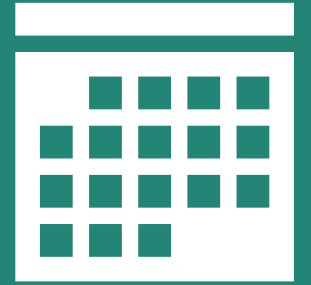


Postgraduate Research Development and Training 2025/26

The schedule



This schedule has been developed to help **all University of Greenwich postgraduate researchers** find the activities, events, workshops and training sessions available university-wide.

Use the next slide to find the **Section** that you need and click through to the information.

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Section 1: PGR Development Programme

PGR Development Programme (PGRDP)

Core sessions



Find out what a PhD or professional doctorate looks like at Greenwich



Grow as a researcher as you work on your research project



Take advantage of the support and key skills available.

PGR Development Programme Overview

Core and priority training	Skills	Completion timelines
<u>Priority: PGR Welcome & induction</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build your research community from day one. • Meet key staff and other PGRs and learn about the doctorate experience at Greenwich. 	As soon as possible after arrival
<u>Core: Strand 1: Introduction to research skills</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During these sessions you will be introduced to what it is like to lead your own research project as a PGR, gain key research skills, develop an understanding of Research Integrity and Research Ethics, and learn strategies to enable you to work towards success. 	FT: within 12 months of registration PT: within 24 months of registration
<u>Core: Strand 2: Teaching skills</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop key communication and teaching skills that will lay the groundwork for future work environments. 	FT: within 12 months of registration PT: within 24 months of registration
<u>Core: Strand 3: Preparing for examination</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During these sessions we support you as you prepare for transfer from MPhil to PhD, and then again as you prepare for your final examination. 	6 months before submitting application for transfer 6 months before submitting thesis for final examination
Core: Strand 4: Subject specific skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with your supervisors and research centre/school in order to develop the subject-specific skills you need for the successful completion of your research project. 	Ongoing throughout the entire programme
Core: Strand 5: Extramural skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is all about you. Ensure you take advantage of optional sessions and events provided here, find external opportunities such as conferences and events for self-development. 	Ongoing throughout the entire programme

PGR Welcome & Induction

DATES for 2025/26

- Monday 13 October 2025
- Tuesday 10 February 2026
- Thursday 7 May 2026
- **Venue:** Cooper Powerhouse, Greenwich
- **Time:** 09:30 to 17:00

New postgraduate researchers are expected to attend and will be invited by their faculties. Look out for your invitation email.

Welcome & Induction day programme

Time	Session
09:30–10:00	Arrival & refreshments
10:00–10:55	Welcome from Head of Greenwich Doctoral College
10:55–11:05	Your PGR Journey: Milestones & Support
11:05–11:15	Break
11:15–12:00	Networking 101: How to Build Academic Connections
12:00–13:00	Peer Networking Lunch
13:00–14:10	The Peer Circle: Interdisciplinary Meet & Greet
14:10–15:10	Your PGR Journey: Milestones, Compliance, Training & Support
15:10–15:20	Break
15:20–15:50	PGR Panel: What I Wish I Knew
15:50–16:20	Thriving in Research - support from across the university
16:20–16:30	Wrap-up: Your Next Steps & Socials
16:30 onwards	Social

Resources to guide you

- Enrol on the [PGRDP Moodle site](#) so that you can understand the requirements of each Strand in more detail. Enrolment key: **PGRO**.
- Read information on the entire programme including timelines and exemptions in the [Postgraduate Researcher Development Programme Handbook](#) (PGRDP).
- Book on [PULSE](#) unless otherwise indicated.
- Click through to the next slides for dates and times.

Strand 1: Introduction to Research Skills

Working towards your Doctorate

- Roles and responsibilities
- Literature review
- Research design
- Research ethics

Excelling in your Doctorate

- Research Project Management
- Prioritising
- Time & Risk Management

Research Integrity

- Take this training in your own time, online.
- Access the course via the [UKRIO](#).
- Use your Greenwich email address to create an account.

Working towards your doctorate

27 October 2025	09:30 to 13:00
24 November 2025	12:30 to 16:00
24 February 2026	12:30 to 16:00
14 May 2026	09:30 to 13:00

Excelling in your doctorate

06 November 2025	10:00 to 13:00
27 November 2025	13:00 to 16:00
25 February 2026	13:00 to 16:00
18 May 2026	10:00 to 13:00

Research Integrity

Take this training in your own time, online.

Strand 2: Teaching Skills

Develop key communication and teaching skills that will lay the groundwork for future work environments.

