

## Doctoral Academy Updates

### Faculty of Humanities Doctoral Academy

#### PGR Handbook

For all the information you need for your PhD programme, scan the QR code for your Faculty of Humanities PGR Handbook or visit

[www.humanities-pgr-handbook.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.humanities-pgr-handbook.manchester.ac.uk/)



In this DA newsletter you will find the next instalment of 'Meet the Doctoral Academy Team', how to nominate someone for the MDC Excellence Awards and how you can take part in the brilliant 3 Minute Thesis Competition.

We also highlight two flagship events from [methods@manchester](mailto:methods@manchester) -The Methods Fair and the Summer School. These two incredibly popular annual events bring together PGRS and Early Career Researchers via talks, workshops and training so get involved!

As always, if you would like to feature anything in the newsletter, please let us know.

The Doctoral Academy Team

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## Meet the Doctoral Academy Team

This month's "Meet the Doctoral Academy Team" feature comes from your Exams team.

Within the Doctoral Academy's Progression, Welfare and Experience, the Exams team plays a vital role in ensuring our Postgraduate Researchers have the best possible experience during their training, assessment and thesis examination periods.

The Exams team (led by Lynne Barlow-Cheetham) has a two-fold role to play in your PGR programme.

For those PhD programmes where there is a compulsory Research Training Programme or PGR Course Units, we are responsible for delivering your units to you, alongside our academic colleagues in Schools. We take care of your course enrolments and, where relevant, support the assessment processes and PGR Exam Boards at the end of the academic year.

As you approach the end of your PGR studies, the Exams team advises on, supports and manages the steps leading up to Thesis Submission and throughout the Examination Process and to Graduation.

It is our pleasure to support PGRs from their very first day on the programme through to their Graduation Day.

With best wishes,

Lynne, Afifa, Angel and Zhichao

The Exams team

(please follow us on [Bluesky](#) and join us on [LinkedIn!](#))

Methods Fair 2026

## Methods for Change: Connecting People, Places, and Purpose

The Methods Fair is a free one-day event organised in collaboration with Method North West.

It brings together researchers and PGRs from across the region featuring talks, posters, and hands-on workshops.



This year's Fair "**Methods for Change: Connecting People, Places, and Purpose**" will take place on **Wednesday, 27 May** on the University of Manchester Campus.

The [call for submissions](#) is now live, and the Methods Team invite you to submit a short abstract for a lightning talk or poster, whatever stage you are at in your research journey.

The submission deadline is Monday, 16 March 2026.

To find out more, visit the [website](#) for details on previous Fairs.

methods@manchester Summer School



The methods@manchester Summer School is a fantastic opportunity to expand your research skills, with a focus on software training, qualitative and quantitative analysis, data collection techniques and much more!

The School will take place **Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July** with the following courses running:

- AI Driven Analytics
- Using NVivo for Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Analysis
- Digital Methods
- Qualitative Interviewing: Developing Confidence in Approach and Analysis
- Longitudinal Data Analysis
- Introduction to Social Network Analysis
- Mixed Methods in Social Network Analysis
- Regression Models Using Bayesian Estimation

### Summer School Taster Sessions

To meet the team behind the course, and see if it's the right fit for your research, join one of our online free taster sessions:

- **26 February:** [Mixed Methods in Social Network Analysis](#)
- **5 March:** [Digital Methods](#)
- **19 March:** [Creative Approaches to Qualitative Research](#)
- **26 March:** [Qualitative Interviewing: Developing Confidence in Approach and Analysis](#)
- **23 April:** [AI Driven Analytics](#)

For all the details on the Summer School, click below!

Find out more!

International Women's Day



The University of Manchester



The University is holding an International Women's Day Celebration event this year on 4 March.

This year's theme is "Give to Gain" and we will welcome Kate Green, Deputy Mayor, as our invited speaker, and pleased to confirm a panel with the University leadership team, including the President and Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-President for Social Responsibility, and all three Faculty Deans.

Bring your questions—this is your chance to Ask Any Questions in an open panel discussion.

The event is open to all University staff and students (of all genders) who are passionate about fostering inclusivity, empowering women, and promoting wellbeing.

For all the details and how to register, please visit the [Eventbrite](#) page.

## Manchester Doctoral College Excellence Awards

The call for the 2026 Manchester Doctoral College (MDC) Excellence Awards is now open!

These annual Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of our postgraduate researchers and postgraduate research supervisors. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Best Outstanding Research Contribution
- Best Contribution to PGR Environment
- Best Contribution to Society - Local Community
- Best Contribution to Society - Research Impact
- Best Contribution to Internationalisation
- Supervisor of the Year

The call for nominations has been circulated, but you can also find all the details, including nominations forms, [here](#).

If you have any questions about the awards and nomination process, please [get in touch](#).

## Researcher Development



The Researcher Development Team have a great programme of workshops for PGRs coming up this March.

Please click on the links below to book:

**03/03/2026 Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00**

[Working With Your Supervisor](#)

**05/03/2026 Thursday 10:00 - 13:00**

[Career Management for Life](#)

**10/03/2026 Tuesday 10:00 - 13:00**

[Basic Introduction to Statistics in Research](#)

**18/03/2026 Wednesday 14:00 - 15:30**

[Your doctoral thesis as a research output](#)

**19/03/2026 Thursday 12:00 -13:00**

[Monthly Career Conversations - Careers in Policy](#)

**23/03/2026 Monday 14:00 - 16:00**

[Academic Writing for PGRs in HUMS part 2 \(Critical Literacy\)](#)

**31/03/2026 Tuesday 13:00 - 16:00**

[Academic Career Planning](#)

## 3 Minute Thesis

**This year's 3 Minute Thesis University of Manchester Final will take place on Thursday 11th June.**



The event, hosted by Dr Jamie Gallagher, celebrates the exciting research conducted by PGRs. Developed by The University of Queensland, 3MT cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. The competition supports their capacity to effectively explain their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. Improve your academic, presentation, and research communication skills - and win some great prizes!

The Researcher Development Team will be running 3MT Training for Participants. Discover how to deliver the most interesting, engaging and memorable presentation possible with this interactive workshop. The session explores both content and delivery and helps you prepare a memorable 3 minutes, plan an effective slide and banish nerves to give a confident performance.

For further details and how to register for the session, see [here](#).

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