
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 on the [University website](#).

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 opening times of the Reception are updated weekly. Please check our [Minerva page](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for more information. You can also reach us [via email](#) with any queries relating to your time at Leeds.

The University of Leeds will be closed from 18 April (from 12:30pm) until 23 April.
Please note that the Reception will be closed from Thursday 18 April until Tuesday 30 April.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Research Nights. Our next Research Nights event will be on Tuesday 14 May from 6pm-8pm in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Check out our [Facebook page](#) and [Minerva announcements](#) for updates. Drinks will be available, and the event also features a Pub Quiz!

Meet the Author. Dr Li Sun, a lecturer at the University of Leeds, will speak about rural-urban migration policies in China and how Chinese workers cope with migration events in the context of these policies. Thursday 16 May, 5:30pm-7:30pm (Leeds University Business School, Meadows Room TR.03).

PG Ball – Advisory Committee. LUU have started planning for their first ever PG Ball to be held on 14 September and close the academic year in style. Promotion will start soon, but if you are interested in being part of an advisory committee then they would be happy to hear from you. Just [email Simon Sandison](#), and he will put you in touch with the right people.

PGR Peer-Mentoring Scheme. Are you a new PGR in the **School of Languages, Cultures and Societies** or in the **School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies** looking for friendly support to help you settle in? Sign up for the PGR Peer Mentoring Scheme! To find out more, or register as a mentee or mentor, please contact us at doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk.

Receiving and Responding to a Disclosures of Sexual Violence, Harassment and Abuse – First Responder training for PGRs, Thursday 18 July. Are you in a teaching role? This training aims to ensure you feel confident in how to receive and respond to student disclosures of sexual harassment and assault. [Book your place on the OD&PL website.](#)

WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

Easter Activities. From wellbeing activities, volunteering opportunities and trips to see sports matches, there are lots of things happening over the Easter break (30 March – 28 April). Whilst you can just turn up to some events, others will require booking in advance. Find out more [on the University website](#). You can also [find out what will be open on campus during the holidays](#).

“Brain Food” Cooking Demonstration. Thursday 9 May, 2-4pm, The Refectory.

Join this cooking demonstration hosted by Great Food at Leeds and Global Community. Professional chefs from Great Food at Leeds will show you how to make some delicious dishes with healthy ingredients that are known to be beneficial for your brain. You’ll have a chance to taste them too, so make sure to come along with an appetite! [Register for a free ticket!](#)

Tour: Local College to Global Campus. The Making of the University of Leeds. 7 May, 5:30pm-7pm. This walk, organised by [The Leeds City Walking Tours](#), will tell the story of how the Yorkshire College of Science became a giant of higher education. For more information and to buy a ticket, [please visit the Eventbrite page](#).

Leeds Nightline: Instant Messaging Service now available. [Leeds Nightline](#) is a listening and information service for students and researchers. Their service is confidential, anonymous, non-directive, non-advisory and non-judgemental. From Monday 29 of April it will be possible to instant message Leeds Nightline as well as call them anytime between 8pm and 8am during term time (0113 380 1285).

Mumps – are you vaccinated? [Find out what you need to do](#). Mumps is a contagious viral infection that is recognisable by the painful swellings at the side of the face under the ears (parotid glands). Other symptoms of mumps include headaches, joint pain and a high temperature, which may develop a few days before the swelling of the parotid glands. Mumps should not be treated lightly. It can be a severe disease, with potential for serious side-effects.

RESEARCH SKILLS AND CAREERS

Research Ethics workshop. This introduction to the University of Leeds ethical review process will take place on 15 May, 2-4pm. It will explore the requirements of ethical review, clarify the application process, discuss the reasons for ethics approval and explore the types of ethical considerations that are relevant to conducting research. PGRs who are new to the University ethics review process are very much encouraged to attend this workshop. [Book your place on the ODPL website](#).

May – July workshops. ODPL is offering a suite of workshops designed exclusively for PGRs: [An Introduction to Emotional Intelligence](#) (15 May), [Communicating to Influence](#) (22 May), [Courageous Conversations](#) (11 June), [An Introduction to Leadership](#) (19 June) [Maintaining Motivation](#) (2 July). Please click on the title of the workshop for further details and to book. **Sign up to one of the Library’s workshops or webinars** if you need help with literature searching, open access, research data management, using EndNote, or increasing the visibility of your research.

New to teaching? Training available! In the First Steps in Student Education programme, you will learn key elements of student education practice. The programme is also relevant to staff preparing an application for Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy. Please click on the title of the workshop for details and booking: [Stepping into Design and Planning](#) (26 April), [Stepping into Delivery](#) (10 May) [Stepping into Assessment and Feedback](#) (23 May)

[Stepping into Learning Environments and Student Support](#) (29 May), [Stepping into Continuing Professional Development](#) (13 June).

Peer Review – a useful video (especially for PGRs in Arts and Humanities). If you wish to learn about the peer review process and practice, [this video](#) shares the panel session from The Peer Review Workshop which took place on 14 March. During the first 45 minutes, a panel of experts talked about the peer review process within academic journal and book publishing, as well as for funding applications. They also shared tips on how to get into peer reviewing as Early Career Researchers. The second half of the session is a Q&A.

SPOTLIGHT ON... THE PGRs SURVEY 2019



CALL FOR PGRs!
HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE PRES 2019 SURVEY YET?

Make sure you have your say - you could also win one of five £50 cash prize!

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Postgraduate Survey. Call for PGRs! Have you completed the [Postgraduate Research Experience Survey 2019](#)? It's confidential and your feedback will really make a difference. Make sure you have your say - and you could also win one of five £50 cash prizes!

HELP WANTED

Yorkshire Sculpture International (YSI) are looking for lots of volunteers to help support the festival this summer. The festival will take place from **22 June to 29 September** and is the **UK's largest dedicated sculpture festival**, a series of exhibitions, international commissions, events and learning programmes not seen on a scale anywhere else. Sculpture in its broadest forms will be on display across four major galleries (the Henry Moore Institute, Leeds Art Gallery, Hepworth Wakefield and Yorkshire Sculpture Park) and outdoors in Leeds and Wakefield. Full details can be found [on the Leeds for Life webpage](#).

There will also be a **Volunteer Information Session** on **Thursday 2 May** to find out more from the YSI team. If you are interested in attending [please sign up](#).

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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