

Coventry University Doctoral College & Centre for Research Capability and Development

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New & Featured This Week

1. This Week: Preparing for your Thesis Submission, 2 Dec, 10:30am



Before attending the December session watch the ['Preparing for Thesis Submission'](#) video series

[Sign-up HERE](#)

The Doctoral College & Centre for Research Capability and Development have created the *'Preparing for...'* video series.

This is a collection of short videos aiming to inform you of all aspects of the Thesis submission process such as documentation to prepare, what happens on the day, possible outcomes and what happens next.

Following the video series, you may have some questions. This 1 hour Q&A session is an opportunity for you, as PGRs, to ask those questions.

PGRs in any phase of the Framework can attend, but please watch the appropriate video series in advance of the online Q&A sessions.

2. EXTENDING THE SELF Workshop, Wednesday 15 Dec, 11.00-3.00pm

Workshop with award-winning choreographer Robert Clark who's work can be found at <http://www.robert-clark.org.uk/>

The workshop will be a physical exploration of the relationships between our senses, perception, and the physical world. Using choreographic tools created for the 2019 Immersive performance "MASS", participants will develop working methods and materials that aim to reconfigure our notion of self and experience the potentials of this state of unknowing/relearning. No dance experience is required for this workshop.



Full information and details to register interest can be found [here](#)

Deadline to register interest is Sunday, 5th December, 11:59pm

3. Dr Who? Let's talk about...Stress

Online Webinar



Sign-up [HERE](#)

Back in April 2021 we discussed the topic of stress for Stress Awareness Month. For the last Dr Who? session of the year, we will be revisiting the topic of stress to discuss what strategies for managing stress work for us and explore what support is available.

In this session we will be joined by Steph McCoy from the [Mental Health & Well-being Support Zone](#). Steph will discuss the bookable support which is available for PGRs.

We can't promise that you will emerge from the Dr Who session completely stress-free but you will have had the opportunity to talk to colleagues who feel the same & explored some ways others have found to deal with their stress.

4. Call for Participants: Driving Simulation Study



Call for study participants

Be part of the development of future mobility!

And receive a **£20 Amazon gift card** for driving in a simulator

Eligibility:

- Male or female aged 18–75 yrs
- A valid driving licence.
- Having normal or corrected-to-normal vision

You will:

Get the chance to drive in our cutting-edge driving simulator and complete a questionnaire. Each session will last up to 2 hours.

We are here:

National Transport Design Centre, Coventry University, Swift Road, off Puma way, Coventry, UK, CV1 2TT

For more information, please contact
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Approved by the CU Research Ethics Committee (P125786)



COVID-19 Government guidelines regarding safer work and research practices are in place and the research protocol has been updated to create a safe environment to run experiments.

5. PGR Productivity Days with RECAP (December)



Online Format.

Based on productivity techniques used within the Thesis Boot Camp Online programme, PGRs are invited to join us in an online forum, structured around 3 half-hour sessions in the morning, afternoon and early evening.

The rest of the day is structured by you

There are various dates available and you are welcome to join us for as many as you like!

[Sign-up here](#)

Upcoming Research Events

Join us at an upcoming research event taking place over the coming months

Learn more & sign-up to the upcoming events [HERE](#)



Further details
and the sign-up
form can be
found here

Call for Presenters – Research Café, Wed 2 Feb 2022

Online & In-person

We are planning an online Research Café event for Wednesday 2nd February, 12-2pm, on the theme of: 'Beyond the Viva: Life after a PhD'. This event will form part of the Doctoral College's 'Research Hootenanny' week.

We would welcome presentations from any Coventry University PhD alumni who would be willing to talk about what they went on to do after finishing their PhD.

Call for contributions: Transdisciplinary Methodologies

With the aim of highlighting and encouraging the crossing of disciplinary boundaries, we invite Researchers across to share their trans-/interdisciplinary methodologies during **Coventry University's Research Hootenanny between the 31st Jan to 4th Feb 2022**



With this event, we aim to create a space to facilitate exchange of expertise and ideas for future collaboration, and creation of new areas of research.

Each presentation will be 30 minutes in length, followed by 30 minutes of Q&A and discussion.

If your current and future work is aligned to the areas stated [HERE](#) and you are interested in contributing to the event, please contact Dr Tanvir Ahmed, email: ad2301@coventry.ac.uk.

