

LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE

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The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers each month and can also be found online here: po.st/DCNewsletters.

PGR Communications Survey

Thank you to the 322 postgraduates who participated in our online PGR Communications Survey! We'll be reviewing your input to determine how best to communicate in future – watch this space for developments. We'll also be in touch with the 10 lucky participants who won vouchers soon.

Upcoming Events

Follow the links for more details on each event!

- <u>LITE</u> Career Development & Progression event, Fri Mar 9th, 3-5pm, Edward Boyle Library. Talk and workshop for those looking to progress in student education accreditation and career paths. Email Rekha Parmar (r.e.parmar@leeds.ac.uk) for more details.
- Research Nights 3: Wastewater, Warfare and Woods, Tues 13th Mar, 6-8pm in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. All are welcome no booking necessary. Follow the link for info.
- Be Curious, Sat 17th Mar 2018. The University opens its doors to the public, inviting them to meet our
 diverse community with interactive exhibitions and talks. This year's theme is 'We Are International',
 reflecting the diverse nationalities of our researchers, and the global impact of their work.
- <u>Interdisciplinary Teaching & Learning: Pedagogy and Practice Conference</u>, 22nd & 23rd Mar. Bookings for this conference are open <u>here</u> until 16th Mar.
- ESSL Graduate School Conference, 13th Apr. An event led by postgraduates that brings researchers together from across the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law to present their work in a friendly and supportive environment, and provides opportunities to exchange ideas and foster an interdisciplinary research environment.
- <u>British Federation of Women Graduates</u>: Research Presentations Day, Sat 12th May.
 Women postgraduates are encouraged to submit abstracts by Sat 24th Mar 2018 for a chance to present your work to a discerning audience at this London-based event and be in with a chance of winning a £120 prize for the best presentation.
- CUHK Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence for 2018–19 is open for applications until Tue 3rd Apr. The Programme supports Chinese University of Hong Kong postgraduate researchers visiting UK Universities as well as researchers visiting CUHK for short-term research attachments. The visit is to be completed between 1st Sep 2018 and 31st Aug 2019. Check the link for the programme guidelines and application form.

Wellbeing Workshops

The <u>Student Counselling Centre</u> is running a series of monthly 'Dr Who' workshops that focus on challenges and strategies that are particularly relevant to postgraduate researchers:

- Tue 13th Mar, 16:30-18:30 Knowing Me, Knowing You
- Tue 17th Apr, 16:30-18:30 Self-compassion for Postgraduate Researchers
- Tue 15th May, 16:30-18:30 Tackling Procrastination
- Tue 12th Jun, 16:30-18:30 Manage your own Wellbeing

To find out more about these workshops, including how to sign up for them, <u>click here</u>, email <u>scc@leeds.ac.uk</u>, call 0113 343 4107, or drop by 19 Clarendon Place.

Achieving Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy

The University's Professional Recognition in Student Education scheme (PRiSE) offers the opportunity for those researchers who have sufficient experience of teaching and support learning to apply for Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (HEA). Researchers are invited to attend a PRiSE briefing to find out more about the scheme and what is required to make an application. Information about scheduled briefings, along with more information about PRiSE, can be accessed <u>online here</u>. Since the launch of PRiSE in September 2017, increasing numbers of PGRs have made successful applications to the scheme.

PGR Reps' Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended the PGR Reps' Forum with LUU on 20th Feb. The topics discussed included PGR space provision, payment of travel expenses, and the (then) forthcoming UCU Industrial Action. The next forum will be held on **15**th **May** in the **Union**, and questions can be submitted in advance either through School PGR Reps or direct to LUU: <u>s.r.sandison@leeds.ac.uk</u>

Easter Break

The University will be closed from 12:30 on Thu 29th Mar until Tue 3rd Apr inclusive for Easter Bank Holiday (Term 2 ends on Fri 16th Mar, and Term 3 begins on Mon 16th Apr).

Over Easter, the International Student Office are collaborating with Get Out Get Active, Great Food at Leeds, and colleagues at Oxfam and the Rainbow Junk-tion Community Café to host a range of events and activities that are open to any students and researchers (home or international) in Leeds over the break. Details of the Easter activities programme will be available on the Global Community website from early March.

Don't forget to follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u> to keep up with all of our exciting developments and events!

Best wishes,

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