Five modules

1. Introduction to Higher Education Teaching & Learning
2. Small Group Teaching
3. Engaging Students in Lectures
4. Developmental Assessment and Feedback
5. Microteaching

Modules 1 to 4 – delivered online

Choose ONE set of dates

27 October 2025 to 21 November 2025

16 February 2026 to 13 March 2026

11 May 2026 to 5 June 2026

Microteaching – live delivery

Choose ONE set of dates

24 November 2025 to 5 December 2025

16 March 2026 to 27 March 2026

8 June 2026 to 19 June 2026

Strand 3: Exam Preparation

Preparing for your MPhil to PhD Transfer

- Get familiar with the process relating to the transfer from MPhil to PhD.
- Aim to attend this approximately six months before you are due to transfer, so the information is fresh in your mind.

Preparing for your Final Examination

- Find out about what to expect during the final examination process.
- Get some insight into what happens in the oral examination.
- Aim to attend this approximately six months before you are due to submit your thesis, so the information is fresh in your mind.

Preparing for your MPhil to PhD Transfer

17 October 2025	10:00 to 12:00
15 January 2026	14:00 to 16:00
8 June 2026	13:00 to 15:00

Preparing for your Final Examination

23 October	10:00 to 12:00
26 March 2026	14:00 to 16:00
16 June 2026	10:00 to 12:00

Section 2: PGR sessions and events listings

Mix and match or follow the pathway

We have grouped the training opportunities to match the phases of your PGR journey, giving you a handy guide to what might be most useful along the way, but you can book what you want at any time. Choose what works best for you.

Starting your research

Developing your research

Completing your research and careers

Starting your research

- Build your community – come to our on-campus workshops.
- Look on [PULSE](#) for **full course descriptions and booking**, unless otherwise indicated.

Starting your Research – ALL SESSIONS

TERM 1

Priority: Researcher Welcome & Induction	13 October 2025	09:30 - 17:00	Workshop Greenwich Powerhouse, 9.012
Priority: Myth-busting: Getting the most out of your PhD	20 October 2025	To come	Workshop Greenwich Powerhouse, 9.012
PULSE live guidance	21 October 2025	11:00 - 12:15	Taught session online
Core: Strand 1: Working towards your Doctorate	27 October 2025	09:30 – 13:30	Taught session online
Core: Strand 2: Teaching Skills Modules 1-4	27 Oct to 21 Nov '25	Own time	Online study
Core: Strand 1: Excelling in your Doctorate	06 November 2025	10:00 - 13:00	Taught session online
Core: Strand 1: Working towards your Doctorate	24 November 2025	12:30 – 16:00	Taught session online
Core: Strand 2: Microteaching	24 Nov to 5 Dec '25	To select	In person session
Core: Strand 1: Excelling in your Doctorate	27 November 2025	13:00 – 16:00	Taught session online
Research Ethics Workshop	03 December 2025	11:30 - 12:30	Workshop online

Always available

Priority: Becoming an Ethical Researcher / Research Ethics in Practice	Online study via Epigeum: See Resources chapter
Core: Research Integrity	Online study via UKRIO: See Resources chapter

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Starting your Research – ALL SESSIONS

TERM 2

PULSE live guidance	22 January 2026	11:00 - 12:15	Taught session online
Research Ethics Workshop	03 February 2026	13:00 - 14:00	Workshop online
Priority: Researcher Welcome & Induction	10 February 2026	09:30 - 17:00	Workshop Greenwich Powerhouse, 9.012
Priority: Myth-busting: Getting the most out of your PhD	17 February 2026	To come	Workshop Medway Pembroke P130
Core: Strand 2: Teaching Skills Modules 1-4	16 Feb to 13 Mar '26	Own time	Online study
Core: Strand 1: Working towards your Doctorate	24 February 2026	12:30 – 16:00	Taught session online
Core: Strand 1: Excelling in your Doctorate	25 February 2026	13:00 – 16:00	Taught session online
Essential Skills for Leading and Managing Research Projects	05 March 2026	13:00 - 16:30	Workshop online
Core: Strand 2: Microteaching	16 Mar to 27 Mar '26	To select	In person session

TERM 3

PULSE live guidance	30 April 2026	11:00 - 12:15	Taught session online
Priority: Researcher Welcome & Induction	07 May 2026	09:30 - 17:00	Workshop Greenwich Powerhouse, 9.012
Core: Strand 2: Teaching Skills Modules 1-4	11 May to 5 Jun '26	Own time	Online study
Priority: Myth-busting: Getting the most out of your PhD	13 May 2026	To come	Workshop Greenwich Powerhouse, 9.012
Research Ethics Workshop	13 May 2026	13:00 - 14:00	Workshop online
Core: Strand 1: Working towards your Doctorate	14 May 2026	09:30 – 13:00	Taught session online
Core: Strand 1: Excelling in your Doctorate	18 May 2026	10:00 - 13:00	Taught session online
Core: Strand 2: Microteaching	8 Jun to 19 Jun 2026	To select	In person session

Always available

Priority: Becoming an Ethical Researcher / Research Ethics in Practice	Online study via Epigeum: See Resources chapter
Core: Research Integrity	Online study via UKRIO: See Resources chapter

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Developing your research

- Grow your skills.
- Discover new skills and techniques.
- Look on [PULSE](#) for **full course descriptions and booking**, unless otherwise indicated.

