

York Graduate Research School newsletter - 20 April 2023

Update from the Dean



Just back after the Easter break and I still haven't caught up with the backlog! Still it was worth it, to have a good block of down time with family and friends. Hopefully you managed to get some time to relax and regroup in between running experiments, analysing data, and writing chapters.

The [PRES survey](#) closes at the end of the month - please take the time to provide your feedback. We use PRES results to steer changes to PGR support - so you will have an impact. In the Sciences Faculty, the Biology Department has clocked up a pretty good response rate (not as good as my home department of Environment and Geography but I can't show favouritism!), but a couple of other departments where lab coats are worn lag behind... A few more responses from Education and School of ACT would also be brilliant.

You will have received emails from the VC and others about the [impacts of UCU's marking and assessment boycott](#) on PGRs and students. More guidance is going out to departments imminently. Hopefully we can minimise any negative consequences for PGRs in terms of progression meetings and final vivas. For some PGRs, such as those on visas, the timing of these meetings is particularly important. If you have any concerns around the boycott then please contact your Grad Chair in the first instance.

Finally, YUSU and the GSA are going to merge next year. I urge you to provide your opinion on [how PGRs can be strongly integrated and represented in the new Student Union structure](#).

Best wishes,
Kate

YGRS and University news

Industrial action update

Find all updates on our [industrial action](#) pages.

PRES: Not long left to give your views

The [Postgraduate Research Experience Survey \(PRES\)](#) closes soon. Have your say on your experience at York and let us know what we're doing well and not so well. Thanks to those that have already completed it. - for those that haven't, check your inbox for your personal link to complete the survey.

Work begins on new Student Centre site

Central car park will be partially closed as [work to prepare the site for the new Student Centre begins soon](#). Want to know more about the new Student Centre? Our dedicated [Student Centre web pages](#) feature the latest visuals and proposed plans of each floor.

Fees and accommodation payment reminder

A quick reminder that if you pay your own tuition fees or accommodation charges, a payment instalment is due at the end of April. The easiest way to pay is via the ['My Finance' section in e:Vision](#). If you have set up a

direct debit to pay your fees/accommodation, this will be automatically taken from your chosen bank account around the due date and you'll receive a notification of the amount beforehand.

Support and wellbeing

Budget food on campus

YUSU is now offering [budget hot food on campus all day](#) in response to the cost of living crisis. You can now get three meals on campus for a combined total of £1.20.

21 Apr: Lifescrum – Agile Goal Setting for Women

Come to a masterclass focused on [women's health and agile goal setting](#).

Researcher development

25 & 27 Apr: Conducting sensitive research: online courses

All PGRs are welcome to join the White Rose Doctoral Training Partnership team for two interactive workshops exploring advice and key items to consider when [conducting sensitive research](#).

2 May: Copyright for Researchers: Protecting your own work and re-using other people's

This [Copyright for Researchers workshop](#) workshop is for you if you are preparing material for a thesis or scholarly publication. Explore the legal terms and licences which permit the re-use of third party materials, consider strategies for requesting additional permissions and review the licences available for releasing your own material.

2 May: Effective Project Management

How do you go about managing your research/PhD project? Find out about the fundamentals in the project life cycle and how to be successful from defining to completing in our [Effective Project Management workshop](#).

4 May: What is Open Research and why does it matter?

Get an overview of open research practices and principles in our [Open Research workshop](#), including what open research means and how it benefits research across a range of disciplines. Learn various methods which can help open up the research lifecycle and examples of how these have been used by York researchers in different areas.

York Open Research Awards 2023

Have you been involved in a project or initiative in any discipline which has engaged with, reflected upon or advocated for open research practices and principles? Then enter the [York Open Research Awards](#).

Come to the Women@York Conference

Come to the [Women@York Conference](#) on Wednesday 24 May 2023, celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Women in Research Network.

Careers

3 May: Working in Research Q&A panel event

Gain an insight into a range of research based career opportunities in different sectors. Panellists work in academic research, market research, market access (pharmaceuticals) and the Civil Service. Register and find out more about this [Working in Research event](#) on Handshake. We are also advertising external events organised by GCHQ, MI5 and MI6 on early careers in STEM and languages (event restricted to UK nationals only) and many other events - check [Handshake](#) for details.

3 May: Careers outside academia: Exploring options

Examine your motivations and explore both real and perceived barriers to making a transition. We will also look at how our researchers are valued by employers. Book your place on the [Careers outside academia](#) workshop.

An introduction to Early Career Fellowships

It's never too early to start thinking about the next steps in your research career! We've created a [Fellowships Playlist](#) of videos offering an introduction to Early Career Fellowships. Learn tips on finding the right Fellowship, how to apply, and the support provided at York. You are also invited to [Fellowship Fortnight](#) in May, our programme of events aimed at anyone interested in a research fellowship.

Apply for a summer internship

[York Internships](#) for the summer at the University and other local organisations - including part-time/flexible working and research based projects - are now being advertised on [Handshake](#).

Teaching

Introduction to Teaching and Learning: new date added

If you want to teach as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) at York then you need to complete the [Introduction to Teaching and Learning workshop](#).

York Learning and Teaching Award (YLTA) 2023/2024 - Final call for applications

Starting in September, YLTA is a part-time course for GTAs to develop their skills for teaching in the Higher Education sector. YLTA is accredited by Advance HE to award Associate Fellow of the HEA (AFHEA). [Find out more about the course and how to apply](#) by **Thursday 27 April**.

Current teaching opportunities

See [Handshake](#) and our [current teaching opportunities](#) page for departments and services currently recruiting GTAs.

News from the Graduate Students' Association

Your chance to shape the new Students' Union

Our two Students' Unions are coming together to form one student-led and student-focused Union and YUSU and GSA want your thoughts - including suggestions for a new name! [Let us know what you want from a new Students' Union](#) and be in with a chance of winning £100.



Nominate yourself for the GSA Sabbatical Officer team 2023/24

Sabbatical Officers lead your postgraduate union and represent postgrads in meetings with the University of York. Becoming a Sabbatical Officer is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences you can have. Check out the [GSA Elections page](#) for more information, or to nominate yourself.

Celebrating our PGRs

Daisy McManaman, PhD researcher at the Centre for Women's Studies, had a recent piece featured in The Conversation: [How Playboy cut ties with Hugh Hefner to create a post-#MeToo brand](#)

Events and opportunities:

- [Apply to be part of the paid International Student Welcome team](#)
- [Santander MacBook Air laptop giveaway](#)
- [Win an iPad or £20 travel bundle](#)

- [What made you choose the University of York?](#)
- [York Sport One Term Student Membership offer](#)

More news and opportunities can be found on the [Research Student Community blog](#)

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