



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



[New Starters for January 2020](#)

The Doctoral College sends a warm welcome to our 38 new PGRs who joined Bournemouth University on Monday 27 January 2020. It was a pleasure to see so many new faces with fresh energy arriving at our induction on Tuesday 28 January 2020. The team wishes the best of luck to all new PGRs for their endeavours in 2020.

Well done!

[Congratulations](#)

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

Faculty of Health & Social Sciences

Dr Besty Jose

Faculty of Management

Dr Durratulain Abd Razak, Dr Yuvraj Vikram Singh Bheekie, Jacob Henry William Dayus (MRes), Dr Justyna Janicka, Dr Meera Patel, Dr Azadeh Pazouki, Dr Angela Valerie Smith, Dr Xi Wu

Faculty of Media & Communication

Dr Kripesh Adhikari, Dr Walaa Bajnaid, Dr Giel Dominicus Paulus Dekkers, Dr Emile Douilhet, Dr Mark Moseley, Dr Jeffrey Ian Wale, Dr Damien Homer

Faculty of Science & Technology

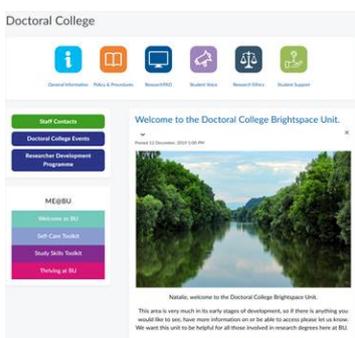
Dr Karem Abuowda, Dr Abdullah Algashami, Dr John Atkinson, Dr Sarah Bagwell, Pauline Laurence Belloni (MRes), Dr Nina Maaranen, Dr Andrew Witson M'manga, Dr Emily Anne Norton, Ashley Simon Ogborn (MRes), Dr John Paul Kasse, Dr Christopher David Marsh, Lucy Twitcher (MRes)



The 11th Annual Postgraduate Conference

On Wednesday 4 December 2019 the Doctoral College hosted the 11th Annual Postgraduate Research Conference which brought together and recognised the excellence of BU's postgraduate research. It was a lively event, which provided PGRs with opportunities to exchange opinion, showcase their work and network with colleagues across the research community. Thank you to everyone who took part!

Check out our highlights from the day over on the [BU Research Blog](#).



Doctoral College Brightspace & ME@BU

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'.

We have collaborated with Service Excellence to give PGRs a bespoke ME@BU. This area provides links and information on a wide range of areas including a self-care toolkit.

This brand new Brightspace area is overseen by the Doctoral College but your suggestions and feedback are very much welcomed.

Postgraduate Research Experience Survey

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

The Advanced HE Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) runs annually and 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 PRES 2019 and results indicated that BU's Overall Satisfaction score has risen to 78.3% - 4.2% higher than the 2018 and 7.2% higher than the 2017. 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 2020. **Please look out for a personalised email with a link for completing the survey which you will receive when the survey is live between 20 April 2020 and 18 May 2020.** Those who respond to the survey will be entered to a prize draw!



[PGR Student News](#)

[A number of PGR students contributed to the BU celebration event of the World Health Organisation Year of the Nurse and the Midwife 2020.](#) The posters showcased a diverse range of research topics all of which will contribute to improving the lives of people nurses and midwives come into contact with.

[Congratulations](#)

[Orlanda Harvey \(FHSS\) has been featured in the HED Matters magazine](#) for her PhD research work with an article on 'ECR Spotlight: From Social Work to Studying Steroids'. *HED Matters* is an online magazine about the use of legal and illegal substances to enhance the human condition published biannually by the HED network.

[Orlanda Harvey \(FHSS\) has also had a PhD publication accepted by the scientific journal *Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy*](#) titled "Support for people who use Anabolic Androgenic Steroids: A Systematic Scoping Review into what they want and what they access".

Rebecca Edwards (FHSS) has had a recent publication accepted by the journal *Evidence-based midwifery* titled "Can an educational web-intervention, co-created by service users alongside self-efficacy theory, affect nulliparous women's

experiences of early labour? A study protocol for a randomised control trial (the L-TEL Trial)".

Supervisor Information & Updates



Doctoral Supervisory Development: academic staff who are research degree supervisors are required to undertake CPD every three years. Bookings are made through Organisational Development.

- [New Supervisors:](#) a one day introductory course for those who are new to research degree supervision.
- [Established Supervisors:](#) a refresher session for those who have experience of research degree supervision. This must be undertaken every three years by academic members of staff who supervise postgraduate researchers.

