Funding available to attend conferences

The York Graduate Research School has launched a Conference Fund for self-funded PhD students to present at conferences - when other funding options are unavailable. Funding will be allocated competitively in two annual rounds. Applications can only be accepted on the official application form via your supervisor. The first deadline for bids to the YGRS Conference Fund is 20 January 2016.

Find out more about the YGRS Conference Fund.

Shut Up and Write!

Shut Up and Write for Postgraduate Research Students is a simple concept: it is an opportunity for you to start, continue, or finish written work in a supportive environment with other postgraduates. Switch off your phone and, using the power of peer pressure, avoid temptations to do anything but work on a piece of writing.

There will also be offering a drop-in service to provide help with:

- searching/finding information
- using reference management software (e.g. Endnote)
- referencing
- formatting documents
- managing research data
- open access publication
- copyright (e.g. using third-party materials in your thesis).

The next session is on Wednesday 9 December in room LFA 204/5 (2nd floor), Harry Fairhurst Building, University Library.

Register your interest through Skills Forge for a more detailed programme of who will be available to support you.

Christmas on campus

The Graduate Students’ Association has produced a guide of what’s on and what’s open on campus during the Christmas holiday.

See the Christmas on campus guide.

Work with the Centre for Lifelong Learning
The Centre for Lifelong Learning would like to work with postgraduates to develop new course ideas. In return they offer remuneration for teaching and you will also become part of the Centre's peer support network and will be invited to regular staff development events. For further information on the type of courses offered by the Centre visit www.york.ac.uk/lifelonglearning.

If you would like to work with the Centre, the deadline for submitting your proposal and C.V. is Friday 8 January 2016.

Send your C.V. and course idea to hannah.lyus@york.ac.uk.

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**York Talks**

York Talks will return to the University on 6 January 2016 to highlight some of our most innovative and challenging research in an accessible series of 15-minute talks. Alongside this, nine York PhD students will compete in a compelling “PhD Research Spotlight” competition.

The full programme for York Talks 2016 will soon be released.

[Find out more and book your place at York Talks events.](#)

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**Question of the month:**

What does every PhD student want for Christmas (for up to £25...)?

[Answer this quick question to be entered into a prize draw.](#)

Last month's prize winner: Michael Mousley

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**External opportunities for current students**

[YGRS Handbook](#)

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