

Dr.App: video support for doctoral students

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Topics include:

- **Thinking about a doctorate:** how do you know if a PhD is right for you, and what do students wish they had known before they started?
- **Starting a doctorate:** everything you need to consider in your first year.
- **Success stories:** case studies to keep you motivated on those days when you need reasons to be optimistic!
- **Supervisors & supervision:** how to work with your supervisors, what to expect from them, and what to do if the relationship goes wrong. Also helpful advice for supervisors themselves.
- **Planning ahead:** taking the long view to complete your doctorate on time, to build real-world impact into it, and to ensure your employability once you've finished it.
- **Examinations:** the upgrade process that marks the first major landmark in most doctorates, and how to approach your viva with good preparation instead of panic!
- **Skills:** how to write a thesis, presentation skills and how to network to become part of the wider academic community.
- **Wellbeing:** how to look after yourself and where to find help if you are finding your PhD stressful, lonely or overwhelming.
- **International students:** how to understand the UK's academic culture and the way PhDs are structured if you are arriving from a different culture.
- **Professional doctorates:** the growing range of alternative doctorates for teachers, health professionals and many other professional careers.

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