
The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers (PGRs) and members of the Doctoral College, and is published as an announcement on the Leeds Doctoral College Organisation on [Minerva](#). Past editions can also be found online [here](#). 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

Leeds Doctoral College incorporates all eight Faculty Graduate Schools and the central Doctoral College Operations team. We also have a base on Level 12 of the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff building, where you can find the Doctoral College Seminar Room (12.21) – which holds up to 15 people and is available for booking – and the Doctoral College Reception (12.22a), which leads to the Dean of the Doctoral College's office (12.22b).

The Doctoral College Reception is open **9:30 – 12:00, Monday – Friday**. You can also reach us via email at doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk with any queries relating to your time at Leeds.

University Induction

If you are new to the University you are welcome to attend our Induction for PGRs on the afternoon of **Thursday 1st November** 2018. The Induction includes **Doctorientation**, a self-guided tour of campus, and a chance to meet fellow researchers. You can sign up for the Induction here: <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/november-induction>

Thank you to everyone who attended the Induction on 1st October and provided feedback. We know that it was an over-subscribed event and that some PGRs experienced problems as a result of this – these issues have been addressed in planning for the November event.

2. Upcoming Events & Opportunities

- **Research Nights, Tue 16th Oct**, 18:00-20:00, Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Join our three speakers as they present their research about Running, Religion and Ruins. Everyone is welcome – just turn up! If you would like to speak at a future event email doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk The next Research Nights is on Tue 20th Nov.
- **International 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.

- **Two month paid placement with [Dubit App Development Company](#), applications due by Fri 26th Oct, 12:00.** See Minerva Announcements for more detail.
- **Leeds Doctoral College Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition 2018, applications due by Fri 26th Oct.** The competition – which celebrates the incredible work being conducted by postgraduate researchers at the University of Leeds – takes place at the [Leeds Doctoral College Showcase](#) on Wed 5th Dec. Enter the 3MT competition here: <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/three-minute-thesis-2018>
- **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
- **White Rose DTP Training Opportunity – Expressions of interest due by 31st Oct.** The White Rose Doctoral Training Partnership programme is offering 30 free residential spaces to attend the ‘Working in Partnership Residential Training’ on 23rd - 25th January 2019 at the [Hepworth Gallery, Wakefield](#). [Expressions of Interest](#) are sought from PGRs in the social sciences (regardless of funding source) who have future plans to develop a career in non-academic settings and to work with external partners.
- **[The Brilliant Club Information Event](#), Fri 2nd Nov, 12:00,** Wharfedale Room, Dales Building, Careers Centre. The Brilliant Club seeks to mobilise the PhD community to engage with state schools and support talented pupils from under-represented backgrounds to progress to highly-selective universities. Find out more about becoming a Scholars Programme tutor at this event. More details [here](#).
- **Working after studies for research students, Fri 9th Nov, 15:00-16:30,** Roger Stevens Lecture Theatre 21. An information session and a chance to ask questions for those researchers who want to apply for the Tier 4 Doctorate Extension Scheme and continue working in the UK following completion of their studies.

3. Wellbeing

[Coffee Connections](#)

Coffee Connections is a network for the partners and families of students and staff. The next event is on **Thu 25th Oct, 12:00 – 14:00** in the Level 12 Common Room in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff building. As always, there will be free tea, coffee and cake, and children are welcome too. You can sign up for the Coffee Connections mailing list, including details of events for couples and families, [here](#).

Prior to the event, from 11:00 – 12:00, the [Global Community](#) are also hosting a campus tour for those who would like to show their family or partner around campus, or come along on their own. The tour takes in various locations across campus, visiting ‘hidden gems’ that may be less well-known, returning for Coffee Connections at 12:00. The route aims to be accessible for buggies, prams and those with little legs! To book this event, researchers or their families need to [sign up online](#) as there are limited places available.

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](#)

Language Groups

Language Groups are for students who want to meet with a group regularly to practise a language they are learning. This semester the Language Zone is running language groups for English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Language Groups are led by students who are native speakers who facilitate friendly relaxed conversation sessions on topics such as student life, interests, and cross-cultural experience.

This is a great way to meet new people who share your passion for learning languages, and a chance to learn things about a language and culture you might not find in textbooks and formal language classes. Apply online here: www.leeds.ac.uk/languagezone

Where possible, places will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Groups fill up fast, so apply now! Applications close **31st Oct 2018**.

5. Spotlight on...

Sustainability

There are many ways that you can get involved with sustainability at Leeds. Check out the [Sustainability website](#) for further details. Some of the available opportunities are:

- Become a [sustainability volunteer](#) and work either on campus or out in the community with a range of projects and opportunities to suit all interests.
- Research project support – applying sustainability principles or having a sustainability angle to your research might not always be obvious. Feel free to get in touch at sustainability@leeds.ac.uk to discuss your ideas – we can help you see how sustainability can be integrated into many different subjects of study.

Keep up to date with progress, events and opportunities by signing up to the Sustainability newsletter [here](#).

Find other volunteering opportunities across the city and region with [LeedsforLife](#) and [LUU Volunteering](#).

6. Help Wanted

Library Advisory Panel

The Library is looking for PGRs to join their [Student Advisory Panel](#) to help decide the future of Library services. Members of the panel may be invited to focus groups, interviews and discussions with lunch or refreshments provided. You may also be asked to carry out online tasks and provide feedback in exchange for printer credits or vouchers as thanks for your time. All involvement is voluntary – you can choose how much to participate and can unsubscribe at any time. Click [here to join](#) the Student Advisory Panel.

They are looking for a mix of people from different levels of study and disciplines. So whether you've been to a workshop, used their online resources or never even been to a Library, they would love to hear from you!

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

Best wishes,



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