

York Graduate Research School newsletter - March 2021

Update from the Dean



If, like me, you have school age children then this week signals the end (at least for now??) of homeschooling. There were mixed emotions in my household - joy, relief, anxiety, anticipation...

Many of the wider YGRS team have also been juggling multiple demands so we have been focusing on core activities, for example, relating to PGR finance and other support. Going forward, I would like to be in contact more often and more openly, with more frequent updates from me in the newsletter and in person.

YGRS vision and strategy

Over the last few months, I have been working on the new Vision and Strategic Plan for YGRS which outlines our ambition and direction for YGRS over the next decade. I am really excited to be able to share that with you very soon and get your feedback. Another focus for me has been developing activities and interventions to increase access to and participation by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups in postgraduate research. It would be good to hear your thoughts on how we, in the PGR space, can mirror the work being done on decolonising the curriculum.

Finally, I realise that the opening up of campus and society more generally is going to impact individual PGRs very differently depending on whether you are reliant on labs, museums, libraries or international travel. We plan to assess this in a future 'Tell Us' PGR survey in order to guide our future plans.

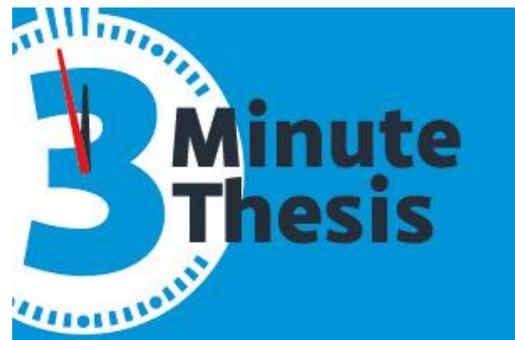
Warm regards, Kate

Three Minute Thesis (3MT): Get involved!

Could you communicate your research in just three minutes? 3MT is returning to York in 2021, giving you the chance to hone your research and practice public engagement skills. The final takes place during the York Festival of Ideas and the winner goes through to the national finals!

Not sure? Come to a 'Public engagement of research' event on Thursday 11 March and apply to 3MT by Thursday 1 April.

- [3 Minute Thesis - entries now open](#)



Give your feedback in the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE SURVEY

We are always looking for ways to enhance the learning and supervision experience. To do that, we need your feedback on your experience. The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) is the only national survey of postgraduate researchers' experience and it is an opportunity for you to voice your opinion and to be a partner in developing the postgraduate research experience. PRES runs until Monday 17 May. Check your email for your unique url to complete the survey.

- [Postgraduate Research Experience Survey](#)

Skills training in March

Take advantage of what's on offer this month - from a focus on careers beyond academia to help with preparing for your viva or getting published in peer-reviewed journals.

- [See skills training sessions available in March](#)

Your career

[Social Science PhD and ECR Careers Week](#)

Navigate your next career move by attending a week of professional training, inspirational talks and career workshops from Monday 22 March. These digital events are aimed at Social Science PhD students and Early Career Researchers to showcase career opportunities that align with your research strengths and make the most of your valuable skills.

[Asia Career Insights Series](#)

The Asia Careers Insight Series offers an opportunity to familiarise yourself with organisations looking to hire students and graduates across Asia. During March, attend a series of employer presentations, panel discussions and skills workshops to help you enhance your employability and become more attractive to local and international employers.

WUN ECR networking workshop



The next session in the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) Early Career Researcher International Network Development Series is now open for registration. The focus area of this session is Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and will take place on Wednesday 24 March. The deadline for registration is Sunday 21 March.

- [WUN ECR Networking Workshop: Registration open](#)

Putting things off?

Do you check emails or constantly find ways to distract yourself from your research? Are you very self-critical about your ability to work? Do you feel drained yet have nothing to show for it? Explore the causes of procrastination and look at practical ways to overcome putting things off. Read our advice and attend our online workshop on Thursday 11 March.

- [Pushing through procrastination](#)



Take part in our survey to help shape what we say about York

As we develop our University Strategy, we're exploring different ways of talking in our communications, so we can better connect with you and others. Please could you spare five minutes to let us know the words and messages that best resonate with you? The survey closes on Friday 12 March.

- [Help shape what we say about York](#)
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Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [Design the new Anne Lister College shield](#)
 - [Dan David Prize](#)
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All these news items and more can be found on the [Research Student Community blog](#)

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