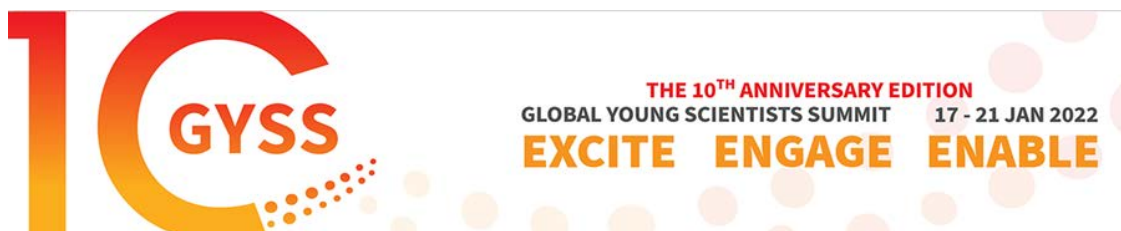
IIASA Young Scientists Program: Applications Now Open



IIASA offers a summer program for PhD students to undertake a scientific project on a topic related to the IIASA research agenda. Applications are being accepted from 6th October 2021 to the 14th January 2022.

For more information and to apply please visit their website [HERE](#)

Global Young Scientists Summit: Applications Now Open



The Summit is a multi-disciplinary summit that being held **ONLINE** which covers topics including chemistry, physics, medicine, mathematics, computer science and engineering (more information can be found [HERE](#)).

Speakers at the Summit include recipients of the Nobel Prize, Fields Medal, Millennium Technology Prize and Turing Award. The theme for the Summit is "Advancing Science, Creating Technologies for a Better World". Promising young scientists will exchange ideas and knowledge with the speakers and their peers over four days under this theme.

Applications are being accepted [HERE](#)

research hootenanny

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A gathering, celebration and meeting of minds
"we invited friends to a research hootenanny at Coventry University"



Save the Dates: Monday 31st January – Friday 4th February 2022

The Coventry University Research Hootenanny is a vibrant mix of activities to showcase research excellence at Cov Uni. Further information about the Hootenanny events, activities and format will be made available in the coming weeks.

Doctoral Capability And Development (DCAD) PGR Conference

Save the date: Tues 26th & Weds 27th April 2022

All PGRs & staff are invited to join the [Doctoral Capability and Development Conference](#) and learn about the exciting research taking place across the University.

There will be a range of interesting keynote talks and events focusing on these themes for both postgraduate researchers and supervisors, all welcome!

The conference offers research students an opportunity to present their research to a varied audience in a range of formats: posters, 20/20 (20 seconds, 20 slides) and presentations.

Venue: TechnoCentre, Coventry University Technology Park, Puma Way, Coventry, CV1 2TT



[Click here to find out more about DCAD 2022](#)



The timer has started...over to you...three minutes is all you have, and we can't wait to hear what you have to say!

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition was originally developed by the University of Queensland, Australia, as a challenge to their doctoral candidates to concisely, coherently and compellingly communicate their research in just three minutes.

It has taken the world by storm with local and national competitions taking place in many

countries. Now it is our turn to challenge you - the Coventry University 3MT competition is open to all postgraduate researchers.

Save the dates:
Support workshops & Training Sessions: February – April 2022
Heats & Final: April 2022 @ DCAD Conference

Full training and support will be given if you choose to enter. The winner of the CU Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Grand Final is entered in to the UK 3MT semi-final hosted by Vitae.

[Click here for further information](#)

Upcoming Workshops & Events

All of our events and workshops are advertised on the [RECAP calendar](#).

**Data Collection Skills:
Interview, 15 December,
10am**



Online Format

Interview is a key method of data collection in social science research. It is used to obtain data on research participants' opinions, perceptions, and beliefs and so on. In this session structured and unstructured interview techniques will be covered with hands on activities. It is suitable for PGRs and Staff who want to use interview as a research method.

[Click HERE to sign-up](#)

**PGR FESTIVE SOCIAL @ The
Courtyard in The Hub, 16 Dec,
6pm**

It's all too easy to get absorbed in the research part of being a postgraduate researcher and forget about the huge

PGR community across the University.

As it's the time of year to be with others & experience good cheer, come along with friends or to meet new people, enjoy a bite to eat and have a drink on the **Doctoral College & CUSU**

!FREE Event!

Free Food

□ **Festivities & Fun** □

First drink on us!

**Only so many places so sign-
up [HERE](#) before they are gone!**



**PGR Development
Programme, 2021/22**



Designed to support you at all stages of your research degree.
The programme is organised into five strands:

Academic Writing
Career Planning & Development
Communicating your Research
Transitions
Peer-support & Well-being

Please browse the PGR Development Programme and add any dates of interest to your diary.

