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.

Black Lives Matter: Bournemouth University’s Statement

Earlier this month, a joint statement regarding Black Lives Matter was issued by BU's Vice-Chancellor, the President of SUBU, the Joint Chair of UCU and the UNISON Branch Secretary. The statement outlines the University's commitment to social justice, equity and working towards creating a more inclusive community of staff and students at BU.

Read the statement from the Vice-Chancellor, the President of SUBU, the Joint Chair of UCU and the UNISON Branch Secretary.

If you feel that you need any mental health or wellbeing support at this time, please contact the Student Wellbeing team. Full contact details can be found on the Student Wellbeing page.
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.

Office for Students - Coronavirus briefing note for PGRs

The Office for Students has published a briefing note designed to share the approaches universities and colleges are taking to support students during the pandemic. It explores the particular challenges postgraduate research students are facing, and highlights the practical ways in which universities, colleges, research organisations, higher education sector bodies and research funders have been supporting them.

Read the full briefing note on the Office for Students webpage.

Congratulations

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

Faculty of Health & Social Sciences
Dr Folashade Tawakalitu Alloh, Dr Clare Gordon, Dr Dominique Constance McKenzie Mylod, Dr Kathleen Maria Martha Vandenberghe

Faculty of Management
Chloe Tape (MRes)

Faculty of Media & Communication
Dr Michael McKinlay, Dr Emad Moussa,
PGR Student News

Congratulations

Peter Phillips (FHSS) has been awarded funding as part of the regional competition by the Wessex Academic Health Science Centre. This called for simple ideas and innovations to address the wide-ranging challenges of Covid-19. Peter will use the funding to develop a wellbeing website for paramedics, whose mental health is under additional strain due to Covid-19. The website will feature a questionnaire and regular invitations to share their mood, along with motivational evidence-based comments and suggestions.

Adam Spacey, Orlanda Harvey and Chloe Casey (FHSS) had their research paper published in the Journal of Further and Higher Education. Entitled “Postgraduate researchers’ experiences of accessing participants via gatekeepers: ‘Wading through treacle!’”

Peter Wolfensberger (FHSS) presented live online at the 5th Sigma European Conference in Coimbra, Portugal. The title of Peter’s presentation was “Creating Meaning – People Living with Mental Illness in Switzerland.”

Vianna Renaud (FMC) had a publication accepted in the Journal of Comparative and International Education. This is part of the Graduate Student Research in Progress Supplement with her article titled, “Learning From Those Who Have Done it Before’ - Peer to Peer Employability Coaching and Mentoring: A Case Study of Bournemouth University in the UK.”
Congratulations

Congratulations to the following PGRs who have successfully been awarded HEA Fellowship following the TeachBU Assessment Panel in May:

- Andrew Emmanuel Hansen-Addy (FM)
- Emmanuella Onyinye Ejime (FM)
- Adedoyin Festus Fatai (FM / FST)
- Melanie Brown (FMC)
- Merve Demir (FST)
- Soheon Kim (FM)

HEA Fellowship is a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) based teaching qualification with national recognition. HEA Fellowship is co-ordinated at BU through the TeachBU programme and is accredited by Advance HE. The next (and final) submission date of the current accreditation period is the 30th June 2020. PGRs with teaching experience, who are interested in applying, can click here for more information, application forms and guidance.

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 Action 84, 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 has updated its intranet pages to provide resources and details of the various opportunities BU provides 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

For further information about any aspect of Research Degree Supervision, please contact the Doctoral College.


As part of the UK Council for Graduate Education's continued support for research supervisors during the covid-19 pandemic, they have published a Guide to Online Supervision.

The guide shares the benefits of online supervising, outlines the issues and challenges for supervisors and postgraduate researchers, and suggests strategies and practices for supervisors to consider when working with postgraduate researchers engaged in research at a distance.

Webinar: Effective Practices in Supervising Doctoral Candidates at a Distance

In case you missed the hugely popular UKCGE webinar [56:10 mins] which discussed sharing good practices in remote supervision the recording can be found on their YouTube channel.

We hope these resources prove helpful to you.

Virtual Poster Showcase

The PGR poster showcase is now being exhibited virtually, look out over the coming months for a showcase of posters from the #BUPGRConf19. They are being shared via Twitter (@NatStewartBU), Facebook (@BUDoctoralCollege) and the
BU Research and Faculty Blogs. PGRs, if you have had a conference cancelled and would like to display a research poster as part of this exhibition please email the poster in PDF version to your Research Skills & Development Officer, Natalie Stewart.

If you have attended any virtual conferences, please share your experience with us, it would be great to expand our #BUPGRConf20.

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**Online Researcher Development**

Hopefully you have seen recent emails highlighting the virtual workshops we have organised for PGRs during lockdown. As workshops come to an end for the academic year, please be reminded there is a wealth of additional online content in a variety of formats (e-learning, modules, videos etc) readily available on the Researcher Development Programme on Brightspace. Please subscribe to Brightspace announcement notifications as this is where updates, changes and additional support will be highlighted as and when they happen.

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**Events & Opportunities**

**FHSS PGR Conference**

The Faculty of Health & Social Science's PGR Conference has been postponed due to social distancing requirements. PGRs are working on a virtual event - more news will become available soon.

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**FM PGR Conference**

The Faculty of Management's PGR Conference is currently postponed with further details to follow once the method of delivery for the conference has been discussed further.

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**FMC Research Process Seminar Series**
Now 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. Further details can be found by visiting Brightspace or contacting Dr Dan Jackson and Dr Sae Oshima.

FMC Lunchtime Seminar Series

Now 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. For further information, please contact Jessica Rose Ruddock and Tabitha Baker.

FMC Communication & Journalism Virtual Writing Day

The Communication & Journalism department will have a departmental virtual writing day with Dr Anna Feigenbaum on Wednesday 24 June, 10:00-13:00 via Microsoft Teams. For further details, please contact FMCResearch@bournemouth.ac.uk

FST Archaeology & Anthropology Virtual PGR Coffee Catch Up

The Archaeology & Anthropology department are having weekly PGR Coffee catch ups every Wednesday at 15:00. For further details, please contact SciTechResearch@bournemouth.ac.uk

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

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