



Welcome to the Doctoral College Newsletter which provides information and updates from the Doctoral College and Faculty Doctoral Schools.

As always, please keep in touch via email: doctoralcollege@bournemouth.ac.uk and don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), and subscribe to the [Doctoral College Brightspace](#) and [BU Research Blog](#) for regular updates, news and events.

PGR Information & Updates



[Coronavirus advice for PGRs](#)

Looking for official guidance from the University on the current situation? Read the [COVID-19 frequently asked questions page](#) for further information and guidance on topics including academic progression, supervision and submitting your thesis. If you have any questions about this guidance, please contact the [Doctoral College](#).

For BU's latest statements and advice to the BU community, including wellbeing tips, head to [BU's coronavirus information page](#).

You can also see the COVID-19 Information for PGRs on the [Doctoral College Brightspace Community](#) which also includes [previous communications](#) sent from the Doctoral College to PGRs.



[New Starters for January 2021](#)

The Doctoral College sends a warm welcome to our 47 new PGRs who joined BU on Monday 25 January 2021. It was a pleasure to see so many new faces with fresh energy during our PGR Introductory Day which took place on Zoom on Tuesday 22 January 2021. The team wishes the best of luck to all new PGRs for their endeavours in 2021 and we hope to see many of you at the upcoming PGR Settling-In Session (see details below).

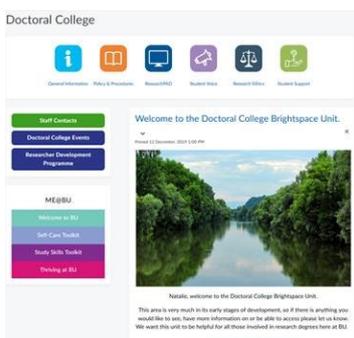


[PGR Settling-In Session](#)

Tuesday 9 March, 14:00
Virtual | Zoom

New PGRs who joined in January, you are invited along to a **settling-in session** hosted by the **Doctoral College**. You can ask questions you may have since recently starting your research journey at Bournemouth University and re-connect with your fellow PGRs. This is an informal session and it would be great to see you there.

[Register here to receive your zoom link.](#)



[Doctoral College Brightspace](#)

This one-stop-shop [Doctoral College Brightspace](#) is the place to find key information and updates in relation to postgraduate research at BU and can be found on the right hand side of your Brightspace homepage under 'my faculty'.

This Brightspace area is overseen by the Doctoral College but your suggestions and feedback on what you would find useful or interesting are very much welcomed.

The recently launched [PGR Peer Support](#) area designed and created by PhD student Chloe Casey is accessible for PGRs from your student Brightspace homepage. The area will provide a forum to connect with others, ask questions and

share advice about the PGR journey. If you have any questions, please contact [Chloe](#).

Well done!

Congratulations

The Doctoral College would like to congratulate the following who have recently received their award letters:

Bournemouth University Business School

Dr Babul Thomas Gomes, Dr Dana Yiling Seow,
Dr Ediz Edip Akcay, Dr Emre Arslan, Dr Tahani Mohamed

Faculty of Health & Social Sciences

Dr Alice Norah Ladur, Dr Isabell Nessel, Dr Jo Frost,
Dr Shaqaiq Ashrafi Dost

Faculty of Media & Communication

Dr Ali Abdallah, Dr Asha Louise Ward, Dr Ian Robertson,
Dr Laura Campbell, Dr Ouwen Li, Dr Rehan Zia,
Dr Siobhan Lennon-Patience

Faculty of Science & Technology

Abbie Louise Macleod (MRes), Connor Jay Hanslip (MRes),
Dr Emily Rose Winter, Dr Kwasi Peprah Anarfi,
Matthew John Harris (MRes),
Dr Natalia Barbara Adamczewska, Dr Nigel Robert Haywood,
Dr Suzanne Caroline Christine Atfield-Cutts,
Dr Vasiliki Danilatou (MRes)

Hear from some of our recently completed postgraduate researchers and gain insight in to their experience and their future career ambitions on [our dedicated PGR student stories webpage](#). All PGRs will be invited to add to this showcase of BU PGRs once you complete. What do you want yours to say!