Some sessions are available to RSVP to now. The PGR Development Programme calendar has a mixture of online and in-person events, so please check the event information carefully.

[Click here to browse your PGR Development Programme 2021/22](#)

centre for excellence
sigma Σ
in mathematics & statistics support

**Non-
Parametric
Statistics
(Intro), 8 Dec**

**Introduction
to R for
Windows, 14
Dec**

**Correlation
and
Regression,
15 Dec**

If you are having problems booking online contact please email: sigma_staff@coventry.ac.uk

Places are limited and a waiting list will operate if oversubscribed.

Researcher Wellbeing & Other PGR Support

Mental Health & Well-Being Support Zone

A bookable support service is available for staff and PGRs. Appointments are available in normal working hours on Tuesday and Wednesday (face to face or remote) and Thursday (remote) with an additional late night remote option for Thursday evening.



Contact them [HERE](#)



Learn more [HERE](#)

One-to-one support for every PGR

Join the PGR Mentoring Programme at Coventry University via the online platform, Vygo!

The Coventry Student Peer Mentoring Programme's are all about connection and helping support you in your journey through higher education.

Pop-up Vaccination Clinic



From Sunday 5 September, a clinic will be operating at our Coventry campus.

This facility will offer first or second doses of the Pfizer vaccine to staff and students who are yet to receive them.

More information can be found [HERE](#)

Dates, times and locations of other Pop-up COVID-19 vaccination centres, convenient to our campus locations, can be found [HERE](#)

Coventry University PhD Community (Facebook Group)



An online group for Coventry University PhD's. Any faculty, any department, any URC / FRC, any year, part time / full time.

Coventry PhD Students only site.

Ask to join [HERE](#)

This virtual PGR forum has been created by members of the Coventry University PGR Community. Opinions and views expressed in the group do not necessarily reflect the policy or position of Coventry University

The Students' Union Advice Centre (SUAC)

A free, independent and confidential service for all students. We give advice and support, and provide representation when necessary, on a wide range of problems including housing, consumer law, cheating and plagiarism, internal disciplinary and complaints. If we cannot provide the help you need we will refer you to an agency that specialises in your inquiry.



Contact SUAC
[HERE](#)



Wellbeing Community Project (partnership with NHS Charities Together & UHCW Charity)

CUSU are offering students the opportunity to create their own fully-funded wellbeing and peer support projects.

Details available
HERE

Any Coventry University or Warwick University student living in the Coventry and Warwickshire area can apply. Applications are welcome throughout the year but will be assessed and workshopped through one of the four application rounds

PGR WhatsApp Group



Virtual support from the PGR Community at Coventry University

Looking for a way to reach out to your fellow PGRs? [More details and sign-up HERE](#)

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PGR Annual Research Allowance

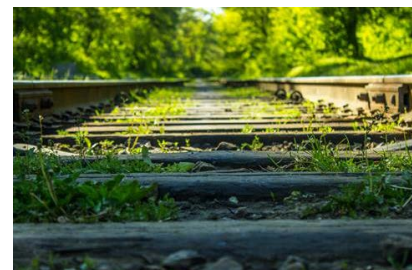
Every PGR is entitled to receive a minimum of £250 per year (FT) or £150 per year (PT) to use for equipment and materials, however this amount may vary between Faculties and Research Centres.

Specialist Career Consultation for PGRs

Coventry University's Talent Team in conjunction with RECAP offers specialist consultation for PhD students and Postgraduate Researchers.

Whether your desired career is in academia or elsewhere in industry, or if you are simply looking for support with a CV or application, we are committed to the provision of bespoke careers guidance, advice and information to enhance your career decision making and aid employment transition.

To arrange a virtual/telephone appointment, contact [Mark Adams](mailto:Mark.Adams@coventry.ac.uk) directly: ab4397@coventry.ac.uk



Details & contacts can be found [HERE](#)



UK Parliament's Weekly Round-up (for researchers)

Subscribe to stay up to date with opportunities for researchers and experts to engage with the UK Parliament, including calls for evidence from parliamentary select committees, academic fellowship opportunities, requests for expertise and more:

Sign-up [HERE](#)

Do you have any Upcoming Events you want to tell the PGR Community about?

If so, we would love to hear from you! Please send us details of events you would like us to share to recap@coventry.ac.uk

Further development opportunities and events can also be found on the [RECAP website](#).

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