

Faculty of Humanities Research Skills Training Bulletin

September 09

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

There are no drop-in sessions scheduled for September, I.T. drop-in sessions commence in November.

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

Useful links

[Research Skills Training site](#)

[PGR Training Calendar](#)

[PGR Resources in Blackboard](#)

[Research Staff Programme Calendar](#)

[Vitae](#)

Postgraduate Training

The Faculty of Humanities Induction for new 1st year Postgraduate Researchers is on 22nd September, with Introduction to e-resources taking place from 23rd – 28th September.

Training Workshops

The new-look 2009/10 Skills Training Programme will be launched mid September so please keep checking the [training calendar](#) for details of new courses on offer.

September workshops include –

Introduction to NVivo 8 – The School of Arts, Histories and Cultures have organised a two day workshop 17 – 18th September, there are a few additional places available for PGRs from other schools on a first come first served basis see [training calendar](#) for details.

Managing Your Supervisor - Tuesday 29th September

The Academic Year 2009/10 gets off to a flying start with a brand new course for PGRs delivered by Professor Adrian Armstrong from the School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures. This course is designed to equip PGRs with the skills necessary to develop an effective supervisory relationship and addresses some of the common difficulties associated with PhD supervision. This is an excellent chance to hear about what your supervisor might expect from you. Please keep checking the [training calendar](#) for further details.

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.

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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CCSR have five free places for Faculty of Humanities staff and students on the following one-day courses:

Cognitive Interviewing for Testing Survey Questions - 23rd September 2009 (9.30am-5pm)
Standardised Multi-Item Scale Development for Surveys - 24th September 2009 (9.30am-5pm)
For further details and booking, please contact Katey.matthews@manchester.ac.uk

[CEEBL Postgraduate Symposium: call for papers](#) – CEEBL are looking for postgraduate students to make short presentations on their teaching experience, with a focus on group work, real world case studies or any other aspect of Enquiry-Based Learning. See the website for more information on the symposium and guidelines for abstracts (to be submitted by 10th September 2009).

Dates for your Diary

[Vitae Workshop: Completing Your Doctorate](#) - Thursday 10th and Thursday 17th September (optional) 2009 at Liverpool John Moores University. These workshops are free but places are limited. This event consists of two 3 hour interactive sessions which looks in depth at the process of writing a good thesis.

Other Information

[PhD Transitions Programme](#) – Are you a final-year PGR? The 2009 PGR Transitions Programme is launched this month – please check the new Skills Training Brochure and check the website for more details.

[PGR Doc Blog](#) – A new blog has been set up for PGRs in the Humanities – it will be used to discuss relevant information concerning PGR skills training and development.

Working as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)

On occasion we take on postgraduate research students to work as GTAs, providing I.T. training sessions and drop-ins for other PGRs as well as for short term projects. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions when vacancies arise please email your CV to humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk.

The British Library will be holding a series of [training days](#) for new postgraduate researchers in Arts and Humanities during the autumn.

[Quantifying and Evaluating Forensic Evidence](#) - 2 day master class for professionals from law, law enforcement and forensic science at the Post graduate Statistic Centre, Lancaster University on 24th & 25th September 2009.