Your Virtual Celebration

Thursday 11 March 2021, 15:00

Virtual

BU is hosting a Virtual Celebration for PGRs. If you were due

to graduate in November 2020, you should have received your invitation to the virtual Celebration which was sent by email between Monday 18 and Wednesday 20 January 2021.

This smaller, less formal event won't replace your Graduation Ceremony, but will be an opportunity to celebrate your success, reflect on everything you have achieved and reconnect with fellow PGRs.

You can find out more information about the virtual celebration on [BU's website](#) and if you have any questions contact [AskBU](#).

Postgraduate Research Experience Survey

[The Advanced HE Postgraduate Research Experience Survey](#)

The Advanced HE Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) normally runs annually, however, in common with most of the sector it did not run last year at BU. It is a key opportunity for gathering PGR feedback with a view to improving the BU provision and increasing student satisfaction. Over 48% of our PGRs responded to the last PRES and results indicated that BU's Overall Satisfaction score had risen to 78.3% - 4.2% higher than the previous year and 7.2% higher than the year before that. Our results also showed an improvement in other areas including: Supervision; Progress and Assessment; Research Skills and Professional Development.

We are always looking for ways to enhance the PGR student experience and you will have your chance to feedback again through PRES 2021. **Please look out for a personalised email with a link for completing the survey which you will receive when the survey is live between 17 April 2021 and 11 May 2021.**



[PGR Student News](#)

[Congratulations](#)

Karim Khaled (FHSS) recently presented a talk titled, "*How does stress affect our diet?*" at Café Scientifique on Tuesday 2 February 2021. For further information about Café

Scientifique and to view upcoming sessions visit [BU's website](#).

FHSS has congratulated all their PGRs who had completed their research degrees and as graduation has been delayed they have celebrated with the creation of a "[Wall of Success](#)" - follow the link to hear from FHSS's recently awarded doctorates about their experiences and from supervisors about why these graduands are great ambassadors for BU.

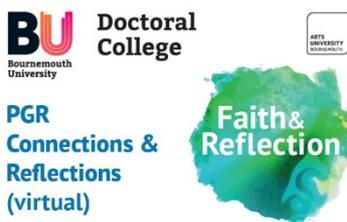


[The PGR Society](#)

The PGR Society committee invite you to join the *relaunched* [PGR Society](#).

A depressurized space for you to connect and collaborate with peers, unwind, and build lifetime networks of research as you develop personally academically and professionally.

Open to all PGRs, annual membership is only £2. Connect with the [PGR Society](#) today - look out for events and find them on Twitter [@bournemouthpgrs](#).



[PGR Connections & Reflections](#)

Undertaking a postgraduate research degree, as well as being exciting, can sometimes feel isolating. Our Zoom 'PGR Connections and Reflections' sessions are an opportunity to drop by and meet with your fellow PGR students. Facilitated by the Faith and Reflection team, who exist to support all students, they seek to create a hospitable space which fosters conversation and connection. Unfortunately lunch can't be provided whilst these are online but feel free to have yours whilst you Zoom in.

Upcoming PGR Connections & Reflections sessions:

All will be held virtually until further notice and Zoom links to join are circulated the week before.

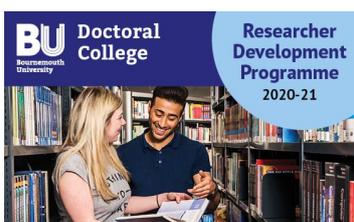
Wednesday 31 March 2021, 12:00 - 13:00

Wednesday 5 May 2021, 12:00 - 13:00

Wednesday 30 June 2021, 12:00 - 13:00

For further details, please contact Tim Peters (Assistant Chaplain) faithandreflection@bournemouth.ac.uk

Researcher Development



Researcher Development Programme 2020-21

The [Researcher Development Programme](#) is in full swing and we have delivered **over 50** RDP webinars since September with many more scheduled for the rest of the academic year. You can [view a snapshot of the feedback submitted](#) which highlights the quality of sessions being delivered and the benefit to PGRs and book onto sessions via the [Brightspace unit](#).

