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The York Supervisor Series provides an opportunity for supervisors from a variety of disciplines to come together, to share and reflect on their practice as a community of supervisor practitioners. The content is underpinned by the strategic aims of the York Graduate Research School and informed by the scholarship on supervision.

Participants will be encouraged to make use of resources in the Being an Effective Supervisor Tutorial (BEST). The Research Supervision Padlet is also available, which includes resources and short, easily digestible pre-reading.

These sessions are facilitated by the Research Excellence Training Team (RETT), in collaboration with a wide range of our colleagues. Sessions can be booked via the Learning Management System (LMS). The direct links for each session can also be found on the following pages.

Session Format

All sessions are online unless otherwise stated, and held on Wednesdays 1-3pm. The presentation part of the sessions will be recorded. The emphasis will be on sharing of ideas and practice and informal in nature, so please be ready to engage verbally or through the chat function.

Have any questions? Please don’t hesitate to contact us!

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Navigating the policies, procedures and milestones of research supervision

13:00 - 15:00
1st December 2021

This session will provide an overview of what is required of supervisors with regard to recruitment, regulations, policy and progression and how they monitor this through SkillsForge through to successful completion (and what to do if it goes wrong). Pre-session: ideally participants will have familiarised themselves with the Policy on Research Degrees but given the short notice we will cover a few main aspects.

**Audience:** those new to supervision, or York, or those who are looking for a refresher. Graduate Administrators and DTC managers are also very welcome.

**Facilitated by:** the PGR Admin Team

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Building effective supervisory relationships

13:00 - 15:00
19th January 2022

This session will include a discussion about how to: establish ground rules and manage expectations; give and receive constructive feedback and help researchers to understand what makes good research in their area. We will also explore how to actively encourage participation in professional development and sign-post careers support.

**Audience:** Main supervisors, members of TAPs and DTC managers.

**Facilitated by:** the RET Team

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Information and Digital Skills to support Research

13:00 - 15:00
16th February 2022

This session is designed to provide an overview of the support, guidance and training offered to PGRs by the Open Research, Academic Liaison and Teaching & Learning teams, including support for good practice for data management, open access publication and useful digital tools for research. The session will involve discussion of the skills required by students to successfully complete their PhD, in addition to information to enable supervisors to signpost to the support available.

**Audience:** Main supervisors, members of TAPs and DTC managers.

**Facilitated by:** Library, Archives & Learning Services

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Supporting PGR welfare and wellbeing

13:00 - 15:00
23rd March 2022

Using the ‘UKCGE Mental Health and Wellbeing of PGRs: Pinch Points and Good Practice’ resource, this session will provide you with tips on how best to identify when a student needs help. We will provide information about the welfare support available, including the PGR led 'Thrive and Survive' project, so that students can be properly signposted. It will also cover: Equality, disability and inclusivity issues.

**Audience:** Main supervisors, members of TAPs and DTC managers.

**Facilitated by:** the RET Team, Student Welfare

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Supporting the Professional Development and Careers of PG Researchers

13:00 - 15:00
27th April 2022

The University of York is a signatory to the Researcher Development Concordat and has extended the commitment to actively support the engagement of researchers (including PhD researchers) in a minimum of 10 days professional development, to enable them to develop a wider skill set and enhance employability. This webinar includes an overview of PGR employability and destination data, and introduces you to the training and careers opportunities available centrally and beyond. You will be provided with resources to support professional development and career conversations.

Audience: Main supervisors, members of TAPs and DTC managers.

Facilitated by: The RET Team, Careers

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Supporting Writing, Publication and completing the PhD

13:00 - 15:00
18th May 2022

This session will cover the process of: supporting your researcher through the writing process and how to approach publication. It will also look at the process of selecting an external examiner, preparing for the viva and managing the post-viva period.

Audience: Main supervisors, members of TAPs and DTC managers.

Facilitated by: the RET Team

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Introduction to Research Supervision

13:00 - 15:00
8th June 2022

This introductory ‘supervision 101’ session is aimed at those with little or no supervisory experience. It will provide an overview of the PhD lifecycle and process, and what is required of supervisors with regard to recruitment, regulations, policy and progression, and how this is monitored. Drawing on the scholarship in supervision practice, we will look at some relevant approaches and models of supervision. We will also seek to consider how to develop effective supervisory relationships, establish ground rules, manage expectations, support and professional and career development, and signpost support for mental health and wellbeing.

**Audience:** Those with little or no supervisory experience (but open to all who want an overview of the process)

**Facilitated by:** The RET Team, Careers

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