



Welcome to the first Doctoral College Newsletter of the new academic year, 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 [BU Research Blog](#) for regular updates, news and events.

PGR Information & Updates



[Research Degree Policy Updates](#)

Code of Practice 2019-20

The 2019-20 *Code of Practice for Research Degrees* is now available in hard-copy and [electronically](#) and you are reminded that *all those involved in research degrees must abide by the current Code of Practice at all times.*

Electronic Submission of Thesis

PGRs are reminded that submission of your completed thesis to the Library has now changed and you are expected to submit an electronic copy instead of a hard-copy. Full details of submission and storage of a final thesis can be found within the *Code of Practice for Research Degrees* (Section 8.10) as well as from the relevant Faculty Library Team and [PGR library guide for submission](#).



[The 11th Annual Postgraduate Conference](#)

Wednesday 4 December 2019, 9:30am-5:00pm, Fusion Building

Call for abstracts is still open and we have had some interesting applications in already!

This year, there are more opportunities for PGRs to present research whether they have just started or are approaching the end. Take part in the Live Research Exhibition, present via oral or poster presentation, or for a speed challenge, submit to the rapid research session which will close this year's conference.

How to Apply Guidance and the application form can be found on the conference [webpage](#).

Applications close midnight, Monday 4 November.

#BUPGRConf19



[Advance HE Postgraduate Research Experience Survey](#)

The Advance HE Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) runs annually. It provides PGRs with an opportunity to share their views on various aspects of their experience at BU. The 2019 survey ran from 17 April to 17 May with 42% of PGRs taking the time to respond.

PGR responses really make a difference and actions have been identified by the Doctoral College and Faculties to make tangible improvements to your experience.

- It is encouraging that 78% of respondents to PRES 2019 were satisfied with the overall experience of their research degree programme.
- Respondents were also very positive about the support system offered to develop their skills in research methodologies and about the overall support given to them by their supervisors.
- However, research culture was identified as an area that would benefit from improvement and the Doctoral College and Faculties are considering this carefully. If you have any ideas on how you feel the research culture could be enhanced, please contact the Doctoral College.

We will be running PRES again in 2020 and will invite you to take part nearer the time.



New Starters for October 2019

The Doctoral College sends a warm welcome to our 53 new PGRs who joined BU on Monday 23 September 2019. It was a pleasure to see so many new faces with fresh energy arriving at our Induction on Tuesday 24 September 2019. The team wishes the best of luck to all new PGRs for their endeavours in 2019-20.

Well done!

Congratulations

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

Faculty of Health & Social Sciences

Dr Christopher John Boos, Dr Elizabeth Clare Davey,
Dr Francesco Vincenzo Ferraro, Dr Elizabeth Ann Gauntlett,
Dr Sara Glithro, Dr Joanne Holmes, Dr Michelle Irving,
Dr Preeti Mahato, Dr Louise Oliver,
Carol Ann Richardson (MPhil), Dr Hilary Walsgrove

Faculty of Management

Dr Majda Hamood Mohamed Al-Salti, Dr Angela Baron,
Dr Joseph Chenchehene, Dr Thanh Tuan Chu,
Dr Pui Yan Fung, Dr Thorben Hänel,
Dr Robert Peter Howard-Jones, Dr Wansu Hu,
Dr Rutendo Musikavanhu, Dr Quynh Thi Thao Nguyen,
Dr Samantha-Danielle Prince

Faculty of Media & Communication

Dr Shaojun Bian, Miguel Ramos Carretero (MRes),
Dr Giulio Balslev Olesen, Dr Jill Mary Quest, Dr Yunfei Fu,
Dr Andrea Jarman, Dr Richard Jones

Faculty of Science & Technology

Dr Majid Altuwairiqi, Dr Gizem Arabaci,
Dr Damla Arifoglu, Maddie Atkinson (MRes),
Dr Yolanda Barrado-Martín, Dr Rhiannon Barrington,
Dr Long Chen, Rupert Cope (MRes), Dr Jennie Faithfull,
Dr Simon Ferneyhough, Dr John Grigsby,
Nathan John Harrison (MRes), David Hartnell (MPhil),
Dr Jane Henriksen-Bulmer, Dr Hai Thi Thuy Luu,
Dr Aida Ximena Merchan Otalora, Dr Gail Ollis,
Dr Adam Parker, Dr Helen Thackray,
Naomi Townsend (MRes), Phillip Trim (MRes),
Dr Jugal Manoj Dave, Dr Penelope Foreman,

Dr Luis Oxala García Rodríguez, Dr Hunter Hines,
Samuel Jonathan Harvey Hirst (MRes),
Sarah Anne Jeffery (MRes), Dr Jawwad Latif,
Dr Richard Nicholas R Mikulski,
Dr Lauren Christine Sewell, Dr Kelly van Leeuwen



PGR Student News

[Chloe Casey \(FHSS\) who is researching the mental wellbeing of PGRs attended her first academic conference in Brighton:](#)

The UK Council of Graduate Education's first annual conference on the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Postgraduate Researchers, where she also presented with her supervisor, Dr Steve Trenoweth.

[Daniel Hills \(FMC\) recently attended the European Communication Research and Education Association \(ECREA\) European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School.](#) This year it was held at Tartu University, Estonia between 9 to 16 July. The Summer School aims to provide a supportive international setting where doctoral students can present their ongoing work, receive feedback on their PhD-projects from international experts and meet students and academics from other countries, establishing valuable contacts for the future.

