

Faculty of Humanities Researcher Development Bulletin

November 2012

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 Researcher Development website.

For all regular researcher development updates please follow our [Twitter page](#).



News

We are having problems with [etiquette](#): people turning up to sessions without having booked a place; people booking their place but then not attending and neglecting to cancel, or cancelling just one hour before the session; people arriving late to sessions or leaving early. Please collaborate with us to prevent this from happening, by reading the information below and adopting a professional approach to your use of the researcher development programme and resources.

Useful links

[Researcher Development site](#)
[PGR Development Calendar](#)
[Research Staff Calendar](#)
[PGR Resources](#)
methods@manchester
artsmethods@manchester
[eProg](#)
[Vitae](#)

Postgraduate Training

November Researcher Development sessions with places still available:

[Academic Writing 3](#) – 06/11/12

[Speed Reading and Managing Information for your Research](#) – 06/11/12

[Effective Academic CVs](#) – 07/11/12 (for PhD researchers in the third and fourth year)

[An Introduction to Social Media/Web 2.0 for Researchers](#) – 08/11/12

[Academic Writing 4](#) – 13/11/12

[Thesis Submission Briefing](#) – 13/11/12

[Presentations, Practice and Feedback](#) – 14/11/12

[AHRC Early Career Fellowship Briefing](#) – 14/11/12 (for PhD researchers in the third and fourth year)

[GTA Training](#) – 15/11/12

[How to Shine at Fellowship Interviews](#) – 15/11/12

[Managing Research Relationships](#) – 15/11/12

[Academic Writing Workshop](#) – 20/11/12

[Planning Your Final Year](#) – 20/11/12

[Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship Briefing](#) – 21/11/12

[Editing and Proofreading Your Thesis](#) – 27/11/12

[Viva Survivor](#) – 27/11/12

[Improve Your Presentation Style](#) – 28/11/12

For more information or to book on a course please go to the [PGR Development Calendar](#) – please click on the course you want to attend and book through eProg. You can check the status of your bookings, register and cancel workshops through [eProg](#). Please see the information on our website about [assessing your professional needs](#).

Before booking onto a course please make sure that you can abide by our code of professional etiquette.

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Please **only** attend sessions when you have booked a place. We keep track of numbers to make sure classes are not too full, and attending without registering is also unfair to those who have booked or are on a waiting list.

If you are unable to attend a workshop on which you have booked, you **MUST** cancel your place through eProg or notify humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk in advance of the session. Please give us as much advance **notice** as you can: if the reason preventing you to attend is something that has been scheduled and can be predicted, like a lecture, conference or meeting, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance, so that your place can be offered to someone else. Sessions are very popular and places are limited, so we often have waiting lists. Booking and not attending, or cancelling at the very last minute, prevents other people to attend and wastes time and resources.

Please also make sure you can arrive to the session on time and that you can attend the whole session: late arrivals and people leaving halfway through the session create disruption.

Other Information[Manchester Enterprise Centre](#)[VentureOut Competition](#)

Do you have a great idea? Here's your chance to win a £500 cash prize!

Our annual enterprise ideas competition Venture Out launches on Monday, 8 October at the first in a series of Ideas Factory guest entrepreneur events.

The first Ideas Factory event sees Venture Out competition leader Dr. Martin Henery joined by past winners and finalists who have gone on to set up successful new ventures. They will explain how to get the best out of the competition and share advice on how to go from the initial idea to setting up a business.

Prizes

Venture Out has three categories – **Venture Out Business**, **Venture Out Social** and **Venture Out Technology**. There are three prizes to be won in each category:

1st – £500.00

2nd – £250.00

3rd – £100.00

The closing date for entries is Tuesday, 27 November and winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in December.

Ideas Factory: Ideas Factory is a new series of weekly enterprise events where we invite successful entrepreneurs to share details of their entrepreneurial journey and give you the opportunity to meet them and ask your questions.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided at all Ideas Factory events.

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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](#).

University-Wide Development Opportunities**[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. The talks take place on Thursdays from 1 - 2pm in room 1.69/1.70, Humanities Bridgeford Street. No booking is required, just turn up on the day.

Case- Control Study – 08/11/12

[Confirmatory Factor Analysis](#) – 15/11/12

[Quality in Qualitative Research](#) – 22/11/12

[Generalized Method of Moments](#) – 29/11/12

You might also like to have a look at the [methods videos](#) for summaries of talks on Social Sciences Research methods.

[artsmethods@manchester](#)

artsmethods@manchester is a programme of talks, workshops and events running throughout the year that explore approaches to arts research and the breadth of methodological expertise in arts and languages at the University of Manchester. artsmethods also works closely with cultural partners across Manchester and the North West to enhance the impact and dissemination of arts and languages research. The website contains useful resources both at the University of Manchester and nationwide. Workshops are available to book through eProg.

[Postgraduate Online Writing Clinic](#)

The live writing clinic is an online, cross-faculty resource for postgraduate students at the University of Manchester. It is a 'drop in' facility which allows you to ask any questions you might have regarding academic writing - for more information click [here](#).

[Training Courses for Research Computing](#)

IT Services is running a series of courses aimed at staff and postgraduates undertaking or interested in computational research. The courses are staged to lead you from understanding basic principles such as accessing high performance computing facilities to programming using parallel languages/extensions. Understanding the masses of data we collect is also covered via a selection of visualization courses.

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The Library offers a range of information skills sessions throughout the year to help you with your research. Courses cover literature searching, citation analysis, reference management, keeping up-to-date and a range of workshops on specialist resources and research information issues.

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.

Don't forget to check out [Vitae events in the North-West](#).