

LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Leeds Doctoral College incorporates all seven 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 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](#). Click on the web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you.

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DOCTORAL COLLEGE NEWS

New Faculty merge. The new Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences came into being on 1 August 2019, together with a new Graduate School. The EPS Graduate School Office now provides support to all postgraduate researchers in the Schools of Chemistry, Chemical and Process Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computing Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, and Physics and Astronomy. The office is in room 108a in the Civil Engineering building and is open from 9.00am-5.00pm throughout the working week. The telephone number is 0113 343 8000 and the e-mail address is epsgho@leeds.ac.uk. We welcome enquirers and once term is underway we will also be providing weekly drop-in sessions in Chemistry, Maths and Physics.

Environment Graduate School. Support for PGRs in the School of Food Science and Nutrition has moved to the Faculty of Environment Graduate School Office, Room 9.27, Priestley Building (Level 9) which can be accessed from Chancellors Court. Telephone: 0113 343 6531 and email J.Manton@leeds.ac.uk.

Registration. Please remember to re-register as PGR with the University each year. All continuing PGRs must re-register each year within four weeks of the anniversary of their starting date. Re-registration can be completed by logging in to Minerva. Please contact your Graduate School if you encounter any issues.

Brexit. Key Brexit information and advice for PGRs concerning your experience at the University will be updated regularly and appropriately [here](#). Please refer to this page for information in the first instance.

UniLeeds app upgrade. The UniLeeds app is being relaunched. It will be easier to use and new features are being added, including the ability to change the order that things appear on screen, view your emails in the app and see a summary of your library record. You might have already noticed some branding changes, but the full relaunch took place on **Monday 16 September**. [Find out more](#).

Key Travel. We are aware that many PGRs have been affected by the changes to the University's travel policy whereby staff and PGRs must use the University's nominated partner, Key Travel, for all travel arrangements. This change was introduced at short notice and, although some concessions to the situation of PGRs have been made, we know that some PGRs are still experiencing difficulties. Simon Sandison, the LUU's Postgraduate Engagement Manager is keen to ensure that LUU is able to feed back appropriately to the University on these issues. If you have been affected, please take your time to fill out this short information gathering [questionnaire](#) or email Simon directly at S.R.Sandison@leeds.ac.uk.

University: New principles to tackle the climate crisis. This week the University announced its commitment to [bold climate crisis action](#), including a drive to achieve no direct carbon emissions by 2050. We've also withdrawn investment from significant fossil fuel extractors Total, BP and Shell, and set out [seven key principles](#) to help tackle the climate crisis.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Doctoral College Induction, featuring Doctororientation. If you are a new PGR at the University then you are welcome to attend our induction event, featuring a self-guided campus discovery tour – 'Doctororientation'! The main event induction is taking place on **Monday 7 October** but if you are unable to attend that date, we have a follow up induction on Thursday 14 November. Please find more information and register to attend via Eventbrite for [October](#) or [November](#).



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Induction and Doctororientation

A welcome and campus orientation event for new postgraduate researchers.



Doctoral College PGR Showcase Conference 2019. Our Leeds Doctoral College Showcase celebrates the significant contribution that our researchers make to the research profile and academic life of the University. We bring the research community from across our campus together to celebrate the excellence and diversity of work being done by our postgraduate researchers. Please put the date in your diary for this year's Showcase – **Tuesday 10 December, 11:00 – 16:30**. Keep an eye on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information and updates about how to register

Research Nights. Our next Research Nights event will be on **Thursday 24 October** from 6pm-8pm in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. Check out our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook page](#) for updates. The bar will be open and the event also features a Pub Quiz! We have filled our speaker slots for our October and November dates but please [email](#) if you are interested in presenting at our Research Nights events continuing in 2020 – training provided!

Postgraduate Ball. Unfortunately the **Postgraduate Ball has been cancelled** due to poor ticket sales. If you bought tickets you should have by now received a refund but please contact the [Union Events Team](#) if you haven't. The Union would still love to bring Postgraduates a PG dedicated event to celebrate their year and are working on improvements to ensure the event is more popular next year. They would really appreciate any feedback PG students could provide to help improve. Please fill out the short survey [here](#).



Mapping escapes during World War II. Barbara Bond investigates MI9's wartime escape and evasion mapping programme, including how maps were smuggled to prisoners and how they helped orchestrate some of the most famous escapes in history. [This event](#) is organised as part of the regional programme of Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) events in Yorkshire and the North East. Free and open to all, but advance booking via [Eventbrite](#) is essential. **Thursday 24 October 2019, 18:15 – 19:45, School of Geography.**

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.

#MeToo Seminar. #MeToo and everyday experiences of digital feminist activism. This research seminar explores the impact of and barriers to participating in digital feminist campaigns such as the #MeToo movement. Read more about it [here](#). **Wednesday 2 October, 16:15 – 17:30.** Free to attend, just turn up.

