

## Postgraduate Professional Personal and Development Planning (PPDP) Framework - OVERVIEW

The PPPDP Framework aims to ensure our Postgraduate Research Students (PGRs) are fully prepared and motivated to complete their research project and make a successful transition to their future career, whether within academia or further afield.

### Overview

In July 2010, VITAE launched the [Researcher Development Framework](#) (RDF) which has been adopted by HEI's throughout the UK and now across Europe.

In 2012, the Graduate School implemented the PPPDP Framework with key components such as research skills training, personal development planning and internationalisation.

Should PGRs wish to engage with the PPPDP Framework, they will receive a certificate at the end of their registration, which will supplement their research degree.

### PGR Engagement with the PPPDP Framework

To fully engage, PGRs must:

- Engage in 10 hours of research skills training p.a.
- Engage in 10 hours of personal development sessions p.a.  
*These can include workshops provided by the Graduate School and/or Faculty external oral/poster presentations at conferences*
- Undertake 3 Public Engagement activities throughout their registration

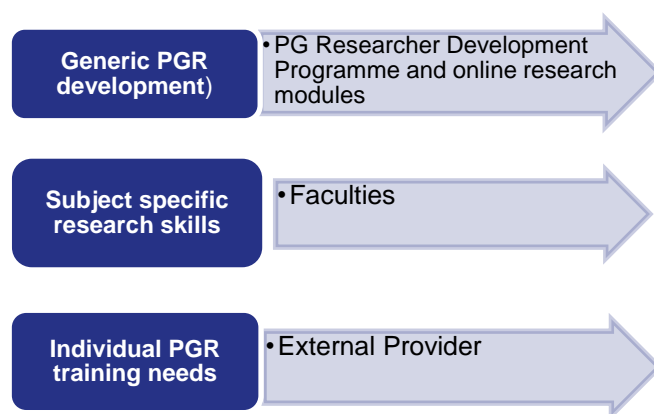
### PGR Support:

#### VITAE RDF Planner

The Graduate School encourages all PGRs to undertake training needs analysis with the support of the Supervisory team at the beginning of their registration; to identify skills which require further development. To support them in this task PGRs have access to the [VITAE RDF Planner](#) which is an online application.

This online tool will assist PGRs to make the most out of the PPPDP Framework for professional development, to identify gaps, create action plans, review achievements and create a portfolio of evidence.

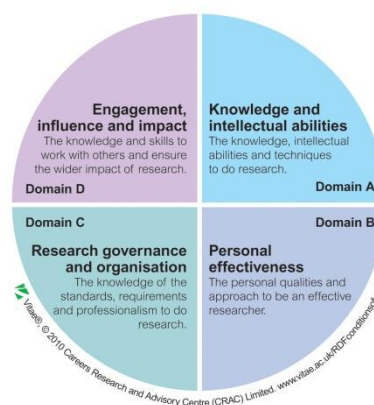
Once the gap in skills has been identified, guided by their supervisory team, the PGR will find support from:



### PG Researcher Development Programme

The Graduate School has developed a generic and introductory programme which encompasses both research skills training and personal and professional development.

Our Programme has been informed by the Vitae Researcher Development Framework and each workshop has been mapped to one of the four main domains:



Research Skills training fit within **Domains A and C**

Personal and Professional Development fit within **Domains B and D**

Workshops are available to PGRs throughout the year with key workshops repeated.

The Programme operates between September and June each year and it is constantly reviewed and additional workshops may be added. Workshops are led by members of Academic, Professional Support Staff and External Trainers.

information can be found on the [Graduate School Intranet](#).

### Online Research Skills Programme (Epigeum)

Overall there are [18 courses](#) which include 98 modules with 40 hours of online content which allows PGRs to learn fundamental concepts online, at a time, place and pace that are suitable to them, particularly for those PGR based off campus.

The modules are supplementary to the face-to-face workshops.

The **Ethics online modules** are mandatory and should be completed **within 3 months** of the PGR's registration.

Ethics 1 **Good Research Practice** is **Mandatory**  
Ethics 2 **Working with Human Subjects** is **recommended** for all PGRs but **Mandatory** for those PGRs involved with working with human participants

For those PGRs registered

**September 2015**, module(s) should be completed by **31 December 2015**.

**after 25 January 2016**, module(s) should be completed by **31 March 2016**

**after 18 April 2016**, module(s) should be completed by **13 July 2016**

### Funding Opportunities

The Graduate School administers Santander Mobility Awards which are available to all PGRs.

#### **Santander Mobility**

Mobility Awards (normally up to £1,000) for BU Postgraduate Researchers (PGRs) to:

- travel within the UK (the destination must be a country within the Santander network or Santander Partner); or
- travel internationally (the destination must be a country within the Santander network or Santander Partner within the network of Overseas Santander Partner Universities)

**The Santander Competition is now closed** and will open again for Applications in **October 2015**

Each PGR (excluding MRes, MPhil and with the exception of BU Academic Staff undertaking a part-time PhD) will have access to a **Doctoral Study Fund** which is administered at Faculty Level. Further information should be available from your DDRPP and/or Research Administrator. (BU Staff (p/t PGR will continue to be supported through the Staff Development Fund and MRes and MPhil will be supported through **Global Horizons**). Further  
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### **Graduate School PGR Community on myBU**

[A community space](#) has been created on myBU for PGRs. They will find full details on:

- The latest PGR Announcements
- BU Postgraduate Professional and Personal Development Planning Framework
- **PG Researcher Development Programme**; the sign up lists for individual Workshops
- **VITAE RDF Planner**
- Access to the **online research modules**, including **Ethics**
- **Funding Opportunities**
- **Research Degree Process**, including information on progression milestones and much, much more...

### **Support to Supervisors:**

On the [Graduate School Intranet](#) you will find information on the following key areas in support of your role as supervisor:

- **PhD Studentship Competition**
- **Your role as Supervisor – PGR Development**
- **PGT Engagement**
- **Research Degree Regulations**
- **Supervisory Training**
- **Postgraduate Internationalisation**
- **ResearchPAD**

Under the section **PGR Development – Your role as Supervisor** – you will find full details on all the topics covered within this fact sheet with links to relevant documents.

*For PGRs enquiries* – please point them in the direction of the **Graduate School PGR Community on myBU**.

New developments related the PPPDP Framework will be listed on the [Graduate School Intranet](#)

### **Contacts:**

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