

School of Environment, Education and Development

eLearning information for new academic staff in SEED

Here at the University of Manchester we use various online technologies to support and enhance teaching and learning. A good place to start is by familiarising yourself with both Blackboard (the University's chosen virtual learning environment) and Turnitin (software to support the online submission and marking of coursework).

Useful Resources

[A staff guide to Blackboard](#)

[A video introduction to Blackboard](#)

[How to activate a playground space in Blackboard](#)

[Blackboard Introductory session workbook](#)

[Turnitin and Grademark information for staff](#)

Support

Jonny Crook and Helen Perkins work in SEED as Learning Technologists providing training, 1-1 sessions and drop-in support for all members of staff in the school. If you feel you would benefit from any of these services please just send an email to them at elearning@manchester.ac.uk and they will be happy to support you.

Training

The team run scheduled training sessions from time to time. Up-to-date information can be found via the online training catalogue for both [Blackboard](#) and [Turnitin](#) sessions. They can also arrange for bespoke group or 1-1 sessions on various topics at times to suit you.

There is also an online Turnitin support area which provides training guides, information and community support. Again please email Jonny/Helen if you require access.

Drop-in Sessions

At peak times of the year the team run drop-in sessions for SEED staff. There is no need to book, just turn up with your eLearning related query (or just for an introduction) and either Jonny or Helen will be on hand to help. Currently drop-in sessions are scheduled as follows:

Mondays 2-4 Ellen Wilkinson C1.44

Wednesdays 10-12 Bridgeford Street 1.33

Thursdays 2-4 Bridgeford Street 1.33