National Inclusion Week. The University is joining the celebrations of National Inclusion Week for the third consecutive year to raise awareness of the wide range of initiatives we have on offer and to celebrate our distinctively international and diverse staff and student community. This year's theme is "Everyday Inclusion – Celebrate and Inspire". The week runs from **Monday 23 - Sunday 29 September**. Find the full programme list of events [here](#).

New Generation Thinkers. Thinking of applying to be a New Generation Thinker 2020? Pick up some tips from a previous NGT by attending the AHRC/BBC New Generation Thinkers 2020 pre-application [workshop](#) on campus, **Tuesday 24 September, 10:00 – 11:30.** The AHRC/BBC New Generation Thinkers scheme aims to develop a new generation of academics who can bring the best of university research and scholarly ideas to a broad audience through working with the media and public engagement. Applicants do not have to be funded by the AHRC to apply: the scheme is open to all early career researchers in the arts and humanities who are based in a UK Research Organisation. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 8 October, 16:00. [Find out more about the scheme.](#)

Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society Bicentenary Lecture. Professor Alan Watson will be presenting a lecture titled 'The Growth of Large Collaborations in Science' on **Thursday 19 September** at the Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall, 17:30. Alan Watson was Professor of Physics at the University of Leeds from 1984 until 2003. He was instrumental in the creation of the Pierre Auger Observatory in Argentina in 1999, which gathered data leading to major discoveries in cosmic-ray astronomy. All welcome and free to attend, more information [here](#).

Library welcome event for PGRs. Come along to this event to find out how the Library's Research Support Team can support you throughout your research degree. Over pastries and hot drinks you will have the opportunity to meet the Team and hear about how they can support you in areas such as literature searching, research data management, open access and Endnote. You will also find out about all the different types of spaces that are available to you in the Library, including silent study, group meeting rooms and bookable individual study rooms. **Friday 18 October, 10 – 11am, Research Meeting Rooms, Research Hub, Level 13, Edward Boyle Library.** [Please book here.](#) Please direct any questions about the session to researchworkshops@library.leeds.ac.uk.

WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

Leeds University Union PG events. LUU are hosting more events around welcome for new and returning postgraduates than ever before. You're all as welcome at everything as new students. There's a range of events listed on the [website](#) but the highlights include:

PG Welcome Party – this is LUU's big chance to welcome you to Leeds and to LUU. New and old postgraduates alike are welcome for drinks, dancing, and new friends. **Thursday 26 September**, 18:00 – 21:00, Pyramid Canteen.

Be Happy Hour – Be Happy Hour returns for its fourth year. A corner of Old Bar is yours to relax once a fortnight. The first is on **Thursday 3 October**, 17:00 – 19:00, Old Bar.

PGR Mixer – an event just for the researchers to really lean into the union as a space that's theirs. Bring your partners, if you like, and LUU will lay on some live music. **Thursday 10 October**, 18:00 – 21:00, Function.

Keep up with everything that's happening at LUU on the [PGHub](#) and connect with PGRs across Leeds.

Ilkley Literature Festival. Writers, researchers and students from Leeds feature prominently in the packed programme for this year's Ilkley Literature Festival, **Friday 4 October – Sunday 20 October**. [Read](#) about the full line-up, the renewal of our partnership with what is the largest and longest-running literary festival in the North of England and find out how you can save 20% on full price tickets. Long-time friend of ILF and newly appointed Poet Laureate Simon Armitage [opens the 2019 festival](#).



Pen to Paper. Drop in and write every Wednesday afternoon at the [Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery](#), **Wednesday 4 September - Wednesday 25 September**. Whether you can stay for ten minutes or the full three hours, Pen to Paper is free, open to everyone and all materials will be provided. Each week, there will be a different focus so you can pull up a stool and enjoy looking at objects and works you may never have noticed before. Dr. Kimberly Campanello has created writing exercises to help you get started. More information [here](#).

Student Art Pass. The Student Art Pass is available to PGRs and allows you to get free or reduced prices access to art experiences all over the UK. The pass is now available for a limited time until **Sunday 15 December** to all full-time PGRs studying any subject. Membership costs £5 a year and you can get yourself one [here](#).

The pass is designed to support students in engaging with art & culture across the UK by offering:

- Free or reduced-price entry to over 240 museums, galleries and historic houses across the UK
- 50% off major exhibitions
- Regular creative competitions and paid opportunities in the arts
- Access to museum events where students can connect in person



RESEARCH SKILLS AND CAREERS

PGR Placements. The Leeds Social Sciences Institute offers a fantastic opportunity for PGRs to undertake part-time research projects within local and national organisations. PGRs can put forth a project idea that includes working in a research capacity with an external partner. The PGR will have an opportunity to engage with the needs of the external organisation and to build the knowledge gained from the placement into their future research plans. The time commitment for the PGR is estimated at about 130 hours in total, with weekly hours to be agreed with the organisation. Please [see here](#) for full details. Closing dates for applications is **Wednesday 13 November**, applications can be [found here](#).