Congratulations

[Maria Abdel Karim \(FMC\) was shortlisted for the final round of the prestigious Student Widescreen Film of the Year Competition.](#) Maria's film *Two Women Can Tango* was picked from hundreds of entries from around the world to be screened alongside five other short films on Thursday 10 October 2019 at the Widescreen Weekend festival.

[Peter Wolfensberger \(FHSS\) whose article 'Uncertainty in illness among people living with mental ill health – a mental health nursing perspective' was accepted by the *British Journal of Mental Health Nursing*.](#) The paper introduces the concept of 'uncertainty in illness', which is a well-known concept in health care literature and a considerable volume of research has investigated how people adapt to different health conditions and how the concept of uncertainty in illness relates to those populations.

[Orlanda Harvey \(FHSS\) has had a PhD publication included in the Open Access journal *BMC Public Health* titled "Support for](#)

people who use Anabolic Androgenic Steroids: A Systematic Scoping Review into what they want and what they access”.

Supervisor Information & Updates



Supervisory Development

Academic staff who are research degree supervisors are required to undertake continuing professional development 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.

Events & Opportunities



FHSS PGR Information Sessions for Bournemouth Gateway Building

The Faculty of Health & Social Sciences will be getting a new home in 2019-20. PGRs will have noticed that the new building (Bournemouth Gateway Building) is developing rapidly and we anticipate getting the keys around April next year. We will be running some information sessions for PGRs to find out more with one due to take place on Thursday 31 October at 11:00-12:00 (location to be confirmed) - please contact your Postgraduate Research Administrators for further details to attend: fhsresearch@bournemouth.ac.uk. If you would like to take a look at our new home for yourself, you can book a site visit through Estates – contact Nikki Harvey to arrange. Email: nharvey@bournemouth.ac.uk Tel: 01202 961730.

FMC PGR Researcher Development Programme 2019-20

Designed to complement the Researcher Development Programme (RDP) run by the Doctoral College, 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. Sessions are 90 mins long and no sign up is necessary. Further details about the programme including dates, times, and rooms will be disseminated in mid-October 2019. For further details please contact Dr Dan Jackson: jacksond@bournemouth.ac.uk

FMC Lunchtime Seminar Series

A lunch time seminar is an hour dedicated to sharing your research in a supportive environment – what you want to do in that time is up to you! It is your chance to have your peers learn about and engage with your research. It is also help for practicing presentation skills and getting informal feedback on the work you are doing. If interested, please contact aalberda@bournemouth.ac.uk and further details can be found on [Brightspace](#).

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 22nd October followed by November 5th. Further details can be found on [Brightspace](#).

SciTech PGR Conference

SciTech PGRs 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**. Further details on the Conference will be advertised soon.

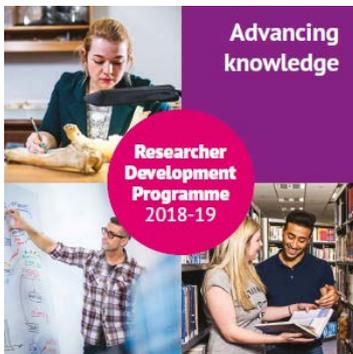
SciTech PGR Café

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.

ESRC Festival of Social Science

The Economic and Social Research Council is running the [Festival of Social Science](#) from 2-9 November 2019 with 450 events being held across the UK. Check out the webpage to see the online programme. Events will cover a wide range of topics - AI, mental health, sexuality, parenting, weather, gender, ageing, love, death, economics and education, to name but a few.

Researcher Development



Researcher Development Programme 2019-20

September saw the launch of the updated [Researcher Development Programme](#) for 2019-20. PGRs and supervisors can collect a hard-copy of the brochure from the Doctoral College (DG02) or the Faculty-based Postgraduate Research Administrators:

FHSS: R702, Royal London House

FM: EB506, Executive Business Centre

FMC: W417, Weymouth House

FST: C113, Christchurch House

You can leave your feedback on all aspects of the Researcher Development Programme via the anonymous [online feedback survey](#).

Postgraduate Researcher Development Steering Group – Call for Members (Academic & PGRs)

Last month, approval was provided by the University's Research Degree Committee for a brand new Postgraduate Researcher Development Steering Group to provide direction to PGR development across the University, and we are recruiting members. There will be 2 meetings per academic year and *ad-hoc* if required. Please see the full [Terms of Reference](#) for details on the Steering Group if you are interested in becoming a member.

Please submit your Expression of Interest, including a half-page as to why you are interested, the knowledge, skills and experience you can bring to the group, via email to Natalie at

pgrskillsdevelopment@bournemouth.ac.uk by midday, Friday 1 November.

Membership available:

- PGR Student Champion: 1 per Faculty (open to all PGRs)
- Academic Champion: 1 per Faculty (ideally an active PGR supervisor).

Expressions of Interest will be assessed by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Steering Group, we look forward to receiving them.

Oxford University Press – Epigeum Modules

The way you access online modules (including research ethics) as part of the RDP has changed. Modules will now be access directly via the Epigeum hosting platform for improved user experience. Details on how to access these can be found on the [RDP on Brightspace](#) >> online content >> online modules.

If you do not have access to the [Doctoral College: Researcher Development Programme](#) please [contact us](#) and we will get you added.



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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