

## York Graduate Research School newsletter - June 2020

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### Save the date: PGR Question Time Q&A

We received positive feedback about our first online 'Question Time' event last month so we're arranging another to further address the current concerns of research students and how can we tackle these together. The next PGR Question Time event will take place on **Friday 19 June**. An email invitation to ask questions and book your place will be sent out soon.

- [Watch the first Question Time event](#)

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### Tackling misconduct and discrimination

We will never tire in calling out racism and hate crime, which will never be tolerated in our community here at York. Our new Report and Support tool is now in place to offer safe, confidential advice, and will help us tackle all forms of discrimination. Report student misconduct and find out about support available for students from the University and other services.



- [Report and Support](#)

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### Professional and career development opportunity

The 2020 European Doctoral Summer School will take place online on **22-24 June** with a programme designed to support your professional development. The programme provides an opportunity to develop and enhance your presentation and communication skills; consider your skill-set and how it appeals to employers and funders in this changing environment; and develop a CV to support your career transitions. Places are limited - book now.

- [Register for the 2020 European Doctoral Summer School](#)

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### Health, wellbeing and work-life balance in the PhD

Succeeding in a PhD is as much about finding ways to maintain a healthy sense of wellbeing and a good work-life balance as it is about doing the research. At this online workshop on **Tuesday 7 July**, hear from a panel of current PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, who will share personal experiences of their PhD and the practices and activities that helped to keep them healthy and happy. Open to all research students.



- [Register for the Health, wellbeing and work-life balance in the PhD: an online workshop](#)

### What's your PGR story?

We are keen to support all existing and new students who are working remotely. To do this, we want to draw on real life researcher experiences and stories. If you would be willing to record a short video of 60-90 seconds or write 100 words on the topic: 'Why York is a great place to do research (even when you're not in York)' please contact [rett@york.ac.uk](mailto:rett@york.ac.uk), headed 'PGR Stories'. Contributions selected for use online will receive a £10 Amazon voucher.

## Would you benefit from a mentor?

We're piloting a mentor scheme aimed at research students **in the final 18 months before submission**. In addition to support from your supervisor, this is an opportunity for research students to discuss and develop their skills, behaviours and approaches to the research experience with a more experienced postdoctoral researcher.

- [Find out more about the PGR mentoring scheme](#)

All students can ask a question of a York PGR alumni with the [York Profiles and Mentors](#) resource.

## Can you help new students?

New research students could begin their programme in unusual circumstances this autumn so we're looking to current students to help extend a warm virtual welcome. Sign up for the new PGR Buddy Scheme to email, Zoom or FaceTime a new student to help them settle into their programme, signpost them to information and support, and be a friendly port of call.

- [Find out more about the PGR Buddy Scheme](#)

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## Teaching opportunity with History

The Department of History is seeking Graduate Teaching Assistants for 2020/21. Deadline: Thursday 25 June.

- [Graduate Teaching Assistants \(History\)](#) *(York login required)*

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## Explore research related career options – academia and other sectors

Considering a career in research? Not sure what direction you want to take? Our new Working in Research resource is designed to help you gain an insight into a range of careers that involve research across a variety of sectors.

- [Explore research related career options](#)

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## York Festival of Ideas goes online



York Festival of Ideas 2020 is taking place online until Sunday 14 June with the theme Virtual Horizons. World-class speakers will cover a wide range of topics. The Festival also features York research students in the 8th Annual York Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition on **Wednesday 10 June**. Hosted by Greg Dyke, this is set to be our biggest event ever. Enjoy in your own living room and vote live for your favourite presentation.

- [Find out more about the Festival of Ideas and 3MT](#)

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## Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [Online Writing Groups at York](#)
- [Come to the York Open Research online event](#)
- [Sign up to discover supercomputing](#)

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

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