



# LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE

Newsletter

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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](https://po.st/DCNewsletters). We know you get a lot of emails and 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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## Leeds Doctoral College Showcase Spring 2018: Postgraduate Researcher Poster Conference Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May, 9:00 -13:00, Parkinson Court

The Leeds Doctoral College Showcase is a celebration of the significant contribution postgraduate researchers make to the research profile of the University of Leeds. Postgraduate research students from all disciplines are invited to submit an abstract for a research poster competition. **Three cash prizes of £500, £200, and £50** will be awarded for the best posters. Free training is available for entrants and you can have your poster printed free of charge. Submit your 200-word abstract on your presentation topic through the [online application form](#) – the deadline for application is **12:00, Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Apr**.

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## Upcoming Events

- **ESSL Graduate School Conference, Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Research Nights 4, Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Apr, 18:00-20:00** in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. All are welcome – no booking necessary. Follow the link for info. Contact us at [doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk) to find out how to take part as a speaker and gain valuable presenting experience (training is provided).
- **'Talking Writing' Seminar Series, every two weeks from Wed 18<sup>th</sup> of Apr, 17:00-18:00**, Edward Boyle Library Level 13 Meeting Room 1. The aim of this series is to open up discussion of thesis and research writing, making the often hidden processes of writing more transparent. Sessions will include both established researchers sharing their own experiences of writing and opportunities for postgraduate researchers to seek advice about their own writing concerns. All postgraduate researchers are welcome to attend.
- **Meet the Author: Linda Yueh, Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 17:30-19:20**, Leeds University Business School G.02. *China's Growth*, part of Dr Yueh's trilogy of books on the Chinese economy, examined the main determinants of growth and explored how China could evolve in the coming decades. Five years on from the book's publication, Linda will provide the latest insights based on her continuing research and work as a leader in her field. Register free online at the [BCI website](#).

- **Festival of Interdisciplinary Research, Thu 3rd May 2018.** At this Festival, you will have the opportunity to meet people from the University's Themes and Platforms which drive and support the development of interdisciplinary research. The event will showcase examples of how our researchers work across the disciplines to tackle global grand challenges and provide the chance to make new connections. The new Chancellor of the University of Leeds, Dame Jane Francis will be the keynote speaker for this event. Register for the event [here](#).
- **PGR Reps' Forum, Tue 15<sup>th</sup> May**, Leeds University Union. Questions can be submitted in advance either through School PGR Reps or direct to LUU: [s.r.sandison@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.r.sandison@leeds.ac.uk)
- **[Translation in the News Symposium](#), Thu 10<sup>th</sup> May.** Of interest to those studying translation, media, and beyond, this multi-disciplinary symposium will cover discourse analysis, narrative theory, ideology, bias, and political and cultural analyses. Register for free online at the [event website](#).
- **Faculty of Medicine and Health Postgraduate Research Conference: 'Making a Difference', Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Jun.** An important event for the Faculty, providing an opportunity for postgraduate researchers to showcase their work to a varied audience and to engage with researchers right across the Faculty. Registration for the conference is open until 9<sup>th</sup> Apr here: <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/fomh-pgr-conference-2018>.
- **Graduation Ceremonies, 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Jul** – For those researchers who are expecting to graduate in July, the dates for graduation ceremonies are now online [here](#). Registration for July graduations opens in May.

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### Wellbeing Workshops & Stress Control Class

The [Student Counselling Centre](#) is running a series of monthly 'Dr Who' workshops that focus on challenges and strategies that are particularly relevant to postgraduate researchers:

- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Apr, 16:30-18:30 – Self-compassion for Postgraduate Researchers
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> May, 16:30-18:30 – Tackling Procrastination
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Jun, 16:30-18:30 – Manage your own Wellbeing

To find out more about these workshops, including how to sign up for them, [click here](#), email [scc@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:scc@leeds.ac.uk), call 0113 343 4107, or drop by 19 Clarendon Place.

Leeds NHS IAPT service is also running a **[Stress Control Class on Wednesdays, Apr 25<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)**, 17:15-19:15pm, Baines Wing Room 2.37. The course lasts 5 weeks and is available for students, researchers and staff aged 17-25. It aims to help you understand stress and learn how to tackle it on a physical level as well as through managing both your thoughts and actions. The course, delivered by Community Links, will also teach you ways to control panic, improve your sleep and put preventative steps in place to avoid stress in future. To book a place [click here](#) and select the course entitled 'Stress Control Class April (17-25 years old)'.

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### GRAD updates

Various updates have recently been applied to the [GRAD](#) system, including new examination entry and thesis submission workflows, and the ability to manage extension/suspension requests. More details can be found on the Noticeboard when logged into GRAD. The [Guide to the Thesis Examination Process](#) has also been updated and can be downloaded [here](#).

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### Library Workshops

The [Library](#) runs several regular and bespoke workshops for postgraduate researchers, including:

- Shut Up and Write! Weekly sessions for postgraduates and staff: [book here](#) (further sessions are released weekly)
- How to publish your PhD thesis as a monograph – 28<sup>th</sup> Mar and 19<sup>th</sup> Apr: [book here](#)
- Literature Searching for your Research Degree: [book here](#)
- Increasing the Visibility of your Research: [book here](#)

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### Easter Break

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

From information on free gym classes, to volunteering opportunities and things to do in the city over Easter (and beyond), the [Global Community out of term time activities webpage](#) lists an array of events happening both on and off campus. Events are open to all students and researchers, and many events are also family-friendly too. You can keep up-to-date with Global Community events through [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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**Finally...**

Researchers from Bournemouth University are seeking your help for a research study about postgraduate researchers' experiences with using gatekeepers for recruitment and how they address challenges faced. To find out more and to complete the survey, [click here](#).

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Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with all of our exciting developments and events!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Claire". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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