchers. We have also provided links to other websites and blogs, such as Vitae and the Manchester PGR Careers Blog, which we hope will be of use. New posts will be added approximately twice a week and advertised on our Twitter Page. Please check the blog regularly for more information and updates!

The PGR Students Skills Training Newsletter needs you!

The Research Office is seeking volunteers – ideally one from each Faculty - to join an editorial team who will lead on the compilation of a University Skills Training Newsletter for PGR students called *STEPS*. The primary aim of the newsletter is to keep PhD students updated on skills training developments and opportunities which may be of interest, and to offer a platform to voice their experiences within the University. The newsletter will be published four times a year with the editorial team having the full support of the skills development coordinator in the Research Office and the faculty research staff training coordinators.

As a member of the editorial team you will be able to engage with and shape debates, read and comment upon newsletter submissions and contribute to forward planning.

If you are interested in making a significant contribution to a University-wide publication aimed at you and your fellow PhD students, we want to hear from you.

Please email Mark Leech (mark.leech@manchester.ac.uk) to express your interest, or for further details on what is involved in being an editor of the *STEPS* newsletter.

The British Library is organizing a series of free training days for new researchers. For a full programme and application forms see the [website](#).