As part of the [Researcher Development Programme](#), PGRs are reminded you also have access to an extensive and growing range of on-demand online resources, links to these are available via the [Online Resources content area](#). This is an expanding content area, so please share any resources you are finding helpful.

PGRs and supervisors will also receive the 'monthly update for researcher development' e-newsletter at the start of each month with information and reminders for forthcoming opportunities and sessions. If you haven't seen this for February, please check your junk e-mail.

Supervisor Information & Updates



Doctoral Supervision

Providing quality supervision is part of delivering the BU2025 objective to embed academic sustainability and performance of consistently high quality. In line with BU2025, we anticipate, influence and respond to policy and sector changes and developments in the external environment. BU

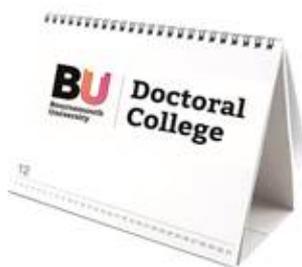
has always been at the forefront of the sector with regard to supervisory development and excellence and we aim to maintain this position.

The Doctoral College supervisory development [intranet pages](#) provide resources and details of the various opportunities BU offers to support the continued professional development of its research degree supervisors:

- [Key principles](#) of quality supervision at BU
- [Code of Practice for Research Degrees](#) which sets out Supervisory roles and responsibilities
- [Development opportunities](#) for new and established supervisors
- [Professional recognition](#) by the UK Council for Graduate Education for Research Supervisors
- [Supervisor Resources](#) provide guidance of specific aspects of Supervision

For further information about any aspect of Research Degree Supervision, please contact the [Doctoral College](#).

Events & Opportunities



[FHSS PGR Coffee Morning](#)

The Faculty of Health & Social Science's next PGR Coffee Morning will take place virtually on **Wednesday 10 March at 10:00-11:00**. For further information, please contact your research administrators, Tina Ikin and Emily Curtis, at FHSSresearch@bournemouth.ac.uk

[FMC Research Process Seminar Series](#)

Taking place virtually by Microsoft Teams this seminar series is run by Faculty of Media and Communication staff, with particular focus on the research methods and approaches that media and communication researchers typically pursue. Dr Sae Oshima circulates details prior to each one to join. Upcoming seminars include:

Tuesday 2 March 2021: Practice-led Research
(Dr Catalin Brylla)

Tuesday 16 March 2021: Post-phenomenology, techniques to
interview objects
(Dr Rebecca Jenkins & Dr Janice Denegri-Knott)

FMC Lunchtime Seminar Series

Taking place virtually by Microsoft Teams, a lunchtime seminar is an hour dedicated to sharing your research in a supportive environment. It is your chance to have your peers learn about and engage with your research and is also a help for practicing presentation skills and getting informal feedback. Further details are circulated to FMC PGRs from Jess Ruddock. Upcoming seminars include:

Wednesday 10 March 2021: This presentation will be given by MeCCSA PGN Committee members, providing details of how PGRs can get involved with peer review and publishing opportunities.

Wednesday 24 March 2021: Richard Waring will be presenting: Sonic Camouflage

Wednesday 31 March 2021: Lizzie Sykes will be presenting: Site & Screendance

Wednesday 21 April 2021: Mary Hogarth will be sharing her work on: Entrepreneurial leadership drives servitization to raise engagement and develop a sustainable business model for specialist magazines

FMC Coffee Tuesdays

The Faculty of Media & Communication's PGR Coffee Mornings will take place on the following Tuesdays at 10:00-11:30 via Zoom (Zoom link available through [Brightspace](#)):

Tuesday 9 March 2021
Tuesday 23 March 2021
Tuesday 20 April 2021
Tuesday 4 May 2021
Tuesday 18 May 2021



Newsletter Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to read the Doctoral College Newsletter! Before you go, we would appreciate your feedback.

By answering a [couple of quick questions](#), you can help us to keep on improving our communications.

Thank you!

If you would like to feature an event, research story, or opportunity in the Doctoral College Newsletter, please contact the [Doctoral College](#).

**Kind regards,
The Doctoral College Team**

About Us

We are here to work closely with the Faculty Doctoral Schools to provide a thriving and active postgraduate research environment and community.

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