Developing your Research – ALL SESSIONS

TERM 1

Core: Strand 3: Preparing for your transfer from MPhil to PhD	17 October 2025	10:00 – 12:00	Taught session online
Reference Management Software	29 October 2025	10:00 - 11:00	Taught session online
Research Metrics using Scopus	07 November 2025	11:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
Research Discovery: Basic and Advanced Searching	10 November 2025	11:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
Academic Writing for PGRs	14 November 2025	11:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
NVivo for Windows	18 November 2025	09:30 - 16:30	Taught session online
Building Resilience: Supporting Yourself and Others to Thrive in the Research Environment	27 November 2025	14:00 - 16:00	Taught session online
Focused Academic Writing: Clarity and Confidence	26 November 2025	10:00 - 13:00	Taught session online
SPSS	02 December 2025	09:30 - 16:30	Taught session online
Generative AI & the researcher	09 December 2025	10:00 - 12:30	Taught session online

Always available

Priority: Becoming an Ethical Researcher / Research Ethics in Practice	Online study via Epigeum: See Resources chapter
Core: Research Integrity	Online study via UKRIO: See Resources chapter

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Developing your Research – ALL SESSIONS

TERM 2

Core: Strand 3: Preparing for your transfer from MPhil to PhD	15 January 2026	14:00 – 16:00	Taught session online
NVivo for Mac Users	28 January 2026	09:30 - 16:30	Taught session online
Introduction to Knowledge Exchange	04 February 2026	11:30 - 13:00	Taught session online
Open Your Data: A Practical Guide for Data Sharing	09 February 2026	10:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
NVivo for Windows	12 February 2026	09:30 - 16:30	Taught session online
Understanding Stress to Avoid Burnout	23 February 2026	10:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
SPSS	10 March 2026	09:30 - 16:30	Taught session online
Reference Management Software	23 March 2026	10:00 - 11:00	Taught session online
AI for Research	30 March 2026	11:00 - 12:00	Taught session online

TERM 3

Research Discovery: Basic and Advanced Searching	08 April 2026	10:00 - 11:00	Taught session online
Grant Writing 101 – 2-day workshop	13 April 2026	13:00 – 16:00	Taught session online
Core: Strand 3: Preparing for your transfer from MPhil to PhD	08 June 2026	13:00 – 15:00	Taught session online
Academic Writing for PGRs	09 June 2026	11:30 - 12:30	Taught session online
UEA Exclusive – What Should a Literature Review Do?	09 June 2026	13:00 – 15:00	Taught session online
Using Sage Research Methods for your Methodology	11 June 2026	10:00 - 11:00	Taught session online
Why Research Needs to Change: An Introduction to Open Scholarship	11 June 2026	10:00 – 12:00	Taught session online
UEA Exclusive - Module 1 Writing & Structuring an Effective Thesis	17 June 2026	13:00 – 15:00	Taught session online
Reading Critically and Interpreting the Literature	18 June 2026	11:00 – 12:00	Taught session online

Always available

Priority: Becoming an Ethical Researcher / Research Ethics in Practice	Online study via Epigeum: See Resources chapter
Core: Research Integrity	Online study via UKRIO: See Resources chapter

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Completing your research and careers

- Get career ready.
- Empower yourself for the next steps.
- Look on [PULSE](#) for **full course descriptions and booking**, unless otherwise indicated.

Completing your Research and Careers – ALL SESSIONS

TERM 1

The Conversation: Introductory Session (book via Eventbrite)	15 October 2025	10:30 - 11:30	Taught session online
Core: Strand 3: Preparing for the Final Examination	23 October 2025	10:00 – 12:00	Taught session online
Open Access and Academic Publishing	03 November 2025	11:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
Introduction to the Three Minute Thesis – 3MT©	11 November 2025	10:00 – 12:00	Taught session online
Confident Conference Communications	19 November 2025	13:00 - 15:00	Taught session online
The Conversation: Interactive Session (book via Eventbrite)	21 November 2025	10:30 - 12:30	Workshop online
Research Impact Essentials: Translating your research knowledge for social, economic and environmental benefit	28 November 2025	10:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
Mastering High-Stakes Presentations: Impactful Panel Interviews and Strategic Q&A Handling	10 December 2025	13:00 - 16:00	Taught session online
The Conversation: 1-2-1s (book via Eventbrite)	12 December 2025	10:30 - 12:30	Workshop Online