PGR Internship. Fixed Term (for 3 months). The Alumni & Development Team are looking to work with a skilled individual on a short-term project, to help them use business intelligence & software functionality to capture, draw out and use more efficiently, information on who our alumni are, what they do and how they can support the University. Application deadline **Wednesday 2 October**. For further information and to apply please see the [job advert](#).

IT. Microsoft Teams is a new cloud-based team collaboration software, providing instant messaging, video meetings and file sharing. Teams is currently available to all University of Leeds staff and PGRs. If you've never used Microsoft Teams before, book your place on one of the introductory workshops on **Monday 23 or Wednesday 25 September** to learn more.

OD&PL and Language Centre training and workshops. Workshops, Courses and One-to-one consultations to help you develop your research writing and communication abilities will be available through both the Language Centre and OD&PL from the beginning of October. Please use the training catalogue to identify suitable provision to match your needs. Highlights include:

Your Viva. For PGRs preparing for their Viva at either the transfer or final doctoral viva stage. **Wednesday 2 October**, 10:00 – 12:00. More information and book your place [here](#).

Taking ownership of your personal & professional development. For all PGRs at any stage of their research degree. **Thursday 10 October**, 09:30 – 11:00. More information and book your place [here](#).

Courageous Conversations Workshop. This workshop is aimed at PGRs from all disciplines. **Monday 11 November**, 13:30 – 16:30. More information and book your place [here](#).

Also remember to check your emails as extra events to help you develop as a writer will be publicised throughout the year.

Library workshops. The following are now available to book for PGRs:

- [Library welcome event for PGRs](#) (also mentioned above).
- [Literature Searching for your Research Project](#)
- [Increasing the Visibility of your Research](#)
- [Safeguarding Confidential/Sensitive/ Restricted Research Data for your research degree](#)
- [Shut Up and Write!](#) (sessions are released every two weeks)

Browse all currently available library workshops for researchers and book onto sessions using the University [course search engine](#). Further support for researchers is on the [Library website](#), or please email research@library.leeds.ac.uk

LinkedIn Learning. Providing access to a wealth of online self-paced learning materials, LinkedIn Learning is free to use and provides a great opportunity to gain some new skills or brush up on your existing ones - from professional skills

that can enhance your employability to IT skills that can support your research or teaching skills for working with students – all at a time and in a place that works for you. You can search over 14000 courses by topic or select from a wide range of channels curated by experts: look out for resources recommended by colleagues here at Leeds which will be released throughout the year. You don't need a LinkedIn account to access, simply login with your University of Leeds credentials [here](#) or see the link available in Minerva.

Sustainability Team job opportunity. As part of their aim to help expand sustainability knowledge and engagement across the student and wider communities, the Sustainability Team are seeking to appoint 9 Student Sustainability Architects who will each support a core project in line with the University Sustainability Strategy. The role is open to all current University of Leeds students, including PGRs. Further details including information on how to apply can be found [here](#). Applications are welcome from current University of Leeds PGRs from any discipline. Applications should be submitted by 23.59 (UK time) on **Sunday 13 October**. There will be an interview process for shortlisted candidates in the week commencing Monday 21 October.

SPOTLIGHT ON... MINERVA

New in the Doctoral College Organisation in Minerva (linked on the left-hand menu)...

Espresso: A range of short items on developmental topics. The title 'Espresso' is a play on words: 'express', because each of the things listed will take a maximum of 30 minutes to look at (many are shorter), but with a nod to 'espresso', because we think half an hour is a good length of time to have a coffee (or drink of your choice) whilst you do this! So grab a drink, sit down and click on a link (Don't forget to scroll down for more)! Then come back another time and click on something else.

Seminar and conference presentations: The resource takes you through a step by step process supporting your development in the situation of seminar and conference presentations. The resource is designed around the dynamic development approach to the development of researchers. This will help you develop in the way that you want to.

HELP WANTED

Survey. Project title: The role of serendipity in the doctoral degree. Professor Alistair McCulloch is an academic who works as part of the Research Education Team in Research & Innovation Services at the University of South Australia and is currently engaged on a research project examining the role of serendipity in the doctoral research process. If you either possess or are currently studying for a PhD or other doctoral degree, you are invited to participate in a relatively short survey about your experience. More information and survey [here](#). Professor McCulloch will be presenting the results at next year's [QPR2020 conference](#) in Adelaide, Australia.



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, 21:00**.

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 in a cursive, flowing style. It is set against a light yellow rectangular background.

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