Postgraduate Research Welcome Talk

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Welcome in PGR

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New game, new challenges
New game, new rules
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Specialist
New game, new rules
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New tools
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Time
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Location
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Time
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Sharing
New traps

Time  Location  Sharing
Emails
Keep an eye out

University of Oxford
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Heidelberg Laureate Forum
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Personal and Professional Development
Training and Support

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Who are we?

www.ed.ac.uk/iad
What is a PhD?

Important to remember the bigger picture

‘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 Senate Researcher Experience Committee 2015)
Register to the Vitae website with your university email for full access
Training from the IAD
Examples of Workshops

Research Planning and Management

• Managing your Research Project
• Practical Project Management
• Viva Survivor
• Good Practice in Research Data Management

Statistics

• Introductory Statistics (online)
• 1:1 session

Digital and Library Skills

• Endnote
• Finding Academic Literature
• Social Media
• Producing a Thesis in Word
• LaTeX
Examples of Workshops

Personal Effectiveness
- Time Management
- How to be an Effective Researcher
- Simply Assertive
- Team Building and Leadership
- Speed Reading

Writing and Publishing
- The Writing Process: Getting Started
- Grammar
- Proof Reading
- Writing for Publication

Communication and Impact
- Presenting made Easy
- Poster Production
- Slide Design
- Communicating your Research to the Media
Online Courses

- Introductory Statistics for Life Scientists
- A Beginners Guide to Imaging
- Presenting with Ease
- Effective Conference Posters
- Grammar and Punctuation
- Time Management
Prepare for Doctoral Success

Four week online course for all new postgraduate researchers

Week 1: Getting to know you
Week 2: Starting out
Week 3: The first year
Week 4: Working with your supervisor

Interactive/essential information/ hints and tips for making the most of your PGR experience at Edinburgh

Starts on **October 9th October 2017** – details and enrolment at [www.ed.ac.uk/idad/postgraduates](http://www.ed.ac.uk/idad/postgraduates)
How the IAD can help
Advice and Support

- PhD Planner
- Learning Resources
- Signposting useful resources
- Monthly newsletter
- Twitter and Blog
- Just Write and Just Present

All on the webpages:
www.ed.ac.uk/iad/doctoral
Support for Tutors and Demonstrators

- Courses for new teachers on tutoring, demonstrating and marking
- Courses for more experienced teachers (lecturing, supervising, one-to-one advising, designing courses)
- Support for seeking accreditation for your teaching
- Online courses and resources
- Individual consultation (short appointments)
- Networking and social events

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Public Engagement

Workshops to develop public engagement and presentation skills

• Communications Toolkit for a Public Audience
• Dialogue: Public Engagement Beyond Public Lectures
• Storytelling Techniques for Effective Communication
• Voice and Presentation Skills Workshop
• How to Design a Public Engagement Process
• Facilitation Skills for Public Engagement
Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT)

- University Final 22\textsuperscript{nd} June 2018
- Presentation skills training and practice sessions available
- Previous 3MT Final videos available on University’s YouTube Channel
IAD Action Fund

Funding available to:

• Establish, develop or support internal interdisciplinary/ disciplinary networks/ communities

• Run innovative professional or academic development activities

Two levels of funding

IAD Action Fund Small Grants – up to a maximum of £500 - applications throughout the year

IAD Action Fund Regular Grants up to a maximum of £3000 - deadline in October.

More information: http://edin.ac/2vZJ9TO
Getting in touch

Website: [http://www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates](http://www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates)

If you would like any advice or information on the skills training available for your students, don’t hesitate to contact us.

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Students’ Association
Vice President Education
Postgraduate student life at the University of Edinburgh
Your Students’ Association

Here to help you make the most of your time at the University!

All 37,000+ students – both UG and PG – are automatically members.

Find out more at

eusa.ed.ac.uk
Edinburgh
Scotland’s capital is an amazing place to be a student!

Our distinctive Old and New Towns are a UNESCO World Heritage site for a reason – this is one of the most beautiful cities you could study in.
Our student spaces on campus

Teviot Row House, The Pleasance
Potterrow and King’s Buildings House

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/ourvenues
Food, drink and entertainment!

In our venues you’ll find shops, cafes, bars, music venues, meeting spaces and club venues – all for you!

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/whatson
Student led activities

Over 300 student-led societies and volunteering groups for you to get involved with – all supported by the Students’ Association!

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/activities
Representation
Sabbatical Officers 2017/18
Bobi Archer, Patrick Kilduff, Oliver Glick, Esther Dominy and Kai O'Doherty
Elected to represent you!
Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/representation
Here for you

• Help you get the best out of your studies
• Help you make friends and have fun
• Support you if you need advice
• Help you develop skills for your career
Class Reps

Become a Postgrad Class Rep and help build links in your School!

- Speak on behalf of your class mates
- Make your course the best it can be
- Work with teaching staff to shape your learning

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/classreps
Advice Place

Free, professional and confidential

- Drop in (Potterrow & King’s Buildings House), phone, download our advice guides or make an appointment

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace
Peer Learning & Support

- Peer Support Groups
- Dissertation workshops
- Mentoring schemes
- Buddies groups

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/peersupport
Global Students

Be part of our Global community!

- Tandem Language Exchange
- Gather Festival
- International Experience

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/global
Welcome Week

Your introduction to university life at Edinburgh, and a chance to sample everything that’s on offer - including lots of postgrad-specific events!

• Postgraduate Speed Networking
• Postgraduate Afternoon Tea
• Postgraduate Coffee Crawl events

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk
Student Elections

Get involved by standing in the elections to represent students in your School or University-wide to improve student life for postgrads!

- Postgraduate School Rep
- University-wide Postgraduate Students’ Rep

Find out more at eusa.ed.ac.uk/elections
Our website: eusa.ed.ac.uk

Facebook: /EdUniStudentsAssociation

Twitter: @eusa

Issuu (for all of our guides): www.issuu.com/eusa
Thanks for listening!
Student Support Services Fair

- Careers Service
- Chaplaincy
- Centre for Open Learning (English Language Education and Short Courses)
- Counselling
- Development & Alumni
- Disability
- Erasmus and Traineeship
- Students’ Association
- Institute for Academic Development
- International Students Advisory Service
- Launch.ed
- Library and Information Services
- Security
- Social Responsibility and Sustainability
- Sports and Exercise
- Sports Union
Health and Wellbeing

- University Health Centre
- Adapting Well website
  - www.ed.ac.uk/students/academic-life/adapting-well
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Resources

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Student Administration

- Bank Introductory Letter
- Council Tax Exemption Letter
- Certificates of Matriculation
- Immigration Compliance
- Scholarships and Funding
- Fees and Student Support
New Student Pledge

Your pledge

‘Pledge’ - a solemn promise
(promise, vow, undertaking, commitment,
mission, oath, potential, duty...)

As a new University of Edinburgh student, your pledge is a unique opportunity for you to make a promise to yourself about pursuing your aspirations, and to record your personal development from when you started. Perhaps you would like to commit to taking on a volunteering role or undertake a new skill/challenge. Whatever you pledge, it marks the beginning of your university experience, when it seems that anything is possible!

1. Fill out your Pledge below (as long or as short as you would like)
2. Fold this card inwards and use the tabs to securely close it
3. Fill in your details so that it can be returned to you
4. Put it in one of the collection points today or by the end of your first week
5. When it returns to you, reflect on your pledge and how much you have grown and learned since you made it

I pledge to...
Thank you for coming

We wish you the best of luck with your studies!

Please join us in the basement for the Services Fair and refreshments