

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

Industrial Action. You should recently have received an email explaining that some colleagues at the University are planning to participate in nationwide industrial action as part of a national dispute about pensions and pay. We do not expect PGRs to be significantly affected by the industrial action, but we are monitoring the situation carefully and will keep you updated if there are any changes that you need to be aware of. If you have any queries, please contact your [Faculty Graduate School](#) in the first instance, particularly if you are expecting to have your Viva or Transfer examination during the strike period. If you are a PGR who teaches, you will receive a separate email from your Head of School or equivalent with more information for you.

General Election. There's going to be a General Election on **Thursday 12 December**, which means it's incredibly important to make sure you're registered to vote. It's really easy, takes 5 minutes and can all be done online [here](#). Don't forget that you can register here in Leeds [and](#) at home; then wherever you end up on 12 December you'll be able to vote. There's lots more information on the [Electoral Commission website](#) about who is and isn't eligible to vote in a General Election.

Key dates:

- Thursday 12th December - Election
- 26th November – Voter Registration Deadline
- 26th Nov – Postal Vote Deadline
- 4th December – Proxy Vote Deadline
- 12th December – Emergency Proxy Vote Deadline

If you have any General Election concerns or queries please get in touch with LUU's [Political Engagement Team](#).

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.

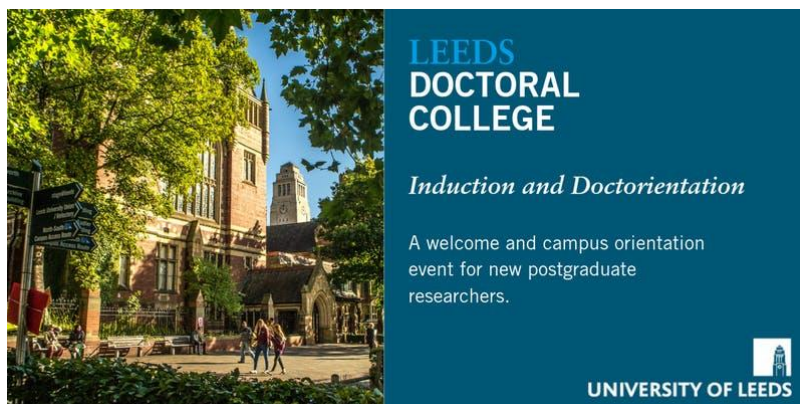
Survey. We created a quick survey to help us determine how effectively the Doctoral College is communicating with you. We would be very grateful if you could spare only a few minutes to complete it! The survey can be accessed [here](#).

Working off campus? With the increased likelihood of bad weather causing problems getting to campus in autumn and winter, University IT users are more likely to access Citrix (Desktop Anywhere) from home. However there are a limited number of licences available and users can often do what they need by using Office 365. [Office 365](#) gives you access to your email and all your files stored in OneDrive, as well as the familiar Microsoft apps such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Storing your files on OneDrive rather than your M:drive will make sure you can access them securely wherever you are.

Minerva. Minerva downtime is planned to begin on **Friday 13 December until Tuesday 17 December** for an essential upgrade. Please keep an eye on our communication channels [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates. Please go to this [website](#) for information on how to access systems during Minerva downtime.

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’! If you missed the main induction on Monday 7 October and the follow up on Thursday 14 November, there will be another date in February and registration for that will be open and advertised in December. Please find more information [here](#).



Research Nights. Our next Research Nights event will be on **Tuesday 26 November** from 18:00 – 20:00 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!

University Challenge. The University of Leeds has not qualified for the televised portion of University Challenge since 2012. Leeds University Union are ready to see that changed and need PGRs especially to put yourself forward to form a team for next year's competition! All current students are eligible and can apply by taking a short online [quiz](#).

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 (13:00-14:00) 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.

British Library Doctoral Open Days. The [Doctoral Open Days](#) are designed for first year PhD students who are new to the British Library, offering the opportunity to hear from expert and friendly staff and students and network with peers, in all disciplines and from across the UK. These days explain the practicalities of using the Library and its services – including navigating the physical and online collections. Each day will present generic tools and helpful hints, with reference to a different thematic area or time period of the Library's collection, providing a starting point for the PGR's own research at the Library. As such, PGRs are encouraged to choose the event they feel is of most interest and relevance to their studies, from the options below:

Asian & African Collections	<i>Monday 20 January</i>
Music Collections	<i>Monday 27 January</i>
The Collections at Boston Spa ... and beyond	<i>Wednesday 29 January</i>
British & European Collections from Antiquity to 1600	<i>Monday 03 February</i>
British & European Collections after 1600	<i>Monday 17 February</i>
Contemporary Society and Culture Collections	<i>Monday 24 February</i>
The Americas Collections	<i>Friday 28 February</i>

Places cost £10 (including refreshments) and advance booking is essential, using the above links. All events take place in the British Library Knowledge Centre at St Pancras, London, except for the event on 29 January 2020, which takes place at the Library's site in Boston Spa, Yorkshire.

Merck Innovation Cup. The [Innovation Cup](#) is an initiative for PGRs and young professionals in natural sciences, computer sciences, and business administration to attend a training program near Frankfurt, Germany. It is designed to support the professional development of PGRs interested in the pharmaceutical and chemical industry. Participants learn how R&D in the industry works with lectures from Merck managers and scientists. Attendees will also advance an idea to a full project plan with their teams. The participating teams have the chance to win the Innovation Cup award endowed with EUR 20,000 for the most convincing project plan, plus EUR 5,000 for the runner-up. The Innovation Cup is being held 20 – 26 June 2020 near Frankfurt, Germany. Application deadline is **Friday 31 January 2020**. Your travel, accommodation and food expenses are paid for by Merck.

