Announcement: Continuation fees during the COVID-19 pandemic

Through the Open Letter to the Vice-Chancellor and Dean of York Graduate Research School, and through the GSA, students have been asking for the University to waive the continuation fee in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have listened to the concerns of students and can announce that no continuation fees have been charged since 1 January 2020 and we guarantee none will be charged between 1 January 2020 and 31 October 2020.

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PhD virtual coffee and chat (for January 2020 intake)

If you started your PhD in January 2020, we know that it must have been especially difficult for you that we went into lockdown only a few weeks into your programme.

You’re invited to join a virtual coffee and catch-up session with other January starters on Wednesday 24 June. Other PhD students and post-doc researchers will also be on hand to share their PhD experiences, offer insights and tips for making the most of PhD life, and answer any questions you might have about doing a PhD in York.

- Register for the PhD virtual coffee and chat

How to survive fieldwork and data collection

While it’s currently difficult – if impossible – for postgraduate research students to be in labs or go out to do fieldwork at this time, there’s still a lot that can be done in preparation for when movement restrictions lift. Join an online panel discussion on Thursday 18 June with current PhD students and post-doctoral researchers to look at various aspects of doing effective fieldwork and data collection. Part of the ‘How to survive your PhD’ series.

- Find out more and register for the event
Learn the basics of Intellectual Property (IP) for researchers

Vitae have announced that they are running live lectures as part of their IP for Research programme.

The lectures will take place on **Monday 1 June** for researchers in Arts, Humanities and Social Science disciplines and **Friday 5 June** for researchers in STEM disciplines.

- [Register for the online IP events](#)

Help develop new approaches to support open research

The University Open Research Operations Group has launched a survey to better understand levels of awareness and engagement with open research practices. The survey takes around three minutes to complete and will be open until **Monday 1 June**.

- [Complete the York Open Research survey](#)

Join the audience at the Three Minute Thesis 2020 final

Support fellow research students as they compete online in the York Three Minute Thesis 2020 final on **Wednesday 10 June**.

Join Greg Dyke and see the students relay how their research is expanding knowledge and understanding of our world and beyond - in just three minutes. You can then vote for your winner!

- [Book your place at the 3MT final](#)

Apply to be a college tutor

If you’ll be living on campus next year, you can apply to become a college tutor. College tutors are student members of the college team who live in college and provide a friendly face and first point of contact for other students. They support and develop college activity which builds the student community. In return, they receive an accommodation subsidy. Application deadline: **Friday 12 June**

- [Find out more about becoming a college tutor](#)

Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [GSA e-lection voting is open](#) - deadline Friday 29 May!
- [Research opportunity in Japan](#)
- [Take a Management School Masterclass](#)

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

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