

York Graduate Research School newsletter - September 2020

New Dean of the York Graduate Research School

Dr Kathryn Arnold from the Department of Environment and Geography has been appointed as the new Dean of the York Graduate Research School, taking over from the founding Dean, Professor Tom Stoneham. Kathryn returns to the University following a secondment at Defra. Read her blog post about her first week as Dean and her vision and strategy for the York Graduate Research School.

- [First week as new Dean of YGRS](#)

Register for the welcome event

Everyone should attend this year's online welcome event on Friday 25 September as an important introduction to (or reminder of) all the professional support that is available to you. Find out about the professional services that help you get the most out of your time at York as well as the support services and groups that ensure you're never alone with your research.

There's also the chance to meet other research students from both within and beyond your own Faculty and hear from our alumni about the paths your research could take you.

- [Register for the online welcome event](#)



York Researcher Conference: Shaping a positive culture for researchers

Open to final year PhD students, this year's online York Researcher Conference on Wednesday 23 September will focus on how we can shape a positive research culture. The panel discussion includes the new Dean of the York Graduate School and other senior leaders and there are updates on support available. As early career researchers, your contribution to session two about how we embed professional development is vital and will help to shape the University's Researcher Development Concordat Action Plan.

- [Register for the York Researcher Conference](#)

NEW: Support for Graduate Teaching Assistants teaching during COVID-19



There are two webinars next week to support Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) teaching during COVID-19. 'Teaching During COVID-19: The Socially Distanced Classroom' and 'Teaching During COVID-19: Teaching Online' are open to all GTAs, with more guidance being added to the GTA Community Site on the VLE.

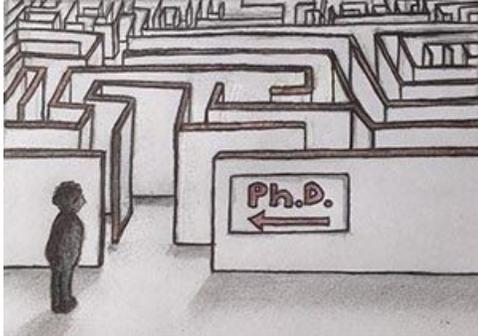
- [GTA teaching guidance and training under COVID-19](#)

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](#)

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](#)

More campus catering outlets open

Cookies, the Library Cafe, Piazza Starbucks and Park Central are all now open, though with reduced hours and menus. Check the Eat At York opening times for details of where you can now get catering on campus.

- [More food and drink options open on campus](#)



Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [Postdoctoral Fellowships at Dartmouth College](#)
- [Pint of Science goes online](#)

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

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