Seventh Young Scholar's Forum in Chinese Studies. Co-organized by The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)-Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies and the Institute of Chinese Studies at CUHK, the [Seventh Young Scholar's Forum in Chinese Studies](#) themed 'Intellectual Networks and Knowledge Production: Remapping Chinese Studies' will be held on campus during **28-30 May 2020**. The Forum aims to nurture young scholars in Chinese Studies and strengthen their network in the field. PGRs (after completing qualifying examination) and PGR graduates (with less than 5 years of work experience) are invited to present their recent research at the Forum.

Lecture. Chinese and Indian Investment into the UK: Tracking Leading Firms and Future Trends. Chandru Iyer and Ian Zhu from Grant Thornton UK will share the methodology and findings of their annual Tracker surveys which reveal the current and future trends of Chinese and Indian MNEs' investments into the UK. Taking place on **Thursday 12 December** from 17:30 at Leeds University Business School. For more information and registration, please go to the [event webpage](#). This talk is part of the pre-conference programme for the [EIBA Annual Conference 2019](#), taking place at Leeds University Business School from 13-15 December 2019.

WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY



Christmas in Leeds. Are you staying in Leeds over the winter break? Christmas in Leeds is an annual programme for all students and PGRs 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, the Christmas in Leeds programme has something for everyone. Many events are family friendly and welcome students with partners and children. For more information, visit the [Global Community out of term page](#) and join the [Christmas in Leeds Facebook group](#).

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



Term 1 Wellbeing Workshops. Student Counselling & Wellbeing Service workshops are open to PGRs and take place on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes 12:00 – 13:30 in the Group Room at the Student Counselling and Wellbeing Service at 19 Clarendon Place. The programme of workshops available to sign up to can be viewed [here](#). Information about the sign-up procedure is outlined on the website.

Wellbeing Meet Up. Leeds University Union Health and Wellbeing team are hosting Wellbeing Meet Ups aimed at mature students and PGRs. You can meet your LUU Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors Lucy and Erica, other mature students and PGRs across campus, and give a new society a go! You can go for as long or as little as you like. See [here](#) for more info and to sign up. The next one is **Tuesday 26 November**, 16:00 – 18:00.

RESEARCH SKILLS AND CAREERS

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 **Sunday 8 December**. For further information and to apply please see the [job advert](#).

Individual Writing Consultations. Now available to book through the training catalogue. 30-45 minute individual consultations are available, to discuss with a tutor ways for you to develop your doctoral writing. This is not a proofreading/correction service: the focus is on helping you to help yourself resolve a specific writing issue, which you will need to outline when you make the booking. PGRs will not normally be able to make more than 2 bookings per semester. Appointments are currently available from 13:00 – 15:00 on Tuesdays and 10:00 – 12:00 on Thursdays – a

specific time will be confirmed once your booking request has been accepted. Please click on this [link](#) to take you through to the booking system.

Toshiba Fellowship Programme (TFP). The TFP offers PGRs an opportunity to apply to join Toshiba's research and development laboratories in Japan, initially for one year, on a Research Fellowship Contract. Successful candidates will be assigned to one of the research facilities all located within one and a half hours of central Tokyo. Whichever laboratory you might join, you can expect to be working on highly innovative research in a supportive environment. You will be assigned a mentor from your research group to assist you both at work and outside the workplace, helping you to feel at home in a new country. Applications to the Toshiba Fellowship Programme are now open and you can find out more and apply [here](#). Deadline for applications is **Friday 6 December**.

OD&PL 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.

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

- [Literature Searching for your Research Project](#)
- [Increasing the Visibility of your Research](#)
- [Shut Up and Write!](#) (sessions are released every two weeks)
- [How practicing Open Research can benefit you](#)
- [Finding open content for your research](#)
- [Using Symplectic to increase the visibility of your research outputs](#)

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON... 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. The Showcase is taking place on **Tuesday 10 December**, 11:00 – 16:30 in the Great Hall on campus. Keep an eye on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information and updates.

#Showcase2019

Registration for the Showcase is recommended to allow us to provide enough catering. Please register [here](#).

You can watch videos of 3MT and Postgraduate Researcher of the Year presentations from previous events on the [YouTube channel](#).

HELP WANTED

Ward Volunteering Roles. Leeds Teaching Hospitals have a number of ward based volunteering opportunities. These patient facing roles offer the opportunity to spend time chatting with our patients, playing a game or making refreshments. Volunteering at Leeds Teaching Hospitals is a fantastic way to support your local hospital and we have lots of different opportunities for volunteers to get involved. All our roles are non-clinical, but most are patient-facing and all focus on improving patient experience by supporting patients, their families and staff. Whether you want to volunteer at Chapel Allerton, Leeds Children's Hospital, LGI, Seacroft, St James's or Wharfedale everyone can make a difference; by becoming part of the volunteer community. Find out more [here](#).

DiGi Volunteer. DIGI was established in 2018 as a partnership between LUU and the award winning digital marketing agency Epiphany. DIGI is a non-profit digital marketing micro-agency that provides free marketing services to LUU clubs and societies with the help of volunteers. The activities will vary depending on the Clubs and Societies marketing needs throughout the year. The main services Digi will offer are: Social media management; E-mail marketing; Content Marketing; Photography and Videography. No particular skills are necessary, the volunteers must just have an interest in digital marketing; must be passionate and determined to work on different marketing projects. Find out more [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".

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