

LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers (PGRs) each month and can also be found online [here](#). We know you get a lot of emails, so we like to keep things brief – click on the web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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1. Doctoral College News

Welcome to the first Leeds Doctoral College newsletter of the 2018/19 academic year, and a special welcome if you are a new PGR this year.

Whether you are a new or a returning PGR, remember that the Leeds Doctoral College, which encompasses your Faculty Graduate School, is here to help support you throughout your time at Leeds. We work with your academic Schools and Institutes to coordinate the resources that are on offer via Organisational Development and Professional Learning (for PGR Training and Development), the Language Centre, Careers, the Library, and various support services, including the Student Counselling Service, Disability Support, the Equality Unit, the Chaplaincy, and Leeds University Union.

Our aim is to ensure that the Leeds PGR experience is a truly excellent one: we want you to thrive academically, to be happy socially, and to be well prepared for whatever you will go on to do after your PhD. We hope you will attend some of our wonderful events, such as Research Nights, where you can hear PGRs talking about their research in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere, or the Doctoral College Showcase in December, where we will choose our PGR of the Year; and that you will feel free to get in touch with us on doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk if you have any suggestions, ideas, or thoughts that you'd like to pass on to us.

As the Doctoral College celebrates its first birthday, let us know how we can support you better and ensure that your time as a Leeds PGR is happy, productive, and stimulating.

An introduction from Rachel Cox, Head of Doctoral College Operations:

My role is to ensure that administration surrounding PGRs and PhD programmes of study runs as smoothly as possible. I oversee all eight Faculty Graduate Schools and the central Doctoral College Operations team, which is based in the Student Services Centre in the Ziff Building. My role is new – I started in July – and this is the first time that PGR administration across the institution has been brought together as a holistic operation under the umbrella of the Doctoral College and as part of the Student Education Service. I am looking forward to working with you all to develop our service, particularly in the areas of support for PGRs and admissions.

2. Upcoming Events

- **Research Nights, Tue 16th Oct**, 18:00-20:00, Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Join our three speakers as they present their research in an accessible way to an audience of postgraduates, undergraduates, staff and friends. It's a great place to practice your presentation skills, and training is provided. If you would like to speak at a future event email doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk
- **Open Access Week, from Mon 22nd Oct**. A week of activities aimed at supporting and encouraging open research. Gain insights from Leeds colleagues on how they've benefited from open research, especially in the areas of research visibility and collaboration at the **Launch Event** on 22nd Oct; enjoy a free lunch at the **Data Buffet** on 23rd Oct; find out how to **Use Social Media to Promote Your Research** and discover more about **Altmetrics** on 24th Oct. Follow the highlighted links for more details and to book your place.
- **The Future of Training: Practice and Publication, Wed 31st Oct**, 15:15-17:15, Alec Clegg Studio, School of Performance and Cultural Industries. Four journal editors will talk about recent developments in performer and theatre training practice as well as the publications opportunities in the journals they respectively represent. The event is free and open to all, please RSVP to Linda Watson: L.M.Watson@leeds.ac.uk

3. Wellbeing

Tai Chi, Wellness Kung Fu, Pet Therapy and Meditation are just some of the Wellbeing activities being run by Leeds University Union (LUU) in the week commencing 1st October. Find out more about such activities on the LUU events page here: <https://www.luu.org.uk/union-events/?category=wellbeing>

4. Research Skills

The University of Leeds offers a wide range of personal and professional development opportunities for postgraduate researchers: [Click here for a list of postgraduate researcher courses currently available for booking](#)

For additional opportunities postgraduate researchers should also check out the Careers Centre website: [Careers Centre weblink for postgraduate researchers](#) / [MyCareer](#)

5. Spotlight on...

Minerva

Leeds Doctoral College has launched its own Organisation in Minerva. Most researchers have automatically been enrolled in the Organisation, but you can also enrol via the following link: [Minerva](#).

The Leeds Doctoral College Organisation is where you will find further information and helpful links for you throughout your research, from induction to transfer to viva and everything in between.

To access the Leeds Doctoral College Organisation once you have logged into Minerva:

1. Click 'Teach'
2. Click 'Organisations'
3. Click 'Leeds Doctoral College'

The screenshot shows the Minerva website. At the top, the 'Minerva' logo is on the left, and navigation links 'Home', 'Teach', 'Discover', and 'Files' are on the right. The 'Teach' link is circled in red and labeled with a red '1'. Below the navigation bar, the date and location 'THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018 15:31 (LEEDS, UK)' are displayed. The main content area is divided into three sections. The left section, titled 'Teach', has a sub-header 'MODULES' and a tab 'ORGANISATIONS' which is circled in red and labeled with a red '2'. Below this is a search bar with 'doctoral college' entered. A table lists search results, with the first entry 'Leeds Doctoral College' circled in red and labeled with a red '3'. The table has columns for 'Name', 'Role', and 'Avail'. The 'Leeds Doctoral College' entry shows a role of 'Leader' and is available. The middle section, titled 'Library', has a search bar and buttons for 'Advanced Search' and 'Help'. Below this are three icons: 'No Loans', 'No Charges', and 'No Holds'. The right section, titled 'LeedsforLife', has a 'GRAD' logo and an 'IT Services' section with a search bar and a 'Go' button.

6. Help Wanted

If you have an event, a network, or a particular subject you would like help in promoting across the postgraduate researcher community, then don't hesitate to get in touch with us! The Doctoral College can help with booking rooms, publicity or just knowing who the right person is to talk to about a particular subject.

Library talks appeal

Leeds Central Library is seeking researchers to deliver talks on a broad spectrum of subject matters. See https://www.leeds.ac.uk/forstaff/news/article/6306/library_talks_appeal for more information.

Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and watch out for announcements in Minerva to keep up with future developments and events!

Best wishes,

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