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Coventry University Doctoral College & Centre for Research Capability and Development

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1. This Week: PGR FESTIVE SOCIAL @ The Courtyard in The Hub, 16 Dec, from 6:15pm

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!

Want to join the festivities? email RECAP@coventry.ac.uk no later than midday on Thursday (GMT) and we will let you know if there are any spaces available.

Please do not turn up on the evening without a confirmed space because you will not be admitted to the event.

3. 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.

·   Would you like to say thank you to a peer or colleague for supporting you in 2021?
·   Have you achieved a researcher development goal?
·   Would you like to recognise the hard work or achievement of a peer or colleague?

Please add your message to the form which will be shared with the research community on the RECAP website and in the PGR and RECAP Staff newsletters in the new year. Your name and research centre will be displayed on the wall with your message.

Your message should be within 100 characters and be appropriate to share in a professional environment.

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

4. PGR Opportunity: Data/Insights Assistant

A position working within Coventry City Council on the evaluation of the UK City of Culture 2021 programme. The assistant will play a key role in supporting data curation to influence the UK's levelling up agenda.

Hybrid role: working from home/Coventry

Someone is required to start ASAP so early applications are advised.

For details & to apply click HERE

5. Centre for Academic Writing Upcoming Modules

The Centre for Academic Writing are teaching two standalone masters modules next semester.

Full information about the course content, format and application procedure can be found by clicking the appropriate button below.

Attendance on each module is limited so please fill out the relevant documentation and email it to **pgstudies.caw@coventry.ac.uk** as soon as possible to be considered for the module.

Deadline to apply for either module is 12 noon Friday 7 January 2022.

Reviewing Research Literature (7022CAW)

Writing for Scholarly Publication (7024CAW)

6. IP for research Live Lectures 2022

Following on from the success of the virtual Live Lectures in the previous IP for Research programmes, Vitae and the Intellectual property Office (IPO) will again be offering free online live lectures within the 2021/22 programme. These events aim to:

- increase the Intellectual Property (IP) knowledge and skills of doctoral and early career researchers;
- help researchers create greater impact through the IP generated in their research;
- and clarify how, why and when researchers should engage with their institution about IP

Intellectual Property Office

Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office

Information can be found at their website here

7. Preparing for Viva: Online Q&A, 7 February, 2pm

Online Format

A step-by-step guide of what to expect on the day including: What do examiners look for? What types of questions do you get asked in the viva? An overview of the outcomes and next steps.

Click HERE to sign-up

We have a number of online courses and resources for **preparing for progress review and viva** in CU Moodle>RECAP

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

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**).

Applications are being accepted **HERE**

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

Doctoral Capability and Development Conference

DCAD

Click here to find out more about DCAD 2022

3MT THREE MINUTE THESIS
FOUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

The timer has started...

over to you...

3 minutes is all you have & 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.**

Thesis Boot Camp, Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 February 2022

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.

Applications Deadline: Monday 4 January at 9AM

More info & sign-up HERE

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

PGR Development Programme, 2021/22

**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.
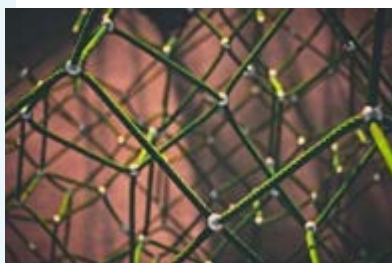
Click here to browse your PGR Development Programme 2021/22

Researcher Wellbeing & Other PGR Support

Connections Matter: Health and Wellbeing Support

Resources, activities & support information to help you stay connected

More info can be found HERE

One-to-one support for every PGR

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

Learn more HERE

Mental Health & Well-Being Support Zone.

Contact them HERE

Pop-up Vaccination Clinic

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

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

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.

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

Details available HERE

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**

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.

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
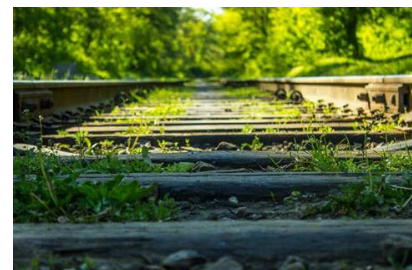
PGR Annual Research Allowance

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

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,

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

More info HERE

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.

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

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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