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Completing your Research and Careers – ALL SESSIONS

TERM 2

Attracting your own research funding; fellowships & grants	11 February 2026	09:30 - 12:30	Taught session online
Introduction to the Three Minute Thesis – 3MT©	18 February 2026	14:00 – 16:00	Taught session online
Powerful Presentations Masterclass (3MT participants)	26 February 2026	10:00 - 13:00	Taught session online
Presenting with confidence and conquering your fear	18 March 2026	13:00 - 16:30	Workshop Medway Pembroke, P130
Core: Strand 3: Preparing for the Final Examination	26 March 2026	14:00 – 16:00	Taught session online

TERM 3

Research Impact Essentials: Translating your research knowledge for social, economic and environmental benefit	27 April 2026	13:00 - 15:00	Taught session online
Effective Influencing Skills & Practice the Art of Networking	20 May 2026	10:00 - 13:30	Workshop Greenwich Powerhouse, 9.012
Intentional Careers and Creating Your Personal Branding	21 May 2026	09:30 - 15:00	Workshop online
Life After the Viva: Transitions and Choices for Researchers / Developing Employability	01 June 2026	13:00 - 15:00	Taught session online
3MT Powerful Presentations 1-2-1 Coaching for Finalists	03 June 2026	13:00 - 16:00	Workshop online
Narrative CV and LinkedIn for Researchers	03 June 2026	10:00 - 11:30	Taught session online
Embracing Public Engagement: Unlocking the Potential of Your Research	04 June 2026	09:30 - 13:00	Taught session online
Finding Job Opportunities and Job Interview Skills for Researchers	04 June 2026	14:00 - 15:30	Taught session online
Open Access and Academic Publishing	10 June 2026	11:00 - 12:00	Taught session online
Core: Strand 3: Preparing for the Final Examination	16 June 2026	10:00 – 12:00	Taught session online

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Section 3: University of East Anglia (UEA) Online Training for PGRs

UEA Subscription series

- This is a great series of modules taking you on a journey through writing, researching, teaching and preparing grant applications.
- The University of Greenwich has a subscription to these modules.
- Once you have booked, please [DOWNLOAD ELECTA SOFTWARE](#) provided by the Electa-Live website. Don't delay! Don't wait for the day of the session.
- The UEA standard training series uses an automated booking system called **Bookwhen**: <https://bookwhen.com/ueaonlinetraining>.

UEA: Modules 1 and 2

MODULE 1: Academic Writing	Dates	Times
What Should a Literature Review Do?	07 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	08 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	09 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	18 November 2025	10:00 - 12:00
	13 January 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	17 March 2026	10:00 - 12:00
Writing Effectively	14 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	15 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	16 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	19 November 2025	10:00 - 12:00
	20 January 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	18 March 2026	10:00 - 12:00
Academic Publishing	21 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	22 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	20 November 2025	10:00 - 12:00
	27 January 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	24 March 2026	10:00 - 12:00
Writing & Structuring an Effective Thesis	23 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	28 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	30 October 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	25 November 2025	10:00 - 12:00
	03 February 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	25 March 2026	10:00 - 12:00

Module 2: Qualitative Research Skills	Dates	Times
A Comparison of Qualitative Methods	04 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	18 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	13 January 2026	10:00 - 12:00
	10 February 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	21 April 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Qualitative Interviewing	06 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	20 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	14 January 2026	10:00 - 12:00
	17 February 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	23 April 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Analysing Qualitative Data	11 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	25 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	20 January 2026	10:00 - 12:00
	24 February 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	28 April 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Using NVivo for Qualitative Research	13 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	27 November 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	21 January 2026	10:00 - 12:00
	03 March 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	30 April 2026	19:00 - 21:00

UEA: Modules 3, 4 and 5

Module 3: Finishing your PhD	Dates	Times
Preparing for your Viva	02 December 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	26 February 2026	19:00 - 21:00
	05 May 2026	19:00 - 21:00
On the Job: Securing a First Academic Post	04 December 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	04 March 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Preparing Impactful Research Proposals & Grant Applications	09 December 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	10 March 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Conference Presentations	10 December 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	11 March 2026	19:00 - 21:00

Module 4: Teaching Skills	Dates	Times
Preparing & Delivering Seminars	11 December 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	17 March 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Preparing & Delivering Lectures	16 December 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	24 March 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Assessment, Feedback, & Module Design	17 December 2025	19:00 - 21:00
	26 March 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Module 5: Quantitative Research Skills	Dates	Times
Quantitative Research: A Basic Guide	07 May 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Introduction to Scale Development	12 May 2026	19:00 - 21:00
Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling	14 May 2026	19:00 - 21:00

Section 4: Doctoral Training Alliance (DTA) Training Programme 2025/26



The **University Alliance** programme for **Doctoral Training** programme PGRs is also open to all of the university's PGRs.

