

## York Graduate Research School newsletter - December 2022

### Update from the Dean



Welcome to a quick YGRS update this month before we head into the University closure period.

There's much to look forward to in the new year. Do book your place at [YorkTalks and the PhD Spotlight competition](#). It's a great way to find out about all the fascinating research going on at the University, including by your PGR colleagues. Who will win a prize for the best exhibition?

And there's the opportunity to take part in [Research Culture Cafes](#). I would encourage you to get involved and share your thoughts and ideas about research culture at York as we examine topics we should address in the University's forthcoming Research Culture Action Plan.

Finally, I'm looking forward to welcoming new PGRs at our [January YGRS induction event](#). If you haven't attended an induction event, it's a great opportunity to meet University colleagues and find out about all the support we can offer you. You can also chat with other postgraduate researchers over refreshments. Please book your place - it's a lovely event to mark the beginning of your time at York.

I hope you all have the chance to get some rest and spend time with loved ones over the festive period. See you in the new year!

Best wishes,  
Kate

### YGRS and University news

#### **Come to YorkTalks and the PhD Spotlight competition!**

Join us on Wednesday 11 January 2023 for a rollercoaster journey through a series of free short talks highlighting the breadth and depth of the fascinating research underway at York. It features the PhD Spotlight competition, where PhD students bring their research to life in an exhibition, with prizes awarded at the end of the day. [Find out more about YorkTalks and the PhD Spotlight competition](#).

#### **Listening to your feedback**

The latest PGR Forum took place recently, with academic reps raising questions about accommodation, provision for students with children, as well as issues faced by Graduate Teaching Assistants. The minutes of the meeting and the action log are now on the [PGR Forum web page](#) - log in with your York username and password to view.

#### **The York PG Research Supervisor Programme**

The University has committed to enhancing support for postgraduate researcher supervisors. Read more about the new [York PG Research Supervisor Programme](#).

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## Support and wellbeing

### Support over the break

For academic and wellbeing support, see [Library winter vacation opening hours](#) and [student support over the winter break](#).

### New PGR?

Are you a new PGR or just fancy a refresher on the support that's available to you at York? Come to the YGRS induction event on Wednesday 25 January 2023! [Book your place at induction](#). Don't forget you can also [apply for a buddy](#) to help you settle into research life at York.

### Cost of living support

We know that the cost of living is a major concern at the moment. Check our [cost of living hub](#) for all the ways the University is supporting students, including the Student Support Fund.

## Researcher development

### Take part in Research Culture Cafés

Over the next few months we're running a series of Research Culture Cafés to explore research culture and highlight what we're doing at York to try to improve it. These are informal opportunities to raise issues, highlight best practice, and share your thoughts and ideas about research culture at York. [Book your place at an online or in-person event](#).

### Creativity Lab: Learn about emerging technologies

Based in the Harry Fairhurst Building, the new Creativity Lab is a vibrant hub for all things digitally creative, offering students the opportunity to play with and learn about emerging technologies. Go to workshops or the drop-in sessions to find out more. [Find out about the Library's new Creativity Lab](#).

### YESI: Training on fieldwork safety, better peer review

The York Environmental Sustainability Institute (YESI) was set up by the University to facilitate and deliver world-class collaborative interdisciplinary research on environmental sustainability. YESI is running a number of training courses that may be of interest to postgraduate researchers, including sessions on fieldwork safety, how to do better peer reviews, and how to deal with negative feedback. [Explore the YESI training events](#).

## Careers

### Global Partnerships casual worker opportunity: Apply now

The Global Partnerships team is seeking a postgraduate researcher to assist with research and general support in a range of areas relating to the University's international engagement. Application deadline: Tuesday 31 January 2023. [Find out about the paid role](#).

### What do researchers do ?

Vitae recently published the latest edition in their 'What do Researchers do ?' series, exploring the destinations and career paths of doctoral graduates. Information available includes employment type by discipline, earnings, perceived value of the doctorate and analysis of outcomes for different groups. [Find out more about PGR career paths](#).

## PGR public engagement activities

### Emerging Researchers' Forum: Call for Contributors

The Emerging Researchers' Forum is looking for contributors in its continuing project of peer-to-peer experience and knowledge sharing amongst developing researchers. Maybe you have experience in getting published, presenting to a non-academic audience or even securing funding? [Find out how to get involved](#).

## Teaching

### GTAs: tell us about your training needs

A reminder to [complete the GTA Training Needs Survey](#). Deadline: Tuesday 31 January 2023

## News from the Graduate Students' Association

### Become a Network Coordinator

GSA Networks are social groups exclusively for postgraduate students, designed around specific themes, such as PhD Network, LGBTQ Network and International Students' Network. Network Coordinators are the volunteers in charge, each with a £500 budget to spend throughout the academic year. [Interested in becoming a Network Coordinator?](#) Apply by Friday 23 December.



### Welcome Back Week

The GSA is holding their Welcome Back Week in January. Check [GSA events](#) for more details.

## Recent opportunities on the blog:

- [UK Civil Service Fast Stream Recruitment closes soon](#)

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

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