

Faculty of Humanities Research Skills Training Bulletin

April 2010

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

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

Ask Anything! – Monday 19th April

Troubleshooting your Thesis (final PGRs only) – Mon 26th April

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

Please note that drop-ins are for specific queries only. They are NOT intended as training sessions. Anyone arriving to a drop-in session expecting training will be redirected to the library or to our training calendar.

Useful links

[Research Skills Training site](#)

[PGR Training Calendar](#)

[PGR Resources in Blackboard](#)

[Research Staff Programme Calendar](#)

[Vitae](#)

[Methods@Manchester](#)

Postgraduate Training

Please only attend sessions when you have booked a place*. If you need to cancel your place you can do so via the [training calendar](#) in 'Check bookings'. If you cannot cancel your booking from here because it is too close to the course date, you must email humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk with details of the course you wish to cancel.

* **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).

- **Core Academic Competencies**

[Peer Review Workshop](#) - 28/04/2010

[Designing Research Questionnaires](#) - 30/04/2010

- **Communication Competencies**

[Introduction to Presentation Skills](#) - 26/04/2010

[Presentations, Practice and Feedback for 1st Year Students](#) – 27/04/2010

[Presentations, Practice and Feedback - Years 2 and 3](#) - 27/04/2010

- **Transitions Programme**

[Thesis Submission Briefing](#) – 20/04/2010

[Viva Survivor](#) – 20/04/2010

- **I.T. Training Sessions**

[PowerPoint Level 1 training](#) - a structured training course for PGRs, designed to develop the skills needed to create a clear, professional presentation. Session times are listed below:

22/04/2010 09.30 – 13.00 Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.2

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[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:
28/04/2010 13.00 – 16.00 Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.1

[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:
29/04/2010 09.30 – 12.30 Humanities Bridgeford/Tuer Street, room 2.1

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.

Dates for your Diary

The next **GTA training** workshop for the Faculty of Humanities is scheduled for 25th May 2010. Places can be reserved via the [training calendar](#).

[Manchester GRAD School – Developing the Effective Research Communicator](#) – Manchester's local GRAD School will be taking place from Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th May. Places open to PGRs from across the Humanities, book now to avoid disappointment.

[Publishing in Journals Workshop](#) – Publish or perish? This half-day workshop in June, led by academics from within the Humanities, will explore the different stages of the publications process such as researching journals in different disciplines, approaching journals as well as exploring the peer review and editorial process.

[Pathways 2010](#) – the Postgraduate Careers event of the year takes place on 11th, 14th and 16th of June. More details will be released nearer the time, in the meantime, please check out the [Manchester Postgraduate Careers blog](#) to find out more.

[PRASH 2010](#) – Postgraduate Researchers in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities – this year's event is hosted by the Vitae North West hub and will take place on 16th June at Edge Hill University. The conference will offer an opportunity for you to share your research ideas, receive feedback on your presentations and give ample opportunity for you to network with other postgraduates and academics from across the North West. In the afternoon there will be a series of workshops allowing you to explore both future career options and opportunities for skills development.

[Researcher Showcase 2010](#) – Want to submit a research poster to engage different audiences? This year's Humanities Researcher Showcase will take place at the University Open Day on 18th and 19th June. More details to follow shortly, those interested are advised to attend the '[Showcasing Your Research](#)' training workshop.

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.

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"Designing Tutorial Exercises: Triggers" – 28/04/2010

"Group Dynamics" – 21/04/2010

Methods@Manchester – lunch time talks throughout April**John Rylands University Library training calendar****Other Information****Faculty Researcher Conference**

Congratulations to all those who were successful in gaining funding in the Researcher Conference competition. The main award has been given to the PSSJ PhD reading group for a conference entitled **Co-Production – 21st Century Perspective for Public Services** due to take place in autumn 2010. More information in due course.

Public Engagement Opportunity

Researchers wanted to help with the Manchester Museum' Big Saturday event 'A History of the World' taking place on **24th April**. For more information contact the Curator for Public Programmes, Anna Bunney (anna.bunney@manchester.ac.uk)

Vitae Survey

Studying for a Doctorate? We'd like to hear from you about your career aspirations and decision-making, as part of a national online survey commissioned by Government, and supported by Vitae which champions the personal, professional and career development of researchers.

We'd like to know (amongst other things):

- why you chose to do your particular research programme
- what sort of job/career you are seeking when you complete
- whether that job/career is related closely to the subject of your research

PRIZE DRAW!

By completing this [survey](#), you can enter our draw for a high-spec digital SLR camera or an iPhone 3GS - your choice -- each worth around £500. To have a chance of winning, all you need to do is complete the survey via the link below. It should take you no more than 15 minutes. All responses and information remain confidential. The survey is now live and will be open until 23 April.

This survey is being run by CRAC, a careers charity, which is undertaking national research for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on graduates and their careers. CRAC also manages Vitae. The research output will improve the Government's understanding of the factors that influence the supply of graduates and postgraduate researchers into both higher education and the wider workforce.