Power Hour of writing

This is a regular session. Registration is not required, simply turn up on the day. [Click to join the call via Teams.](#)

Session	Session overview	Dates	Times
Power Hour of writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Power Hour technique is all about focus, discipline and being free from distractions. This is to supplement the work you are already doing and to create an online community where we can all write individually yet together.• Registration not required, simply turn up on the day! Click to join the call via Teams.	Fridays (excl. Bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year.)	10:00 – 11:00

Doctoral Training Alliance (DTA) Training Programme 2025/26

Booking

- Sign up directly via email dta@unialliance.ac.uk from your university email address.
- State the session(s) you would like to attend.
- You will receive a response within 5 working days confirming your registration, or you will be added to the waiting list.
- All sessions take place via Teams or Zoom.
- The joining link will be emailed to you approximately 3 to 4 days before the day of the session. So do check your spam/junk folders if you haven't received the link.
- **Be thoughtful ...** if you need to cancel email dta@unialliance.ac.uk as soon as you can. Places are limited. If you do not attend on a regular basis without sending apologies in advance you may not be allowed to book in the future.

Session	Session overview	Dates	Times
DTA Online Thesis Bootcamp	<p>Can't find the motivation to write?</p> <p>The DTA Online Thesis Bootcamp is for you.</p> <p>Supportive, flexible, and intensive writing experience for PGRs at various stages of their PhD at DTA universities.</p> <p>You are eligible to attend if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing to complete the preparatory tasks (thesis map) in the lead up to the event, and to commit to the dedication required at Thesis Boot Camp. • At a stage in your PhD where you can benefit from quiet dedicated time <p>In addition to the dedicated writing time, participants will have the opportunity to meet and network with other PGRs.</p>	29 to 30 September 2025	09:30 – 16:30 (both days)
ICURe (Commercialising Research Q&A)	<p>This session will provide an overview of the ICURe programme and how researchers can become involved. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions from the ICURe Head of Hub, one of ICURe SURFACE Advisors, and a current ICURe participant to understand if their research can turn into products or services.</p> <p>The aim of the session is to help PGRs and ECRs improve their understanding of research commercialisation and identify an appropriate platform for research commercialisation. The session will also be beneficial for TTOs.</p>	08 October 2025	14:00 – 15:15
Writing for public audiences: crafting compelling research narratives for your readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have an exciting research story that you want to share with the world? • Are you wondering how to pitch your research? • Do you need to identify the best medium to optimise the reach of your story? <p>Join this interactive workshop to refine your writing skills and transform your research into engaging stories for diverse audiences. Learn to write your research story for public audiences, work out who your target audiences may be and how to get the most impact out of the written word.</p>	22 October 2025	14:00 – 16:00
Perfectly imperfect writing practices for your thesis: exploring alternative methods for writing the PhD thesis	<p>This workshop explores alternative practices for writing the PhD thesis that honours individuals' best working/writing habits and their diverse life and work experiences.</p> <p>There is no single 'correct' way to plan for, structure and write the thesis. Instead, this session encourages PGRs to explore the most useful and effective ways of writing up and communicating their unique research topic, while still meeting the standards and requirements of doctoral research.</p>	28 October 2025	10:00 – 11:30
Social Media for PGRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the engagement and impact of your work • Expand your network for future collaborations • Open opportunities for learning, professional development, and employment. <p>By the end of this session, you will be confident in sharing your work in interesting ways online and have an understanding of the platforms that best suit your needs and personality.</p>	03 November 2025	14:00 – 15:00

