
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.

2. Upcoming Events & Opportunities

- **[PGR Reps Forum](#), 12:30, Tue 27 Nov**, LUU Meeting Room 6. Submit your questions to Claire Honess and Serene Esuruoso (Education Officer, Leeds University Union) and find out more about the forum [here](#).
- **PGR 'Reading Writing' Seminar Series, 17:00-18:00, 21 Nov, 28 Nov, 5 Dec, 12 Dec**, Meeting Room 1, Level 13, Edward Boyle Library. Common aim is to open up discussion of thesis and research writing, making the often hidden processes of writing more transparent. Check the Minerva announcement for further details.
- **[Doctoral College Showcase](#), 11:00-16:30, Wed 5 Dec**, Great Hall. Registration for our annual celebration of the significant contribution our researchers make is now open [here](#). The day includes Postgraduate Researcher of the Year, Research Image of the Year and Three Minute Thesis competitions, plus lunch.
- **[Student Education Conference \(SEC\)](#), 10 – 11 Jan 2019**, exploring 'Learning Spaces' as its theme. Find out more and book your place [here](#) by Fri 14 Dec.
- **[Bragg Centre Research Symposium](#), 15 Jan 2019**. The new [Bragg Centre](#) for Materials Research launches its inaugural Symposium with events that include a poster competition (check Minerva Announcement for details on how to enter – deadline is 30 Nov). Register to attend [here](#).

- [Doctoral Students Open Day 2019, Boston Spa and Beyond, 10:00-16:30, 30 Jan 2019](#). Open day introducing researchers to the British Library's collections. Click [here](#) for more information.
- [Leeds Partnership Awards 2019](#). Nominations are now open in eleven categories, including the Supervisor Award and Academic Rep of the Year, which this year was won by a PGR. The Awards celebrate the many ways in which people at Leeds make a difference – make your nomination [here](#) before 18 Feb 2019.

For more events, training and information look out for Leeds Doctoral College Announcements on Minerva.

3. Wellbeing & Community

Union Events

- [PhTEA, 15:00-16:00, 5 December](#), Pyramid Canteen. The usual relaxed opportunity to meet other PGRs, but now with guests able to share their success taking their research into the public realm.
- [Climate Change Breakfast Club 9:00-10:00, 6 Dec](#), Common Ground. With Dr Rob Lawlor (IDEA), talking ethics and morals.
- [Leeds 360, 12:15-12:45, 27 Nov & 11 Dec](#), meet in LUU foyer. Bite-sized lunchtime walks to places of interest on or near to campus.
- [Postgraduate Be Happy Hour](#), from 17:00, 29th Nov & 6th Dec, Old Bar.

Get Out, Get Active

For day trips, walks and other adventures around Yorkshire and beyond, check out Get Out, Get Active's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). They run regularly, weekly activity programmes, as well as ad hoc kayaking, hikes and nutritional workshops that are open to all.

4. Research Skills & Careers

Individual Writing Consultations, 1-3pm, Tuesdays

Available to book through the [training catalogue](#): 30 minute consultations to develop your doctoral writing (NB not proofreading). Focus is on helping you to help yourself resolve a specific writing issue.

CVs and Applications for Jobs both in and outside of Academia, 10:00-11:00, 30 Nov

This session will help you to look at how to refocus your CV for jobs outside academia. We will look at different CV styles/approaches and there will be an opportunity to share and get feedback on a CV that you anticipate using for a non-academic post - even it is still under construction! Click [here](#) to book.

Interviews & Assessment Centres for Jobs both in and outside of Academia, 14:30-15:30, 5 Dec

This workshop will look at styles and types of non-academic interviews. We will look at how to deal with competency based questions and how to present and translate your research/academic experience into roles and organisations outside academia. Click [here](#) to book.

Receiving and Responding to a Disclosures of Sexual Violence, Harassment and Abuse: First Responder Training for Postgraduate Researchers, 9:30-15:30, 29 Jan 2019

Organisational Development and Professional Learning (OD&PL) is offering University Postgraduate Researchers who are in teaching roles the opportunity to attend a new training session. The purpose of this one-day interactive workshop is to ensure staff and PGRs in a broad range of roles feel confident in how to receive and respond to student disclosures of sexual harassment and assault. Book your place [here](#).

5. Spotlight on...

[Out of term activities](#)

Autumn term ends – and Graduations begin – on Fri 14 December.

The University is closed from Mon 24 December to Tue 1 January inclusive.

Spring term begins on Mon 14 January, when exams start.

These dates may not directly affect all postgraduate researchers, but you will find that campus is a lot quieter without the presence of most undergraduates. The University knows that there are still a lot of students and

researchers around over the Christmas period, however, and there are a number of events and activities planned, which you can find out about at the Out of Term webpage: <http://students.leeds.ac.uk/outofterm> You can also connect with others who will be in Leeds over Christmas on the [UoL Christmas in Leeds 2018](#) Facebook page.

6. Help Wanted

Communications Survey

The Communications team is updating the University of Leeds websites to improve the way prospective students find out about postgraduate supervisors. You can help them by sharing your experiences at the following survey: https://xforms.leeds.ac.uk/forms/form/1268/en/postgraduate_research_student_online_information

Volunteering: Flourishing Families Leeds

A charity established in 2017 to support children, parents and families, Flourishing Families Leeds aims to overcome the barriers that prevent people from flourishing and to bring about lasting positive change in the community. Over 350 children, parents and carers have directly benefitted from their work in the last year.

They are currently looking to fill mentoring roles for activity-based mentoring clubs in primary schools. They work with children in Key Stage 2, using creative activities to teach new skills and build confidence. **They are particularly looking for new mentors on Fridays 15:15 – 16:15 and Wednesdays 12:00-13:00 during school term time.**

Mentors need to be under the age of 30, able to speak very good English, and preferably have experience working with children. The charity can offer the opportunity to make a real difference in the community whilst gaining valuable experience in arts and crafts, mentoring and leadership within Primary Education. Find out more at www.flourishingfamiliesleeds.com/mentoring or email amyt@flourishingfamiliesleeds.org.uk

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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