

## July 2017 newsletter

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### Three minute success story



This year's spectacular 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) competition demonstrated the exceptional quality of research student work at York. [Find out more and watch some of the 3MT presentations online.](#)

We warmly congratulate all our competitors, but especially our winners:

- **First:** Jet Sanders (Psychology)
- **Second:** L Meghan Dennis (Archaeology)
- **Third:** Katherina Walper Gormaz (Language and Linguistic Science)
- **School's Choice:** Viswadeep Sarangi (Electronic Engineering)



Jet, Meghan and Viswadeep went on to even greater success competing against research staff at [Falling Walls Lab York](#). It's a truly remarkable achievement that Jet and Viswadeep went on to win again, taking first and third place.

Jet will go on to compete at the [Falling Walls](#) international competition in Berlin, and nationally at the Three Minute Thesis semi-final.

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### Research supervisor awards

Congratulations to [Jason Edwards](#) (History of Art) who won PhD Research Supervisor of the Year at the [YUSU Excellence Awards](#).

The awards are entirely student led and recognise staff who have made an outstanding difference to students.

[Ann Kaloski-Naylor](#) (Centre for Women's Studies), who was also nominated for the Excellence Awards, has been put forward for [Times Higher Outstanding Research Supervisor of the Year](#).



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### Professor Tom Stoneham elected to Executive of UK Council for Graduate Education



The Dean of the York Graduate Research School, Professor Tom Stoneham, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the [UK Council for Graduate Education](#). This will allow him to affect policy and shape the nature of graduate education in the future.

“All sorts of external pressures - from public perceptions to government policies - encourage universities to focus on undergraduate students. UKCGE works to ensure that the importance and distinctive needs of postgraduates are not forgotten. I want to use this position to influence sector-wide innovations and changes in a way that ensures we can continue to provide a really excellent experience for postgraduates at York.”

- Tom Stoneham.

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## Research Council Policy Internships

If you're a current PhD student with funding from a Research Council you can apply to work for three months at one of a select group of influential policy organisations.

You would work on a policy topic relevant to both yourself and the institution hosting you and you would be expected to produce at least one briefing paper, participate in a policy inquiry and/or organise a policy event, or equivalent piece of work.

Any questions about the internship should be addressed to [researchcareers@nerc.ac.uk](mailto:researchcareers@nerc.ac.uk). Find out more from the [Research Councils UK website](#).



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## Summer vacation arrangements 2017

We've gathered together the information you need to study comfortably over the summer with our [summer vacation arrangements](#). Find out which catering outlets are open over the summer vacation; how to borrow books if you're away from campus; and how to access campus IT facilities from home via Google apps, our Virtual Desktop Service, or by using a Virtual Private Network.

You might also want to check on the [summer IT maintenance schedule](#) if you're planning to use one of our IT rooms during the break. Disruptions will be brief and kept to a minimum.

And if you're looking for food, drink or shower facilities near where you're studying, we now have a helpful [interactive map](#).

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All these news items and more can be found at the [York Research Student Community](#)

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