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Session	Session overview	Dates	Times
The Brilliant Club: How PGRs can get involved	In this session, the Brilliant Club team will provide an overview of their Scholars Programme and how PGRs can get involved as PhD tutors to deliver the Scholars Programme in schools and colleges across the UK; sharing their subject knowledge and passion for learning with students aged 8-18.	December 2025 TBC	TBC
Peer Led Learning: Critical reading & paraphrasing	This session will look at different ways to approach reading strategies for theoretical texts. We will use Judith Butler's influential essay "Performative Acts and Gender Constitution" as our textual example and unpack techniques for identifying core arguments and paraphrasing dense ideas, even those outside our own fields. Open to all PGRs, this session is designed to sharpen your reading skills and improve your academic writing.	10 December 2025	11:00 – 12:00
How to Finish your Thesis	Just doing the study isn't enough. You've got to write it up, make it look pretty, check your spelling and grammar and then submit. This workshop addresses practical and psychological aspects while providing ample opportunity for participants to interact and personalise the discussion.	19 January 2026	10:00 – 12:00
Viva Voce: Tips & Advice	A Viva Voce exam is the process of justifying what you have done, how you have done it, and why you have done it that way. It's an opportunity to discuss your research project with experts in the field and to prove that you have a deep understanding of your project. We have invited our academics from the DTA Training Group and DTA alumni to offer useful tips and insights to help you prepare for your own thesis defence and to share their experience of defending their thesis, respectively.	14 January 2026	13:00 – 14:30
Managing your time in PhD	This interactive online workshop is designed to help PhD researchers take control of their time and make the most of their working habits. Through practical strategies and reflective activities, participants will explore how they currently manage their time, identify patterns that support or hinder productivity, and learn techniques to overcome procrastination. Particularly relevant for PGRs in their first year, this session offers a supportive space to build sustainable working routines early in the doctoral journey.	20 January 2026	11:00 – 12:30
Peer Led Learning: Fear of 'isms': Figuring out Ontology/Epistemology	Positivism, post-positivism, interpretivism, feminism, postcolonialism, critical realism ... If you have got the fear of isms, you are not alone! In this session we will get back to basics on what the isms are about, how far down each rabbit hole you really need to go, and think about the relative importance of theoretical frameworks, ontology and epistemology.	04 February 2026	10:30 – 11:30
3MT prep and practise session	Getting ready for a Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition? This hands-on session will guide you through the rules, help you refine your presentation, and give you the chance to practice in front of your peers. Learn how to communicate your research clearly, confidently, and compellingly—in just three minutes. Ideal for doctoral researchers looking to sharpen their public speaking and storytelling skills.	24 February 2026	14:00 – 15:00

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Session	Session overview	Dates	Times
Academic Writing: Reduce Anxiety	<p>This popular academic writing course is based on a unique practice-based 7-step strategy developed by Dr. Catriona Ryan.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to work on a thesis chapter or paper throughout the workshop. This session has helped many PhD researchers over the years to overcome writer's block and build confidence as academic writers. The workshop focuses on argument construction and removing blocks that generate writing apprehension.</p> <p>Participants must bring a thesis chapter or writing project, as the session is practice-based. It goes beyond writing skills, offering academic guidance in developing a comprehensive discursive framework. There is also an emphasis on the importance of self-compassion in the writing process.</p>	TBC March 2026	TBC
Preparing for your Annual Review	This session will support PhD researchers in navigating the Annual Progress Review process with confidence. Participants will gain clarity on what to expect, how to prepare effectively, and how to use the review as a developmental milestone in their research journey.	TBC March 2026	TBC
Peer Led Learning: How to enhance your data analysis using Rstudio - a friendly introduction (part 1)	<p>Statistical analysis is a fundamental tool for interpreting results but can be time-consuming and complex. Rstudio is a statistical coding software that can be applied to many forms of data analysis to simplify the process.</p> <p>This 2-part series will first cover how to download the software, basic functions, best practice for coding and go through common visualisation techniques (e.g. boxplots, bar charts and linear regressions). The second session will review the common stats methods based on your requests and how to tackle them in Rstudio.</p> <p>These sessions are designed to be accessible for beginners, but all are welcome.</p>	13 April 2026	10:00 – 11:00
Identifying and making grant applications during your PhD	<p>The purpose of this workshop is to help the PGRs explore the funding landscape in the UK and identify suitable funding opportunities, as well as understand how to prepare an engaging grant application.</p> <p>Participants will gain practical insights into the grant-writing process and explore strategies for aligning their research with funder priorities.</p> <p>The session will conclude with an interactive activity, where attendees will be encouraged to identify a grant, they could realistically apply for.</p>	04 May 2026	14:00 – 15:30
Small Wins, Big Impact: Applying for Research Grants During Your PhD	<p>Securing a small research grant during your PhD can be a game-changer— supporting your project, boosting your confidence, and strengthening your researcher profile.</p> <p>DTA Alumni, Kate Marks, shares her experience of applying for and receiving a grant during her PhD.</p>	04 May 2026	15:45 – 16:30
CV Masterclass: Academic and Industry CVs	This masterclass will unpack the two basic CV styles: academic and industry CV approaches, and the differences in the format of these styles. CV templates will also be provided to guide the CV presentation. At the end of the session, the participants will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the CV styles and discuss specific elements of their own CV.	11 May 2026	11:00 – 12:00
Narrative CV	The aim of this session is to help you understand what narrative CVs are, why they've been introduced, and to support you in getting started with writing your own.	11 May 2026	14:00 – 16:00