Check also if your Faculty is running any bespoke sessions. A series of lunch bites on specific topics will be delivered after Easter and dates will be announced in March.



UKCGE Research Supervision Recognition Programme

[UKCGE has now launched the Research Supervision Recognition Programme](#) providing research degree supervisors with a professional development toolkit which includes the sector approved [Good Supervisory Practice Framework](#) and offers [a route to recognition](#).

The Doctoral College plans to formalise BU's engagement with the scheme and FHSS is currently supporting the first cohort of supervisors through the application process.

Further details will be made available shortly, however, if you are interested in learning more, please contact the [Doctoral College](#).



[FM PGR Conference](#)

The Faculty of Management's PGR Conference is taking place on **Thursday 11 June 2020** currently being discussed with PGR Reps. Further details to follow.

[FMC Research Process Seminar Series](#)

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](#).

Upcoming seminars include:

Thursday 5 March in W416: Alison Smith: Organisational Ethnography: Developing An Ethnographic Sensibility

[FMC Lunchtime Seminar Series](#)

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.

Upcoming seminars include:

Wednesday 18 March in F305: Amy Tatum (Department of Humanities & Law)

Wednesday 15 April in F104: Hua Li (Department of Communication & Journalism)

[FMC Coffee Tuesdays](#)

These are a twice monthly event for FMC researchers to get together.

First Floor Landing – Tolpuddle Annex 2 (10:30-11:30) the next one taking place on Tuesday 3 March followed by Tuesday 24 March.

FMC Humanities Study & Reading Group

These sessions are led by PGRs and readings are sent out one week prior to the sessions. The next session taking place will be on **Wednesday 18 March at 11:00-12:30 in F307**: Political leadership and Gender.

For further details, please contact [Tabitha Alice Baker](#) and [Ian Gwinn](#).

SciTech PGR Conference 2020

SciTech PGR Students have been hard at work organising the next annual SciTech PGR Conference. This event showcases current and future research within the Faculty and is due to be held on the **Wednesday 6 May 2020**. Registration is now open!

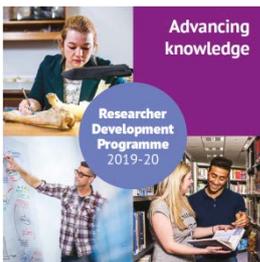
Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scitech-pgr-conference-2020-tickets-84408705711>

For information on the presentation styles and updated conference format visit bit.ly/scitechinfo2020

SciTech PGR Cafe

The SciTech PGR Café event occurs every first Wednesday of the month. This is a great opportunity to bring the SciTech PGR community together monthly in order to encourage networking, interdisciplinary exchange and peer support. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. For further details, please contact the [Faculty Postgraduate Research Administrators](#).

Researcher Development



Enhancing Postgraduate Researcher Development Survey for PGRs & Supervisors

The Postgraduate Researcher Development Steering Group has launched two surveys (one for PGRs & one for supervisors) to collect feedback on how we can broaden and improve the professional and personal development opportunities for our PGRs.

The more responses we receive the greater the likelihood for improvements so please be encouraged to complete the relevant survey. **The closing date is Tuesday 10 March.** Thank you in advance.

PGRs - <https://bournemouth.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/pgr-development-pgr>

Supervisors - <https://bournemouth.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/pgr-development-supervisorv2>



[Is this weather putting you off attending researcher development workshops?](#)

The [Researcher Development Programme](#) has an extensive range of online content to support your research and professional development all from the comfort of home.



The Wellbeing Thesis

[The Wellbeing Thesis](#)

An [online resource](#) for postgraduate research students to support your wellbeing, learning and research.

Explore the website and find: research, top tips, videos and downloadable action plans. Whether at the beginning, middle or end of your research, there will be something here for you.

[The Wellbeing Thesis](#) content has been developed by the University of Derby, King's College London, Student Minds and PGR student co-creation panels.



[Applied Research in Collaboration with Industry Partners - Discussion Panel](#)

Prof. Zulfiqar Khan, Prof. Siamak Noroozi, Dr Sofia Meacham, Dr Shamal Faily & Prof. Dinusha Mendis

Wish to know what's involved when researching in collaboration with industry, come along to this event to find out more. Full details on the [BU Research Blog](#).

Date: Tuesday 10 March 2020

Time: 17:00 - 18:30

Location: Inspire Lecture Theatre

[Register via Eventbrite](#)

For any questions please email

pgrskillsdevelopment@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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