Postgraduate Open Day
Stepping up to a PhD
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WHAT IS A RESEARCH DEGREE?
A PhD produces an output of original and defensible knowledge and a fully-rounded individual who is independent, self-motivated and able to challenge themselves and others’

(University of Edinburgh Senate Researcher Experience Committee 2015)

A CHALLENGE

NO exams
NO essays
NO deadlines

A DIFFERENT WAY OF WORKING
DO
• Understand the expectations
• Ask questions
• Do the research!

Other common challenges
• Time management
• Need for self-motivation
• Potential for isolation
• Family and friends don’t understand

But………. The good bits!
• Dedicated time on one project
• Huge opportunities
• Rewarding personally and professionally
Thank you!

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