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Creativity in Research Month: Creativity in Qualitative Research	<p>Traditional ways of sharing quantitative science aren't necessarily the best ways for sharing qualitative science. Words are only one form of communication, and words aren't necessarily accessible to everyone. Science and creativity can be a pretty strong collaboration.</p> <p>In this session, Rachel Allen, postgraduate researcher at the University of the West of Scotland, will share her creative approach and her passion for bringing art and creativity into scientific research.</p>	16 April 2026	10:30 – 11:00
Creativity in Research Month: Creative Thinking for Researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where and when do you get your best ideas? • What do you do when you feel blocked or demotivated? <p>Creative insights happen when we make new connections that allow us to solve problems or see the bigger picture.</p> <p>This workshop gets to the heart of the creative process and aims to re-connect you with your research – whether you feel blocked or demotivated, or just want to optimize your ability to think creatively.</p>	09 April 2026	10:00 – 12:00

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Creativity in Research Month: The DTA Images of Research Competition - Opens 1 April 2026 to all PhD students from UA universities.

- To participate, **submit an image along with a short abstract** (up to 150 words) that represents your research project or topic area. Each image should also include a title of no more than 50 words. Showcase your research!
- **Important Notes:** The image should be your own work and can be created using any of the following methods:
- **Photography:** Take a photo using a camera or smartphone.
- **AI-generated imagery:** Use an AI tool to generate an image.
- **Artwork:** Create a hand-drawn, painted, or digitally illustrated image.
- Please include a brief note on how the image was created (e.g., using AI, camera, etc.). You can see entries from previous years via [Padlet](#).
- The deadline to submit your entry is Friday, 24 April at 11pm.
- **Upload** your entry by following this link: https://padlet.com/UA_DTA/dta-images-of-research-competition-april-2026-uvfit6lh8mcifu73
- **Contact** the DTA team at dta@unialliance.ac.uk if you experience any issues. Winner will be announced on Thursday 30 April 2026 and awarded a cash prize of £50.

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What Comes After the PhD? Alumni Insights into Academic and Industry Careers	<p>Engaging session where two DTA PhD alumni share their career journeys – one into academic and one into industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did their doctoral experiences shape their paths? • How current researchers can prepare for diverse career options? 	20 May 2026	14:00 – 15:00
Beyond the PhD: International Graduates Navigating Careers in the UK and Beyond	<p>This session provides the opportunity to hear from successful PGR international graduates who have used their PhD to break into academic and non-academic careers in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Find out how can international PhD students and graduates can gain the most from this free specialist service.</p>	20 May 2026	15:20 – 16:40
Navigating Assessment Centres as a Doctoral Graduate: Strategies for Success	<p>Most jobs require a form of interview and/or presentation element. This session will guide you through how to prepare and package your skills up for roles outside of academia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider what an assessor is looking for throughout an assessment process • Share best practice and common pitfalls in presentations and interviews • Reflect on (and practise) how you can talk about your skills in an assessment setting. 	27 May 2026	11:00 TBC
Building your employer network on LinkedIn	<p>LinkedIn is a powerful tool for building a professional network and advancing your career. It offers opportunities to connect people of influence who have been on a similar journey and can therefore empathise with and support your career goals.</p> <p>This session will guide you through the essentials for building a winning profile on LinkedIn.</p>	27 May 2026	14:00 – 15:00
Peer Led Learning: How to enhance your data analysis using Rstudio - A friendly introduction (part 2)	<p>Statistical analysis is a fundamental tool for interpreting results but can be time-consuming and complex. Rstudio is a statistical coding software that can be applied to many forms of data analysis to simplify the process. These sessions are designed to be accessible for beginners, but all are welcome.</p> <p>This 2-part series will first cover how to download the software, basic functions, best practice for coding and go through common visualisation techniques (e.g. boxplots, bar charts and linear regressions). The second session will review the common stats methods based on your requests and how to tackle them in Rstudio.</p>	9 June 2026	10:00 – 11:00
Mapping your Researcher Journey with the Refreshed RDF 2025	<p>The Researcher Development Framework (RDF) is a professional development tool developed by Vitae to support researchers in recognising and planning their skills and career development.</p> <p>This workshop introduces the refreshed RDF 2025 to postgraduate researchers (PGRs) and guides them in using it as a hands-on tool to plan their professional and career development during their PhD.</p>	02 June 2026	11:30 – 12:30
Generative AI & the researcher: strategies, insights & practical uses	<p>This workshop aims to demystify the rapidly evolving area of generative artificial intelligence (Gen AI) tools & provides a practical insight into how these tools can be integrated into the research process</p> <p>The session begins with an introduction to GenAI and emphasises the ethical considerations, limitations and responsibilities associated with using these tools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harness the power of these tools to support your own projects. • Find and compare key references, draft document outlines, explore novel ideas, suggest methodologies, plan projects, analyse and visualise data, writing assistance and more. 	12 June 2026	09:30 – 12:00

