

Faculty of Humanities Research Skills Training Bulletin

April 2011

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.

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News

NATIONAL POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE SURVEY (PRES)

The University is participating in the National Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES). Your responses are vital in helping us as a University understand what we are doing well and what we can do better to improve your research experience as one of our PhD students.

Please take the time to [complete the survey](#) and take advantage of this opportunity to have your say.

Useful links

[Researcher Development site](#)
[PGR Training Calendar](#)
[Research Staff Calendar](#)
[PGR Resources](#)
[eProg](#)
[Vitae](#)
[Methods@Manchester](#)

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](#).

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

[Mind Maps, Concept Maps and Other Graphical Organisers](#) – Tuesday 5th April

[Developing Learning in Others – a mentoring approach](#) – Wednesday 6th April

[Preparing to Undertake Fieldwork](#) – Thursday 7th April

[Viva Survivor](#) – Tuesday 12th April

[Spatial Datasets and Learning Materials for Teaching and Research Landmap Service](#) – 18th April

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 May are as follows:

Word Level 2 – Friday 6th May

Workshop in Academic Writing - Tues 10/05/2011

Critical Thinking for Writing Academic Arguments - Tuesday 10/05/2011

The Confident Researcher – Wednesday 11/05/2011

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Working with NGOs – Thursday 12/05/2011
GTA Training – Friday 13/05/2011

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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.

[Training at the John Rylands](#)

Courses provided by the University Library.

Dates for your diary

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.

Fourth Annual Research to Enterprise Summit

Tuesday 14th June @ 4.15pm, University Place, Lecture Theatre B

The highly successful Research to Enterprise Summit returns for a fourth year! Designed to raise the profile of enterprise at the University of Manchester, this year's FREE event will host talks from Nick Hewer from BBC's The Apprentice and Jo Fairly, creator of Green & Black's organic, fair-trade chocolate. To book your FREE PLACE, simply email your name and school/faculty to Claire Gill (claire.gill@manchester.ac.uk).