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## 1. Doctoral College News

### Doctoral College Showcase 2018

Despite a power cut that meant a last minute relocation from the Great Hall to Engineering, this year's Doctoral College Showcase presented many opportunities for our postgraduate researchers to demonstrate their exciting, impactful and intriguing research.

Find out about the winners and runners-up of the Three Minute Thesis and the PGR of the Year competition here: [https://www.leeds.ac.uk/forstaff/news/article/6478/celebrating\\_postgraduate\\_research](https://www.leeds.ac.uk/forstaff/news/article/6478/celebrating_postgraduate_research)

### Christmas and New Year

The Doctoral College will be closed for Christmas – along with the rest of the University – from **Saturday 22 December 2018 to Tuesday 1 January 2019 inclusive**. The University reopens on Wednesday 2 January 2019. Help us reduce the University's energy use and carbon footprint by turning off computers, photocopiers, empty fridges and other electrical equipment – where this can safely be done – during the Christmas shutdown period.

The [Christmas in Leeds](#) programme is for all students and postgraduate researchers staying in Leeds over the holidays, providing opportunities to meet others, experience Christmas traditions and find out about useful information and support. From film and games nights, volunteering opportunities and trips to see sports matches, the Christmas in Leeds programme has something for everyone. Many events are family friendly and welcome students' and their families.

For more information, visit the [Christmas in Leeds webpage](#), download the [Christmas in Leeds Guide](#) and join the [Christmas in Leeds Facebook group](#)

Whether you are staying in Leeds or going further afield, everyone in the Doctoral College wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2019.

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## 2. Upcoming Events & Opportunities

- [Bragg Centre Research Symposium, 15 Jan 2019](#). The new [Bragg Centre](#) for Materials Research launches its inaugural Symposium. Register to attend [here](#).
- [Call for Papers: African Places, African Spaces 2019](#). Proposals due by 15 Jan 2019. Find out more [here](#).

- **Research Nights, Wed 23 Jan 2019, 18:00-20:00, Pyramid Canteen.** Please note the first Research Nights event of 2019 has been rescheduled, but will still feature exciting, accessible talks from three of our own postgraduate researchers. Follow developments at the [Facebook event](#).
- **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.

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### 3. Wellbeing & Community

#### Feeling at Home in Leeds group workshop, 9 Jan 2019, 13:30-16:30

Feeling at Home in Leeds is a workshop for international students to meet others, share your experiences and settle into life in Leeds. It is for international (including EU) students at any study level including postgraduate researchers.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to share your experiences of culture change with fellow students and postgraduate researchers. You'll also help each other develop strategies for making the most of your intercultural experience at Leeds, including improving and developing skills in participating in academic groups and making social conversation. The workshop is free and will take place in the common room on level 12 of the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building. You will need to book a place by completing the [online booking form](#).

If you have any questions about the workshop please feel free to contact [globalcommunity@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:globalcommunity@leeds.ac.uk)

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### 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.

#### Job Opportunity: [Link to Leeds Ambassadors](#)

£8.47 per hour, February-August/ongoing, 2-3 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 20 Jan 2019. Apply online here: <https://linkto.leeds.ac.uk/apply/>

#### 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

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](#).

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### 5. Spotlight on...

#### Leeds University Library Galleries

Visit the [University's free, public galleries](#) to see exceptional collections of fine art, artefacts, rare books and manuscripts. [The Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery](#) offers innovative art [exhibitions](#) from the University Art Collection and [Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery](#) displays the finest rare books, manuscripts, art and archives from our world renowned [Special Collections](#). Come to one of our [events](#) and enjoy some online [highlights of our collections](#).

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### 6. Help Wanted

#### LUU Postgraduate Experience Survey (£50 in prizes)

Be in with the chance to win £50 Amazon vouchers by completing the Union's survey here: [bit.ly/PGSURVEY18](http://bit.ly/PGSURVEY18)

#### Minerva survey (£400 in prizes)

The Minerva team want to improve Minerva for research students, and to do that they need to find out what you want. Please help them by filling in a short survey, which takes 5-10 minutes, and you might win one of two £200 prizes! Take the survey here: <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/minerva-survey-2018>

## 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](https://xforms.leeds.ac.uk/forms/form/1268/en/postgraduate_research_student_online_information)

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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).

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and watch out for announcements on [Minerva](#) to keep up with future developments and events!

Best wishes,

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

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