

# Faculty of Humanities Researcher Development Bulletin

## November 2013

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](#).



### Useful links

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

### Postgraduate development workshops

#### **November workshops with available places (at the time of bulletin production):**

- [Academic Writing 4](#) – Tuesday 12/11/2013
- [Thesis Submission Briefing](#) - Tuesday 12/11/2013
- [Presentation Skills for Beginners](#) - Wednesday 13/11/2013
- [Attracting academic audiences, making your mark, and measuring it](#) - Tuesday 19/11/2013
- [An Introduction to Social Media/Web 2.0 for Researchers](#) - Tuesday 19/11/2013
- [Improve your Presentations Style](#) – Wednesday 20/11/2013
- [Editing and Proofreading Your Thesis](#) - Tuesday 26/11/2013
- [Responding to Feedback](#) - Tuesday 26/11/2013

[GTA Training](#) various dates

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.**

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. Contact [humaties-training@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:humaties-training@manchester.ac.uk) to cancel a place on workshop.

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 Workshops

#### **The University of Manchester Library**

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.

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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 [Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Humanities-training@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.

**[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.

**[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.

**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](#).

**Opportunities****LEADERSHIP IN ACTION**

27-29 November 2013, Manchester Conference Centre

The University of Manchester is delighted to be hosting this nationally recognised researcher leadership course.

**Do you want to...**

- develop your leadership skills?
- explore the concept of leadership?
- build confidence in your leadership style?
- develop and maintain a sense of direction?
- influence people towards a common goal?
- make a difference at the University of Manchester?

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**Researcher Development Bulletin****November 2013****What's in it for me?**

- explore leadership both in theory and in practice
- receive feedback on your leadership style and how you can develop it
- learn more about your strengths and weaknesses
- understand your personal values and how you make decisions
- recognise your achievements and how to use these to create future success
- understand the impact you have on those who you are leading
- identify how these skills can benefit you in your current role
- take a few days out from your research both physically and mentally, and have some space in which to consider yourself and your next steps

**What will it involve?**

- The course will be attended by up to 36 researchers from different disciplines and career stages. The course will be led by a team of experienced facilitators who will work with you throughout the 3 days to support your learning. They will be from a variety of backgrounds with experience in leadership, academia and other sectors.
- This course takes a 'learning by doing' approach. There will be presentations on leadership theory, but for the most part, you will be actively participating in the sessions and activities.
- This is an intensive 3 day non-residential course. By registering for the course you are committing to attend the course in full (from 09:00-17:15 on each day). Part attendance is not acceptable.

**How to apply:**

Participant numbers are strictly limited to 36. To gain a place on this prestigious course, please send an email to <mailto:mdc@manchester.ac.uk> by 21 November explaining in no more than 150 words about why you should be selected to attend this course and develop your leadership skills.

**School-University Partnerships Initiative**

Would you like the opportunity to develop an outreach activity and engage with a secondary school in Greater Manchester? Are you passionate about your subject area? Are you interested in bringing your cutting edge research into the classroom? Then the School-University Partnerships Initiative (SUPI) might be for you!

School-University Partnerships Initiative (SUPI): Training & Funding Opportunity  
Thursday 21 November 2013, 9:30 – 16:45, Staff House, The University of Manchester

This opportunity is open to early career researchers (PhDs, Research Staff and New Academics with little or no experience of school outreach.

A one-day interactive cross-faculty workshop for researchers exploring the why, what and how of engaging with schools. You'll get to meet researchers involved in school outreach, hear from secondary teachers who collaborate with researchers to deliver outreach activities, and work up your own ideas. Following the workshop taking place on Thursday 21 November 2013 you will be able to apply for seed funding to develop and take your activity into a school in early 2014.

The Dragon's Den pitching session will be held on Wednesday 8 January 2014. If your idea is selected at the pitching session you will be matched up with a local secondary school.

And you will be supported along the way with drop-in surgeries, where you can talk through the development of your ideas with experienced engaging researchers.

More details and applications at: <http://www.engagement.manchester.ac.uk/blog/?p=1174>