

York Graduate Research School newsletter - January 2021

Covid-19 updates: Fieldwork guidance and Library services

Following the suspension of fieldwork due to lockdown, read an [update for fieldwork guidance](#) to find out new procedures.

We also have a [Library update on services during lockdown](#) on the blog.

[See all University coronavirus information.](#)



Assistance funding - application deadlines soon

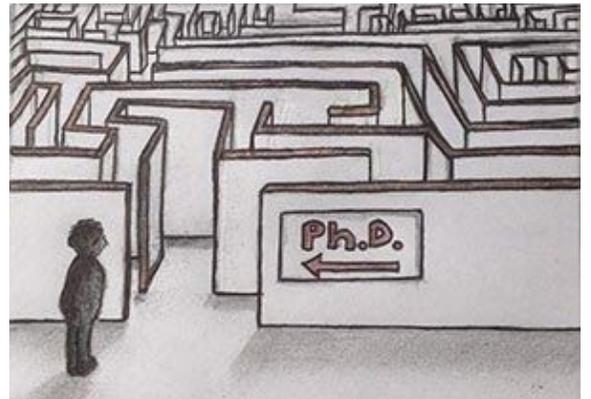
Postgraduate researchers who are experiencing financial difficulty may be able to apply to three currently open funds. Depending on the scheme, the funding available ranges from lump sums of up to £3k, up to 3 months stipend or 3 months fee waiver.

- [Covid-19 PhD Scholarship Fund](#) - the first round closes Monday 25 January (3 more rounds to follow)
- [Emergency Student Support Fund](#) - current round closes Tuesday 26 January
- [Postgraduate Research Writing-up+ Support Fund](#) closes Wednesday 31 March (no more rounds to follow)

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Thrive and Survive your PhD Coordinator

We are very pleased to provide an opportunity for a proactive and committed postgraduate (or postdoctoral) research to take up the new role of 'Thrive and Survive your PhD' series coordinator.

The 'How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD' workshop series is a peer-led initiative designed for students to share information and advice between year groups and across departments. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the PGR community, to gain a greater understanding of the University and to showcase your skills and commitment to collaboration and citizenship. Application deadline: Friday 12 February 2021



- [Apply for the Thrive and Survive your PhD Coordinator role](#)

Don't forget the next [How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD](#) session is on Wednesday 10 February - book your place!

February skills training

Take a look at the skills training schedule for February and sign up via Skillsforge. Sessions include managing your research data, effective project management, effective time management, and thesis essentials.

- [February skills training](#)

Motivational support for writing

Join academics, postgraduates and creatives from all over the world in the Silent Zoom Writing Group. SZWG offers community, accountability, and structure by hosting regular weekday sessions for participants to write together in solidarity.

- [Join the Silent Zoom Writing Group](#)

Graduate Teaching Assistants: updates



There are two forthcoming workshops to support Graduate Teaching Assistants:

- Teaching During COVID-19: Teaching Online
- Teaching During COVID-19: The Socially Distanced Classroom

Find out more and book your place on the [GTA Community Site on the VLE](#).

There is also an [opportunity to teach with the Maths Skills Centre](#) - closing Monday 25 January.

Career planning: updates

Explore your options and make career plans with the online course [Career Management for Early Career Academic Researchers](#). The course covers careers beyond academia as well as academic and HE options through a series of articles, videos, discussions, and reflective exercises.

Careers and Placements has also launched series 7 of their '[What do you actually do?](#)' podcast, with some episodes featuring PhD graduates.



Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [Dan David Prize](#)
- [Translate MedTech 2021 Training and Development Programme](#)
- [Help to deliver digital assessment and feedback services](#)

And finally

Let us know if you want to promote the online support and activities for PGRs provided by your department. The History of Art Department has the (very beautifully illustrated) [Synchronicity Colloquium](#) for their PhD Community featuring a range of events including colloquia, annual conference, fortnightly PG cafe, etc. These activities are PGR-led and very well-attended.

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