3 Minute Thesis - York results

10 PhD students reached the local finals of the 3MT competition. They were assessed on their ability to communicate their research to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes. The winners were:

1st - Kuntal Singh (Biology) ‘Feeding the world with a good grain’
2nd - Jamie Cawthra (Philosophy) ‘What are the limits of storytelling?’
3rd - Laura Oxley (Education) ‘Why is behaviour management in schools not working for everyone?’

Kuntal will go forward to the national semi-finals. Jamie was also awarded the ‘Pupils’ Choice’ prize as judged by the 65 school children who attended and took part in the event.

Find out more about the competition.

WUN Research Mobility Fund

The call for applications for the Worldwide Universities Network Research Mobility Programme 2016-17 is now open.

The Research Mobility Programme (RMP) is an opportunity for postgraduate researchers in any academic discipline to bid for funding to visit any Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) international partner. The visit can be anything from a week to six months. Awards are worth up to £2,500 and cover economy air travel, visa, accommodation, and subsistence costs. The deadline for applications to the fund is 5.00pm on Friday 1 July.

Find out more about the WUN Research Mobility Fund and apply.

Mental health survey

The student-led group Mind Your Head and the GSA want your feedback on student mental wellbeing.

Help shape support for student mental health and complete the annual mental health survey.

Summer in the Library

Over the summer period, the Library will continue to host events for postgraduates, including the regular ‘Shut up and write’ sessions. Look out for ‘Postgraduate Wednesdays’, which will be a mixed programme of training and events next year - more information soon.

Also, a new postgraduate room on the ground floor of the Burton building (LBU003) is being prepared over the vacation. This will be a dedicated postgraduate research space and replace the silent study room on the second floor of the Burton building. Responding to feedback, the new space will be equipped with study desks and a few comfortable chairs, but the Library is keen to hear from you if you have other ideas for how it might be used most effectively. Contact liz.waller@york.ac.uk if you’d like to help.

Conducting a survey for your thesis or project?
Qualtrics is an online tool that makes it quick and easy to design your own survey. You can select and add pre-written questions from a large question library or write your own. You can host your survey through Qualtrics and analyse the results, including qualitative data.

See IT Services information on Qualtrics.

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**Question of the month:**

*What is your top tip for new research students?*

**Answer this quick question to be entered into a prize draw for a £20 Amazon voucher.**

Last month’s prize winner was Mahmoud Marzouk, who says his favourite place to work on campus over the summer vacation is the PhD room in The York Management School Building because “It is quiet and more convenient as well as where my fellow PhD students work which encourages me to be more focused and productive.” Mahmoud wins a £20 Amazon voucher.

External opportunities for current students

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