

Coventry University Doctoral College & Centre for Research Capability and Development

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New & Featured This Week

1. This Week: Dr Who? Let's talk about...Stress, Wednesday, 15 Dec, 12pm



Online Webinar

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.

[Sign-up HERE](#)

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.

2. Next Week: 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](#)

3. Thesis Boot Camp, Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 February 2022



**Applications Deadline: Monday 4
January at 9AM**

[More info & sign-up HERE](#)

Online via Zoom Webinar: Suitable for PGRs writing up their thesis or particular chapters

Thesis Boot Camp is an intensive and supportive writing programme for doctoral researchers. This three-day online programme is highly structured enabling you to make significant progress on the first draft of your thesis.

TBC ultimately provides you with the time, environment and inspiration to produce a large number of words. During TBC you will get the opportunity to engage with short tutorials, 1:1 consultations and group discussions. Attendees are required to complete preparatory tasks to get the most out of the event.

4. Improving Access to Postgraduate Research Study for BAME PGRs: Call for Working and Mission Group Members

Coventry University and the University of Warwick are building on their commitment to support access to PGR study to students from **Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds** through researching, developing and implementing student led and informed initiatives.

As we plan our activity on these initiatives we would very much welcome the opportunity to continue engaging with you to hear your thoughts, develop your ideas and work in partnership with you on improving access at both institutions and helping to shape sector level policy and best practice.

We would like to invite you to a launch event hosted by both Coventry and Warwick colleagues. This will be held on **Wednesday 19th January 2022 between 11:00 & 14:00**



Please register your interest in attending by contacting either **Rhiannon Martyn:** r.martyn@warwick.ac.uk or **Carolyn Wynne:** carolyn.wynne@coventry.ac.uk by **Monday 10th January 2022**

Further information can be found [HERE](#)

5. PGR Gratitude Wall 2021

To mark the close of 2021, the Doctoral College & Centre for Research Capability and Development are launching the Postgraduate Researcher Gratitude Wall.

The aim of the PGR Gratitude Wall is to share the achievements of the Coventry University PGR community and to recognise the hard work of the support teams around them.

Please add your posts by **Thursday 23rd December**. The gratitude wall will be published publicly on the RECAP website in the New Year.



Take 5 minutes to add your post to the PGR Gratitude Wall.

6. Connections Matter: Health and Wellbeing Support

Connections Matter brings together a selection of resources, activities & support info to help you stay connected, support your studies, & to stay healthy; both mentally & physically.



[More info can be found HERE](#)

7. Centre for Academic Writing Support



The Centre for Academic Writing (CAW) is an innovative teaching and research centre whose mission is to enable students at Coventry University to become independent writers, and to equip academic staff in all disciplines to achieve their full potential as authors and teachers of scholarly writing. They offer:

- One to One Support
- Drop-in Sessions
- Writing Workshops
- Plus much more!

[More info 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, Wednesday
2nd February 2022**

Online & In-person

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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noun

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](#)



[Click here for further information](#)

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.

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.

Upcoming Workshops & Events

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

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 Productivity Days with RECAP (Dec)

Online Format.

PGRs are invited to join us in an online forum, structured around 3 half-hour sessions in the morning, afternoon and early evening.

[Sign-up here](#)

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

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

PGR Development Programme, 2021/22



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

[Intro to R for Windows, 14 Dec](#)

[Correlation & 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.

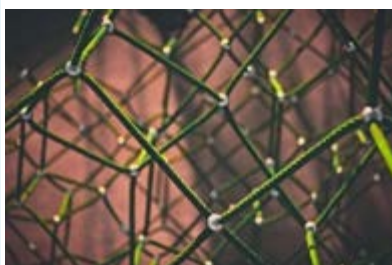
Researcher Wellbeing & Other PGR Support

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](#)



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.

Learn more [HERE](#)

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.

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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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** directly: ab4397@coventry.ac.uk

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.



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



Sign-up [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:

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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