The content of the Research Newsletter will be dictated by your contributions, and practical university information. If you have suggestions, comments, contributions and enquiries for future issues please send them to j.morgan4@wlv.ac.uk with the subject "WLV-Researcher".

Doctoral College Research Symposium – Research Integrity

DATE & TIME:
Thursday 17th November 2016, 1pm - 4.30

VENUE:
MD165, 1st Floor, Harrison Learning Centre

The Doctoral College Symposia provide workshops and talks that help support your growing knowledge and skill development as a research.

DESCRIPTION
The November symposium will consider what is involved in research integrity and will cover:
- A background to research integrity
- Research integrity and your research
- Research integrity and research ethics
- Reporting research with integrity
- The mistakes people can make

This workshop is open to all doctoral researchers at the University of Wolverhampton.

Please note that this workshop will be available on Periscope @wlv_doctoralcol

Research Skills Development Workshops 2016-17

The Doctoral College supports and delivers the Research Skills Development Programme and has enhanced the programme for 2016-17 with the addition of 17 new workshops and online booking via Eventbrite.

Personal and professional development opportunities for research students are spread now throughout the duration of the research degree and are grouped into 6 themed units:
- Unit 1: Finding your feet as a researcher
- Unit 2: Starting your research
- Unit 3: Foundations for Conducting Research
Unit 4: Completing your doctorate in a timely fashion  
Unit 5: Disseminating your research  
Unit 6: Focusing on your career

To Register for a workshop
From the Research Skills Development Workshops webpage, visit the course webpage and click on the 'book now' button next to your selected date. You will be taken to the workshop's Eventbrite page where you can register for your free ticket.

Please subscribe to our WOLF topic entitled “Research Student Development” http://wolf.wlv.ac.uk/ile/69886/ which is designed to provide you with resources that will support your doctoral studies from induction to completion. For those of you who are unable to attend the face to face workshops you will also find online provision in the form workbooks within the WOLF topic.

FOCUS: Academic Writing and your PhD

For many students, their PhD thesis will be one of the longest and most challenging pieces of work that they will complete. Unsurprisingly, the writing itself can pose one of the biggest problems; there is no guarantee that a student with excellent research ideas will automatically be able to convey and argue their points easily or effectively.

The difficulties of academic writing for doctoral researchers and beyond are increasingly being recognised however. Throughout November, the annual Academic Writing Month (or #AcWriMo) runs across Twitter and Facebook, encouraging researchers to aim for new writing goals, share their progress or problems, and pick up tips and ideas along the way. It’s not too late to benefit from the wealth of knowledge, experience and good practice being shared either – just search for the hashtag on Twitter or visit the AcWriMo Facebook page.

Help is also at hand within the University too. This year, Skills for Learning team are running designated Drop In sessions and Appointments for PhD students to discuss their academic writing, whilst workshops on academic writing at a doctoral level are also available. Drop In slots Appointments can focus on any aspect of their writing a researcher would like to improve – such as writing a literature review, structuring their argument or discussion, writing introductions and conclusions. Sometimes, just talking through and explaining your ideas to someone is helpful, as is a new pair of eyes reading and interpreting your work from a fresh perspective.

For more information about Skills for Learning support for doctoral students, come to the Helpzone, email skills@wlv.ac.uk, visit www.wlv.ac.uk/skills or follow @wlv_skills on Twitter.

NEW: Statistics Drop-In

Bring all your stats questions to the Prof. This in session allows you to explore all the areas you want to know more about or just don’t understand.

Facilitator: Professor Alan Nevill, Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing
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There’s no need to book and you can attend by yourself, in pairs or groups - it’s up to you!

**FOCUS: Research Student Reps**

**Faculty Representatives**
Research Student reps represent their peers on a range of issues relating to their research degrees and the student experience. Through them other research students have the opportunity to voice a range of comments, views and ideas which can then be considered by the University and further action taken if necessary. By raising student matters and communicating student views, the Student Reps make a valuable contribution to Faculty and University decision-making and activities.

**Here’s what two of our reps have to say:**

**Brian Johnston, FSE**
I have been a student rep for almost a year and it has been a great experience and a valuable learning opportunity. It has been very interesting seeing how the University operates and being a part of the decision making process when it comes to student matters. It has also been good seeing some of the changes we put forward going into action, such as the sun blinds in the MB building or the replacement of faulty machines.

**Kate Butcher, FSE**
What I enjoy about being the student representative is that my communication skills have been tested; I have spoken out to many members of senior staff about problems dealt with by students. I like that I am the friendly, approachable person that students can confide in as well as dealing with the responsibilities to follow through and ensure actions are taken fairly. I recommend taking on the opportunity to be a student rep because the experience greatly enriches your knowledge of the how a university is run and help to make things better for present and future students.

**Students’ Union PhD Representatives**
Research is a growing area at the University of Wolverhampton with more PhD students enrolling each academic year. To ensure these students feel as engaged and as represented as undergraduates, Union Council created two PhD representative roles with the aim of connecting the PhD student body with the activities and decision making processes of UWSU and the University of Wolverhampton.

These representatives hold a seat on the University Research Committee, where policy made by the University can be discussed and approved; as well as a seat on Union Council, the highest decision making body of the Union; and the education committee, an SU forum to gather feedback from course and faculty reps.

**If you’re interested in becoming a Faculty rep or a Students’ Union Rep please email j.morgan4@wlv.ac.uk**

**Social Media Competition**
**Christmas Get Together**

Come and join us to celebrate Christmas.

**DATE AND TIME**
Friday 16th December 2016
12:30 – 14:00

**VENUE**
MD165, 1st Floor, Harrison Learning Centre

The Doctoral College would like to extend an invitation to lunch to all the Doctoral Students at the University of Wolverhampton. Come along and join us and your fellow students for a quick bite to eat. It will be a chance to meet other students.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

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**Faculty Research Contacts**

Please see the updated list of Faculty Postgraduate Research Tutors (PGRTs) and Research Administrators (RAs)

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Contact your reps if you have any issues you would like them to raise.

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