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Section 5: The Conversation

The Conversation

The Conversation is an online news publication that teams academic experts with its own team of editors to bring to the spotlight today's complex issues from current affairs to scientific advances. The team of editors from The Conversation work with experts drawn from universities and research institutes across the world, sharing their knowledge in a way that is accessible to non-specialists.

This is a perfect opportunity to get the message of your research into the public domain. Write for The Conversation and share your research with a wide non-academic audience. You may even get your article picked up by mainstream media.

The Conversation provides resources and training for academics interested in writing for the publication. See the next two slides for details.

The Conversation

There are four short courses that are delivered online and can be done in your own time.

- The Conversation: Who we are and how we work with academics
- How to write for The Conversation
- How to pitch to The Conversation
- Writing for Insights

Everyone who works for Greenwich can access these modules at any time.

- Access is easy – visit The Conversation's training website and enrol using your Greenwich email address.

The Conversation

Then take it one step further ... meet the editors.
Book using the Eventbrite links below.

<u>The Conversation – Introductory session</u>	15 October 2025	10:30 – 11:30
<u>The Conversation – Interactive workshop</u> Must have done Introductory workshop or the four online modules to attend.	21 November 2025	10:30 – 12:30
<u>The Conversation – 1-2-1 discussion opportunities</u> Must have done Introductory workshop or the four online modules to attend.	12 December 2025	10:30 – 12:30

Section 6: PULSE

What is PULSE?

- PULSE is the digital environment used by Greenwich to support PGRs, supervisory teams and researcher development activities.
- It is an online system designed to give you all the information you need in one place, enabling streamlining of administrative processes, giving you greater access to key progression and training information, and providing a simple booking platform for researcher development opportunities.

What does PULSE do?

PULSE enables you to:

- Access information relating to your record with the university
- View your key academic milestones
- Record supervisory meetings and points of contact
- Complete and submit forms designed to enable progression (formerly Research Degree Administration forms)
- Complete a Development Needs Analysis (DNA) linked to the Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF)
- View and book Researcher Development activities and events
- View and maintain a record of your training and development activities

PULSE video guides PGRs

About PULSE and how to log in

- [General PULSE navigation tutorial](#)
- [How do I log in to PULSE?](#)
- [I have two accounts, how should I log in?](#)
- [Who can I contact for support or report a problem/error?](#)

Degree Management

- [How do I find and check my student details, including a list of my supervisors?](#)
- [How to complete an Induction Checklist: Part A and B?](#)
- [How to complete a Research Plan Approval?](#)

Supervisory Meetings

- [How to record a Supervisory Meeting?](#)
- [How to record a Contact Touchpoint?](#)

Student Development

- [How to find and book a training session?](#)
- [How to cancel a booked session?](#)
- [How to find details of all booked sessions?](#)
- [How to provide feedback for a training session?](#)
- [I have recently attended a conference/training session, how do I record this on PULSE?](#)

What to do if a course is booked elsewhere?

Record ALL courses and activities not organised via PULSE on your Training and Development Portfolio in PULSE. To do this go to the Completed Activities section under the Professional Development tab and select self-record an activity.



Section 7: Resources

We subscribe to [Epigeum](#) for the self-directed study course entitled Research Ethics.

- Register first via courses.epigeum.com/register
- You only need to do this once, use your University User ID email: xx@greenwich.ac.uk.
- Already have an account? Access all courses via <https://courses.epigeum.com/>
- See the **full content** using the entry token a3cac962

We subscribe to the new UKRIO online study course entitled Research Integrity.

- Take this training in your own time, online.
- Access the course via the [UKRIO](#).
- Full URL:
<https://app.cloud.scorm.com/sc/InvitationConfirmEmail?publicInvitationId=d0e46824-167a-41c3-ac98-59bb1f56b16a>
- Use your Greenwich email address to create an account.

Moodle



The PGR Moodle is currently:

Enrol on the [PGRDP Moodle site](#) for guidance through those core and priority sessions.

Enrolment key: **PGRO**.

LinkedIn Learning



Staff and students have unlimited access to thousands of expert-led courses via LinkedIn Learning.

Check the [Greenwich library page](#) about this.