

# **Quick tips** for making the most of your PGR and GTA experience

Advice on best practice from experienced members of the SALC postgraduate community

## **TOPIC: Networking**

**The internet is your friend. Make a profile on academia.edu. Link all your public-facing profiles together, keep them updated.**

**If you ask a question after a speaker's paper (during the Q & A) at a conference, it breaks the ice and makes it easier to go speak to them one on one after the session**

Email people you want to meet at conferences and arrange a meeting in advance. Reach out to people. A polite, directed email isn't a hassle for anyone. Send thank you notes or messages to peers and academics who give you good advice, spared some time to mentor you or sent you a reading list. *Ask* for good advice, mentoring and reading lists.

**Engage in reading groups & talk about your research with peers**

**I actually pull my conference badges out of their plastic and write my twitter name on it**

Browse the net for people with similar interests, read their work and get in contact with them

Always be bold, everyone goes to conferences for the same reason. If you have contact with another academic department (i.e. through teaching or one of your supervisors) always make the most of this connection as it widens your net in terms of research/teaching/employment opportunities.

