

LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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 by/for PGRs, free of charge – and the Dean of the Doctoral College's office (12.22b).

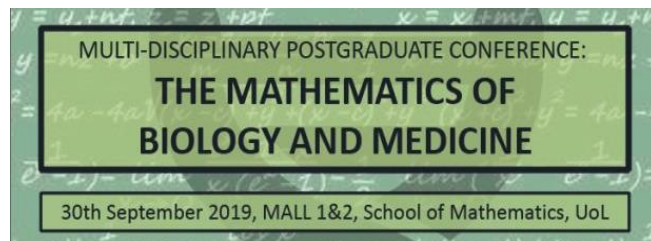
The Doctoral College Reception is not currently staffed on a regular basis; therefore, please contact us by email/phone in the first instance. If you need to contact us with any queries relating to your time at Leeds, please do so on our [email address](#) or call 0113 34 30448. Please also continue to check our [Minerva page](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for updates relevant to the PGR community.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Research Nights. Our next Research Nights event will be on **Tuesday 31 July** from 6pm-8pm in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Check out our [Facebook page](#) and [Minerva announcements](#) for updates. The bar will be open and the event also features a Pub Quiz! Please [email](#) if you are interested in presenting at our Research Nights events in the future – training provided!

Postgraduate Ball. [Tickets are on sale!](#) This summer LUU will host their first ever Postgraduate Ball. They've been planning alongside a number of postgraduates from around the University and have set a date which suits the rhythms of the year for PGRs and which still lets you go to the annual Summer Ball if you want. Finally, a chance to celebrate with your friends and peers, whatever you have to celebrate. **Saturday 14 September.**

Mathematics of Biology and Medicine conference. Calling all PGRs with an interest in the mathematics of biology and medicine to attend a one-day cross-faculty conference here at the University of Leeds. **Monday 30 September.** Registration and abstract submission [now open](#). For more details please contact [Polly-Anne Jeffrey](#) or [Amy Stainthorp](#) or see the conference poster [here](#).



ReproducibiliTea. Join in at an early-career researcher-led journal (and tea-drinking) club that focuses on generating a space for transdisciplinary discussion of cutting-edge, and sometimes controversial, meta-research articles. Its goal is to facilitate and deepen the conversation about open research across all fields of study represented at Leeds, from Medieval History to Data Science. Third week of the month, alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays (1-2pm) in Research Meeting Room 2 (Level 13, Edward Boyle library). Please contact [Kelly Lloyd](#) or view the [Facebook post](#) or [Minerva announcement](#) for the timetable.

UKRI Policy internships scheme. The Scheme provides the opportunity for PGRs funded by the research councils of UK Research and Innovation to work for three months in one of a selected group of highly influential policy organisations. PGRs undertaking an internship through the Scheme will work on one or more policy topics relevant to both the PGR and their host organisation. Deadline **Monday 12 August 2019**. Information on how to apply along with further details on host partners, funding and eligibility can be found [here](#).

*Please note, if PGRs who are currently funded by the ESRC wish to apply for this scheme, they will need to apply through the WRDTP, rather than directly to the scheme.



UK Congress on Obesity (UKCO). This year the [UKCO](#) will be held at the University of Leeds 12-13 September. As part of UKCO2019, they will be hosting a public event where an expert panel will defend their opinions on things that they believe influence obesity. In this 'show and tell' event, a panel of experts and representatives of the public will nominate and comment on objects or entities that they feel have played a role in obesity, both positively and negatively. The event will be held at Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, **Wednesday 11 September, 6-8pm**.

WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

Nature workshop campus walk. Do you spend enough time in nature? Can you identify different species of plants? Join in on a 1 hour workshop, which includes a tour around the university campus, to become more connected to the environment around you! Learn about the array of plant species that can be found around campus whilst contributing to academic research conducted by Living Lab. Both workshops are free to attend and refreshments will be provided! Contact Dr Karen Bacon (k.bacon@leeds.ac.uk) for further information. **Monday 5 August, 12 – 1pm and Tuesday 6 August, 1-2pm.** Sign up [here](#).

Quit smoking. As part of the University's [smoke free campus](#) pledge, there is support available on campus for those who want to quit smoking. PGRs can take advantage of six free one2one sessions lasting 15 minutes each with an expert coach on campus. Sign up [here](#).

Leeds Project Big Band seeking players in the PGR community. This project aims to welcome non-professional musicians to a relaxed and open weekly Big Band Rehearsal at Blueberry Hills Studios, Kirkstall. The band will be non-auditioned based and is for anyone wishing to return or start playing in a Big Band set up. The organisers are asking for a small contribution at each rehearsal of £4 per person to help cover the cost of resources. Rehearsals are Tuesdays weekly from 6:45pm for 1.5 hours. Please contact [Alexander Lockwood](#) or [Nancy Eves](#) for more information.

Group trip to watch the Cricket. Join a group trip to see Yorkshire Vikings take on the Worcestershire Rapids as part of the T20 Blast, **Friday 2 August, 5.30 – 9pm**. Whether you are new to cricket, or already a fan, this match will offer a great atmosphere to enjoy this fantastic sport and to meet new people. Buy your £5 ticket [here](#).

Summer events. LUU have a series of Summer Events designed specifically for postgraduates still here while teaching is in recess. If you need to see some friendly faces, take a look at their [events programmes](#).

RESEARCH SKILLS AND CAREERS

Work for Leeds University Union. LUU's Political Engagement Team are looking for a new Democracy Project Worker to join their team for the 2019/20 Academic Year. It's a paid position, 20hrs a week for a year and you get to work on and support LUU's democratic processes like the Better Forums, policy work, and Lead LUU, the massive campus-wide election. **The closing date for applications is Friday 9th August**, and there's more information on their [website](#).

Internship opportunity. Worldwide Universities Network and the International Organization for Migration's Global Migration and Data Analysis Centre (IOM GMDAC) are delighted to be able to offer to a PGR the opportunity to undertake a prestigious research internship at the IOM GMDAC office in Berlin, Germany. The intention is to offer the PGR a placement of at least 8 weeks during the summer of 2019 (to be arranged by the selected candidate in conjunction with GMDAC) with funding for travel, accommodation and living expenses. For more information on projects and how to apply, please see [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON... Graduation

A massive congratulations to all our PGRs who graduated over the last two weeks!

What a fantastic two weeks it was!

Remember to register with [Leeds Alumni online](#) and be part of a community of over 40 000 members. Joining is a great way to stay in touch with the University and your friends. Register to receive email updates and exclusive offers, get career support, promote your business, and get involved with the University's work.



HELP WANTED



Language Group Leader. A great language volunteering opportunity for PGRs who are native speakers of English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese or Spanish! If you're interested in helping students become more proficient in your language, you can apply to be a Language Group Leader in Semester 1 of the 2019/20 academic year. Please apply [online](#). Deadline for applications is **Sunday 6 October at 9.00pm**.

Volunteer Guardian at Growing Points. Would you like to provide some practical help to refugees and asylum seekers here in Leeds? A Volunteer Guardian will give friendly advice and support for service users to help them gain work in the UK. Growing Points are looking for volunteers for two projects: The Hidden Talents Project and The Pathways Project. More information about both projects can be found [here](#).

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,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Claire". The signature is written on a light yellow rectangular background.

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