

## York Graduate Research School newsletter - 21 March 2024

### Update from the Dean



Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Easter! I am winding down ahead of some R&R, I hope that you will get to relax over the Easter break too. In this newsletter, we are flagging some interesting training opportunities for you as PGRs around [writing and publishing](#), as well as [careers outside academia](#).

Also, this is [Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024](#)! If you are a neurodiverse PGR - you might want to steer your supervisors towards this 'Supporting neurodivergent PhD students' [supervisor CPD opportunity](#) on 24 April 2024 being run at York by my opposite number at Durham, Professor Deborah Riby, who also co-directs the Centre for

Neurodiversity & Development.

Finally, applications for [3 Minute Thesis applications close soon](#) on 2 April. Do give it a go - it is amazing to watch and, I'm told, an even bigger buzz to take part in!

Best wishes,  
Kate

### YGRS and University news

#### Support over the Easter break

There will be changes to campus catering opening hours, bus services, student support services opening hours and more over the Easter vacation (starting this Saturday). See [student support over the Easter break](#). There will also be some [building closures](#), including the Alcuin Research Resource Centre and the Research Centre for the Social Sciences, but most communal student areas such as colleges, the Library, study spaces and sports centres will remain open.

#### Update: latest PGR Forum

The [minutes of the latest PGR Forum](#) are now available. Topics covered include:

- Receiving official confirmation of PhD completion
- PGR accommodation
- Update from GSA on the progress of the Students' Union merger
- New training provision for GTAs
- Support for part-time and distance learning PGRs
- Induction

#### Flexileave

The annual leave system is changing from e:Vision to Flexileave from the next academic year. When the system changes are in place, you will receive new log-in instructions allowing you to access the system to request annual leave. There is nothing for you to do at the moment except make sure that you take time off to support your well being.

## Semesterisation for PGR programmes

New autumn postgraduate researcher (PGR) entrants joining from 2024/25 onwards will join the University at an earlier time of year than the traditional autumn start date of 1 October. From 2024/25 PGRs will begin their research to align with the September [semester start date](#) (for 2024/25 this date is 16 September). The course end date for all current PGRs will remain unchanged; course end dates for PGR entrants from 2024/25 will align with their course start date.

## Research Management Infrastructure - tell us what you think of the support at York

We're looking at our current infrastructure and support for effective research data management. Please [complete the Research Management Infrastructure survey](#) to help inform the development of approaches to support research data management across the University. Survey deadline: 11 April.

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## Support and wellbeing

### Celebrating neurodiversity

We're proud to support and participate in [Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024!](#) The [Learning Technology Practical Guide Accessibility pages](#) provide an overview of digital tools at York which many neurodiverse staff and students find helpful.

### Support with harassment, stalking and conflict

We've teamed up with the Suzy Lamplugh Trust to create some essential training to help you think about personal safety, giving you knowledge to assess, manage and reduce risks. The course comes in short, easy-to-watch video segments and focuses on topics such as identifying harassment, stalking awareness, and ways to deal with conflict. [Complete the personal safety awareness video course.](#)

### Join the UK's stem cell register

Every 14 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with a form of blood cancer. In many cases, a stem cell transplant, often from a stranger, can be their only treatment. Could you join the stem cell register and help save a life? Research by the Anthony Nolan Trust has shown that stem cell transplants work better if the donor is younger, and they are actively seeking cell donors aged 16-30. [Find out how to join the stem cell register.](#)

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## Researcher development

### 28 Mar: [From Manuscript to Publication: A Workshop for International Early Career Researchers in the Social Sciences](#) (in-person)

Develop and enhance writing skills in preparation for peer review and the wider written communication of research. Hear from a panel of academic speakers with experience editing journals, reviewing and submitting journal articles.

### Transform your academic writing this spring

Elevate your academic writing this spring with the Academic Skills Community's series of [workshops to fine-tune your writing skills](#). Whether you're looking to polish your drafts, ensure your work is error-free, or master the essentials of academic integrity, we've got the workshop for you.

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## Careers

### EDI Research Centre Project opportunity

The Department of Psychology is seeking a [part-time Project Manager](#) to work with Dr. Karisha Kimone George on an Enhancing Research Culture funded project to develop an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Research Centre. Application deadline: 22 March

## 10 Apr: Careers in..panel events

Find out what it's like to work in various sectors with the ['Careers in...'](#) panel Q&A event next month. Thinking about working in the screen industries, education, or environment and sustainability sectors? Come along to hear from professionals, including York alumni, working in a variety of roles and organisations as they share their insights into how to get into their area of employment and what sorts of things employers look for in potential applicants.

## Careers events for international students

- 27 Mar [Understanding the UK job market](#)
- 27 Mar [Career development workshop for Chinese students](#) (online)
- 3 Apr [Applying for jobs in the UK](#)
- 8 Apr [China pre-work guidance workshop](#) (online)

## Teaching

### 9 May: Practise teaching workshop for GTAs

An opportunity to practise teaching in a 'safe space' for 6 GTAs. You'll teach your peers for 15 minutes on a topic of your choice, followed by constructive, supportive discussion and feedback from both the Academic Practice facilitator and your fellow GTAs. [Sign up for the microteaching workshop](#) by 29 April.

### Introduction to Teaching and Learning training

If you're planning to teach as a GTA at York, you need to complete [Introduction to Teaching and Learning training](#) first. There are three different workshops; you should complete the one recommended by your department. For any queries, please contact the Academic Practice Team: [academic-practice@york.ac.uk](mailto:academic-practice@york.ac.uk).

## PGR public engagement activities

### Why I took part in 3MT

Why take part in 3 Minute Thesis? Read [previous participant Kate Mooney's account](#) of how 3MT "was just what I needed to get out of my own head and remind myself of the 'bigger picture' of my thesis". [3 Minute Thesis applications close soon](#) on 2 April.

## News from the Graduate Students' Association

### Voting closes soon for the Students' Union elections

[Take a look at all the candidates](#) and decide who you want to be the first Sabbatical Officers of the new Students' Union! [Cast your vote by 4pm today](#) (Thursday 21 March) to be a part of something new. Voting also means you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a £300 voucher for a supermarket of your choice!



## Celebrating our PGRs

[I research how people creatively express 'queer joy' online – here are three tips for trying it yourself](#) - Alice Elizabeth Wilson (Sociology)

## Events and opportunities:

- There's still time to [win an iPad or a £20 First Bus ticket bundle](#) by completing the 2024 Travel and Transport Survey. Deadline: 22 March
- A chance to [win £1000 with the Santander Universities Brighter Futures Grants](#)

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

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