

York Graduate Research School newsletter - 9 August 2023

Update from the Dean



How are things going for you right now? Trucking along? Any big 'aha' moments with your research? Or has life thrown you (another) curveball? Sometimes (often) stepping back from work and taking a break can really bring some much needed calmness and clarity. I am still basking in the afterglow of my holiday last week. OK so we didn't need much sunblock, but we managed to spend a lot of time hiking, climbing and swimming as a family. It was amazing! Hopefully, you also will get a chance to spend time away from the laptop, library or lab soon.

Today the YGRS team had a great session where we started planning the year ahead. We have some big ambitions to improve lots of PGR related 'stuff' at York and beyond. We will be sharing our plans with you over the next few months. And already many of you have contributed to our YGRS planning by attending focus groups, responding to surveys and sharing feedback via your PGR reps and Grad Chairs.

Best wishes,
Kate

YGRS and University news

New postgraduate researcher? Here's how to get started

We welcome lots of new postgraduate researchers (PGRs) in the next couple of months. If you're joining us, or if you started recently, take a look at [YGRS information for new postgraduate researchers](#). See our [welcome pages for new postgraduates](#), [sign up for a buddy](#) and [sign up for the YGRS induction event](#) on 4 October 2023.

YGRS Conference Fund deadline

The [YGRS Conference Fund](#) has four deadlines throughout the year. The closing date for the next round is midnight on 1 September 2023. Self-funded PGRs can apply for funding to attend UK and international conferences when other funding options have been exhausted.

Nisa Kimberlow refurbishment

Nisa Kimberlow will be closed from 14 to 19 August 2023 for refurbishment. See full details of [campus outlet summer opening times](#).

Support and wellbeing

Existing PGRs: Be a buddy

Help us to welcome new PGRs to York by volunteering as part of our PGR Buddy scheme. We're looking for current (or recently completed) PGRs, who can introduce new PGRs to life as a researcher at York. [Find out more about the scheme and apply to volunteer](#). Application deadline: 25 August 2023

Researcher development

York Researcher Professional Development Skills Programme

The [York Researcher Professional Development Skills Programme](#) for the academic year 2023/24 will be published and courses bookable in late summer 2023. In the meantime, the 2022/23 Programme provides an indication of the variety of courses that will become available.

Careers

£20 voucher: PGR careers experience survey

Careers and Placements is carrying out research into how postgraduate researchers approach career planning, their views on the careers and employability provision at the University of York, and where they might like to see changes. [Find out more about the research](#), complete the questionnaire, and be in with a chance of winning a £20 Amazon voucher.

Careers appointments available for current PGRs

Careers and Placements remains open during the [summer vacation](#) to offer individual support. To book a PGR careers advice appointment go to [Handshake](#). Appointments can be booked at any stage during your PhD or after completion and can be used to discuss any aspect of career planning, including exploring your options, building experience, finding and applying for jobs and interview support.

News from the Graduate Students' Association

GSA Picnic: Cake and Catch-Up

Meet other postgraduates for a relaxing afternoon with light snacks and drinks. The [GSA Picnic](#) tomorrow (10 August) is in the tented outdoor area in James College.



GSA Candle Painting Afternoon

Get creative at the [GSA crafty candle painting afternoon](#) on 18 August.

Celebrating our PGRs

[Six must-see summer exhibitions – reviewed by our experts](#): Eliza Goodpasture in The Conversation

Events and opportunities:

- [Generation Delta Annual Student Survey 2023](#)
- [British Library Doctoral Open Day: Digital Collections and Resources](#)
- [British Library Doctoral Open Day: Music, Sound and Vision Collections](#)

More news and opportunities can be found on the [Research Student Community blog](#)

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