

York Graduate Research School newsletter - May 2021

Update from the Dean



As restrictions have eased and summer is on the horizon, I hope that you're able to enjoy more time away from your desk or lab. I have, rather daringly, booked a week's holiday in Whitby in August. Perhaps some of you will be seeking more distant adventures (not that I'm knocking Whitby!) or, for our international PGRs, hoping to see family overseas. In the meantime, we have some opportunities to meet PGRs and research staff from around the world in this month's newsletter.

Worldwide networking

Take a look at the wide-ranging workshops on offer at the [European Doctoral Summer School](#) - a joint initiative with our colleagues at the University of Munster and Maastricht University. Also, York is a member of the World Universities Network (WUN) which, in collaboration with the [UNESCO Education Sector](#) and [UNSDSN](#), is holding a series of free virtual networking [workshops](#) for early career researchers (ECRs) under the theme of 'developing the next generation of research leaders for sustainable development'. Lots of great opportunities to grow your network.

It's been a busy time for us at YGRS. Look out for our soon-to-be-published vision for the York Graduate Research School. We want your feedback on how we can achieve our aspiration for York to be the best for attracting, training and inspiring diverse, talented PGRs. More on that soon.

Warm regards, Kate

Apply for assistance funding - deadline soon

The [Postgraduate Research Writing-up+ Support Fund](#) supports postgraduate researchers who are currently in their writing-up period; have been granted an extension to their studies; or will enter their writing-up or an extension period within the next six weeks. This funding is available until **Monday 31 May**.

Develop your skills at the European Doctoral Summer School

The annual European Doctoral Summer School will take place online this year on Monday 14 to Thursday 17 June, offering an opportunity to work with colleagues from different institutions, culture and values, in sessions that will enable you to consider how to maximise your strengths, skills, career prospects and self confidence. The theme for 2021 is Growth: personal, professional and in practice. **Book on the workshops by Friday 21 May**. Hurry - places are limited.

- [European Doctoral Summer School](#)



Upcoming WUN Early Career Researcher networking workshops



The next three sessions in the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) Early Career Researcher Networking Workshop Series are now open for bookings. The workshops bring together early career researchers from all around the world interested in establishing connections to colleagues in their field. The sessions in June focus on Gender equality, Decent work and economic growth, and Life on land.

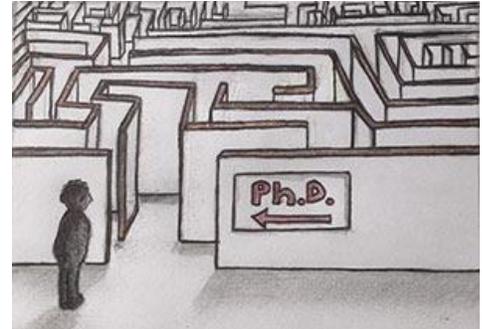
- [WUN Early Career Researcher networking workshops](#)

HOW TO: Managing your supervisor and preparing for your online Viva

The highly popular [How to thrive and survive in your PhD](#) series is back with two workshops for the summer term:

‘**Managing your Supervisor**’ on Wednesday 26 May highlights tips and strategies for having an excellent academic relationship during your PhD. ‘**Almost there! Preparing your online Viva**’ on Tuesday 27 July addresses the challenges associated with putting your thesis together, defending your writing and choosing the examiners.

- [Find out more and book your place](#)



HOW TO: Networking and collaboration

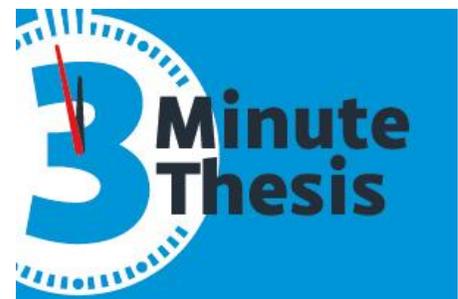
Research councils and funding bodies increasingly expect researchers to work in cognate subject disciplines to enable a cross-fertilisation of ideas and expertise. But how do you network effectively and set up successful collaborations? Join this Research Excellence Training Team (RETT) workshop on Tuesday 8 June to make the most of the opportunities you have.

- [Networking and collaboration – How can it help your research?](#)

Three Minute Thesis finalists announced

Our Three Minute Thesis (3MT) finalists have been announced. Ten postgraduate researchers will pitch themselves against the clock to deliver captivating and inspiring presentations, outlining their research in just three minutes. With topics ranging from detecting deadly diseases to understanding children’s learning, from asking if garden villages can transform society to understanding the smell of cells, there is sure to be something to pique your interest in this year’s final.

- [Meet the finalists and book your place at the event](#)



Teaching opportunities

If you want to teach as a Graduate Teaching Assistant, then you need to have completed the Introduction to Teaching and Learning course. [Sign up for Introduction to Teaching and Learning training.](#)

There are current opportunities for teaching in History and Language and Linguistic Science.

- [See current teaching opportunities](#)

Enter the York Open Research Awards

Have you been involved in a recent or ongoing project or initiative which has engaged with, reflected upon or advocated for open research practices and principles? A total of 18 prizes of £200 each will be awarded to research projects and training or advocacy initiatives from each Faculty. **Application deadline: Friday 4 June**

- [York Open Research Awards](#)

Have your say: ethnicity and race equality survey

The EPSRC has launched a 'have your say' campaign relating to race equality, in order to better understand the challenges colleagues from ethnic minority backgrounds encounter as they progress their research careers. The survey is open to all regardless of whether or not you are supported by EPSRC. **Survey deadline: Monday 24 May**

- [Have your say: community survey on race equality](#)

Student internships

The Student Internship Bureau (SIB) is advertising paid, project based, summer internship opportunities with local employers, including the University. Many are open to postgrads and can be completed on a part-time, remote working basis.

- [See our tips for finding internships](#)

You can also apply for the [Wentworth College Paid Internship opportunity](#) before Thursday 3 June.

Paid opportunity to be a College Life Advisor



College Life Advisors are a new and key part of the University's peer support provision. You will assist as a critical student leader in the development and implementation of projects, programmes, and activities which benefit all student members and promote the development of active, positive communities. The role is 15 hours per week and the salary £19,133-22,417 pro rata. **Application deadline: Sunday 6 June**

- [Apply to be a College Life Advisor](#)

Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [Come to the York Festival of Ideas](#)
- [Black In Academia: The Careers Seminar Series](#)
- [How to create a bibliography](#)
- [Introduction to Data Science Summer School](#)

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

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