

York Graduate Research School newsletter - October 2020

Ask Me Anything: LIVE webinar with the Vice-Chancellor

Our Ask Me Anything (AMA) event series is a chance for PGRs to pose questions to a panel of University and GSA representatives in order to address current concerns and examine how we can tackle these together. The next AMA on Tuesday 3 November will feature Vice-Chancellor Charlie Jeffery.

Check your York email inbox to sign up for the event and submit your question to the Vice-Chancellor. You can also [view the video from last month's Ask Me Anything event](#).

WATCH: Induction videos now available

The York Graduate Research School induction event in September each year provides an introduction to all professional support available to you as a research student and celebrates the success of our current students and alumni. All the presentations are now available to watch. Watch the full playlist or see the individual videos.

- [York Graduate Research School induction](#)



UPDATE: Moving to DfE Tier 2

On Wednesday 21 October, we announced that [the University is moving to the Department for Education \(DfE\) Tier 2](#). There will be a transition week beginning on Monday 26 October, and we will move officially to DfE Tier 2 from Monday 2 November.

For those of you who are Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs), the University's move from DfE tier 1 to DfE 2 could affect how or where you teach. Your department should let you know what, if anything, you need to do. Talk to your line manager if you have any concerns or comments.

In terms of research, the advice remains that you should continue to work from home unless your role, or your personal situation at home, means that you need to be on campus. So, PGRs should continue to follow existing arrangements, with online supervision where possible. Research taking place on campus, e.g. lab work, will continue with the necessary safety precautions in place.

UPDATE: Continuation fees during the COVID-19 pandemic

A continuation fee is charged if you have not submitted your thesis by the end of your normal registration period. This covers access to computing and library borrowing facilities. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we previously announced that we would waive continuation fees until 31 October 2020. We have now extended the date and can confirm that we will not charge continuation fees until 31 March 2021.

- [Continuation of studies](#)
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How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD



'How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD' are peer-led sessions created by PhDs for PhD students, offering personal sharings, insights and tips for making the most of your PhD journey at York.

Hear from people who are on the same journey as you, meet other PGRs and bring all your questions and concerns. We'll be happy to discuss them at the next session on Wednesday 28 October.

- [How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD](#)

Researchers in Schools

Are you interested in teaching in secondary schools? Do you want to have an impact on pupil attainment and access to university? Researchers in Schools is a unique teacher training and development programme exclusively for those who have completed a doctorate with three core objectives: increasing and disseminating subject expertise; promoting education research; and championing university access. Participants are supported to become excellent new teachers and research leaders, and have access to research associate status at a selective university. Application deadline: Tuesday 3 November

- [Researchers in Schools](#)

Apply for funding for the postgrad community

To stimulate a vibrant and engaging postgraduate community at York, the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) have set up a fund to which any student or staff member can apply. The main objective of the fund is simply to make the postgraduate community better and to support new and innovative ideas and projects. Bids should not exceed £1k.



- [GSA funding for the postgraduate community](#)

BOOK NOW: Introduction to teaching and learning



Before you can teach as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), you need to complete the Introduction to Teaching and Learning course. The course allows you to acquire the knowledge and skills to establish yourself as a confident, enthusiastic and effective teacher. Bookings close two weeks prior to each workshop to allow you to complete a self-study component.

- [Sign up for an Introduction to teaching and learning workshop](#)
- [See all current teaching opportunities](#)

What social media channels do you use?

In order to continually improve our communications with postgraduate researchers, we'd like you to tell us about any social media channels you regularly use.

- [Complete our short social media survey](#)

Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [International Development Program for Early Career Researchers](#)

- [Two-Year Worldwide IBM PhD Fellowship](#)

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

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