

October 2017 newsletter

Exhibit your research at YorkTalks 2018: applications now open



The PhD Spotlight competition will see nine PhD students chosen to exhibit at YorkTalks in January, a key University research event.

The competition challenges students to display their work in an engaging and accessible way to an academic, non-specialist audience. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 31 October 2017.

[Find out more and submit your YorkTalks 2018 PhD Spotlight Proposal.](#)

New students: Key online systems you will use

[e:Vision](#) - for managing the administrative aspects of your central student record. Use e:Vision to update your contact details, manage your fee payments, and request official documentation, such as a confirmation of study letter. For Tier 4 students, this is also where you need to upload a scanned version of your passport and visa.

[SkillsForge](#) - to record your academic progress against the university's supervision and Thesis Advisory Panel (TAP) milestones, and your Formal Reviews of Progress. Working with your supervisor(s) and TAP member(s), you will complete the relevant form for each meeting and submit it to form part of your central record of academic progress. SkillsForge is also the system you use to book central training and review your training records.

[Yorkshare](#) Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) - central and departmental online modules and resources. All research students are expected to complete both the 'Research Integrity Tutorial' and 'Becoming an Effective Researcher Tutorial (BERT)' via the VLE within their first six months of registration. Further information about these can be found on the [YGRS pages for new students](#). You may also need to use the VLE if you are a Graduate Teaching Assistant to access course materials and student work.

For more information on systems and support available to research students, [videos and slides from this year's Graduate Research School induction event](#) are now available.

And don't forget to check the [York Research Student Community](#) noticeboard for news and opportunities.

IT's Autumn Term courses now available to book



IT's Autumn Term courses for researchers and postgraduate research students are now open for booking. Courses include:

- Introduction to the Linux Shell
- Introduction to YARCC
- Introduction to programming
- Programming with Python

Full details about the courses can be found on [IT's Research computing training Wiki page](#).

Don't forget the Library and IT are also running digital training events every Wednesday during term time. Sessions cover a range of topics, including an overview of the digital tools available to you, applications for note taking and Googling for academics. [Find out more and book your place](#).

Borrow from other White Rose Libraries

The University now has a reciprocal arrangement which allows research postgraduates to apply for full membership of the University of Leeds and University of Sheffield libraries.

[Find out more about library access](#).



Paid opportunities with the Maths Skills Centre

Apply to be a Graduate Teaching Assistant with the Maths Skills Centre. They're offering paid employment with flexible hours around your studies. The deadline for applications is Thursday 12 October 2017.

[Find out more about opportunities with the Maths Skills Centre](#).

Develop your own academic conference

The Cumberland Colloquia Scheme is an opportunity to design and run a one-day interdisciplinary conference with the support of the Cumberland Lodge team. Conference subjects should seek to address topical issues facing today's society. Applications close on Friday 27 October 2017.

[Find out more about the Cumberland Colloquia Scheme](#).



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

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