RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Welcome to our Spring Term 2026!

This spring term, we are pleased to offer a **repeat of our most popular sessions**, alongside over **20 additional workshops** that were not delivered in the autumn term. Before you explore the full range of sessions available, we invite you to learn more about who we are, what we do, and how we aim to provide you with the best possible support throughout your studies at Warwick.

What is the Researcher Development Programme

It is a training programme offered by the Doctoral College. It is designed to help you make the most of your time at Warwick and of yourself. We offer a wide range of workshops to support your research, your personal, and your professional development. The curriculum is comprehensive, integrating intellectual expansion with wellbeing. Our holistic approach recognises PGRs as researchers and academics, and also as individuals with diverse needs.

We believe that success encompasses more than just research achievements; it also includes the overall fulfilment and growth of an individual. You can find out more about the programme here: Researcher Development 2025-2026

What to expect in our sessions

We run a mostly online programme (RDO) with some in-person sessions of support and training throughout the year including **weekdays**, **evenings** and **weekends**; so hopefully you will find an event which suits your timing. Our sessions are coaching, and development focused. We do share knowledge, but we aim to help you find the answers for yourselves. The sessions are interactive, and you are fully in charge of your own learning and development. We hold all our online events on our RDO Teams channel, where we also publicise any research related events that we hear about.

How to book a workshop

Doctoral students (PhD, EngD, Professional Doctorate, EdD, PhD by publication) or a Masters by Research (MRes, MPhil) can book via Warwick SkillsForge (booking links are also provided in this document). Once booked, you will receive a Microsoft Teams meeting link 24hrs before the session (but we encourage you to save the event in your own calendar as reminder). *If the session you wish to attend is fully booked, please add your name to the **waiting list**. We repeat sessions and you will be automatically allocated a spot and guaranteed a place when we next offer them.

Who are we

Researcher Development is offered by a team who have experienced the highs and lows of research, are active researchers or lecturers (or both); and most importantly, skilled facilitators. We are Michele, Kate, Frane, Luana, Anna, Saadia, Hande and Vicky. You can meet the team here.

Updates and support for Warwick PGRS at RDO Teams
Researcher Development Webpage
RDO Moodle
RDContact@warwick.ac.uk

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RD Webpage:

PhD Middle Years

Sessions Designed to Support the Mid-stages of your PhD Journey

Research Methodologies & Practices			
Fieldwork Abroad: How to plan and what to expect Prepare, manage risks, and navigate fieldwork abroad with confidence	10/02/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Mixed - Methods Research Design, Data Collection and Analysis Integrate qualitative and quantitative approaches	19/02/2026	16.30-18.30	Book
Qualitative Research: thematic analysis Analyse qualitative data systematically, identify themes, and interpret meaning	26/02/2026	16.30-18.00	Book
Qualitative Research Practices: Interviewing and Oral History Methods Learn interviewing and oral history techniques	03/03/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Active Listening for Interviewing Develop active listening skills to conduct effective and insightful interviews	09/03/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Qualitative Research: grounded theories (GT) Foundations of GT in qualitative research	09/03/2026	17.30-19.00	Book
Qualitative Research Part 2 – Methodologies and analysis Apply qualitative methods and analyse data	16/03/2026	17.30-19.30	Book
Involving Experts (PPI) as Contributors to the Research Process Engage experts meaningfully and integrate PPI contributions into your research	26/03/2026	16.30-18.30	Book
Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis Gather and interpret quantitative data	28/03/2026	10.30-12.30	Book
Graphical Representation of Qualitative and Quantitative Data Present data visually and effectively	30/03/2026	17.30-19.30	Book

Writing Support			
How to Respond to Feedback Handle feedback constructively and effectively	12/02/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Get your Writing Organised - Stage 1: storyboards Plan your writing with storyboards	16/02/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Get your Writing on Track Build writing momentum, overcome blocks, develop sustainable writing practices	02/03/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Long documents: practical tips, structuring your work, signposting Manage and structure long writing projects	02/03/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
How to Write Qualitative Research Findings Structure findings, present themes effectively, and link analysis to evidence	05/03/2026	16:30-18:30	Book
Advanced Writing: Writing an Article for Publication Develop writing for journal publication	07/03/2026 30/03/2026	10.30-12.00 15.00-16.30	Book
Get your Writing Organised - Stage 2: signposting & mapping Structure writing with clear signposting	09/03/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Writing Tips - Focus on Style: How to be more Concise Write concisely and with impact	10/03/2026	11.00-12.00	Book
Dealing with Writer's Block Overcome blocks and re-engage with your writing	18/03/2026	11.00-12.30	Book

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Writing Proposals and Abstracts Write clearly and persuasively	21/03/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Perfecting your Writing: editing and proofreading tips Improve writing through editing techniques	24/03/2026	12.00-13.30	Book
Paragraphs: the building blocks of your thesis Craft clear, coherent paragraphs	31/03/2026	14.30-16.00	Book
Writing Introductions and Conclusions Craft strong openings and endings	01/04/2026	12.00-13.30	Book

PhD Essentials – Researcher Support			
Creativity in Research Generate ideas, think differently, and apply creativity to your research practice	11/02/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
How to Deal with Stress Understand stress, develop coping strategies, and build resilience	23/02/2026	17.30-19.00	Book
Time Management Learn to prioritise, plan, and make the most of your research time	27/02/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Increasing your Self-Confidence Build self-belief, recognise strengths, and increase confidence	02/03/2026	17.30-19.00	Book
How to Navigate Uncertainty in Research (and personal life) Manage uncertainty, build adaptability, and move forward with confidence	12/03/2026	16.30-18.00	Book
Increase your Productivity Reflect on work patterns and manage time effectively	16/03/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Tackling Perfectionism Recognise perfectionist tendencies and challenge unhelpful standards	19/03/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Visualising your Research: how visuals can help plan your PhD Use visuals to map your research	19/03/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Building Adaptability & Strategies for Sustaining Motivation Sustain motivation and stay engaged through change	23/03/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
7 Steps to PhD Completion Practical roadmap towards finishing your PhD	30/03/2026	11.00-12.30	Book

Career Development			
Using Storytelling to Communicate your Research Craft clear narratives, engage audiences, and communicate research effectively	16/02/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Organising and Running an Academic (or similar) Conference Plan effectively, manage logistics, and deliver successful events	19/02/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Presenting your Research Deliver confident and effective presentations	23/02/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Writing and Giving Conference Papers Develop and present conference papers	26/02/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Research Poster Design Design impactful and professional posters	04/03/2026	11.00-12.30	Book
Designing and Managing a Collaborative Research Project Plan, coordinate, and sustain effective collaborative research projects	13/03/2026	15.00-16.30	Book

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Research Impact Understand, plan, and demonstrate the impact of your research	17/03/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Working relationships: how different people communicate Understand communication styles, navigate differences, and build effective working relationships	23/03/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Writing for non-academic audiences Engage wider audiences and communicate beyond academia	26/03/2026	13.00-14.30	Book
Protect your Intellectual Property Understand IP rights, manage ownership, and protect your research outputs	31/03/2026	10.00-11.30	Book

PhD in a Second Language Series			
Navigating Communication Challenges in English Strategies for clearer, confident communication	12/03/2026	10.00-11.30	Book
Teaching in Another language - inclusive practices Build confidence, communicate clearly, and teach effectively in another language	17/03/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Conferences & Networking in a Second Language Build confidence at conferences in English	01/04/2026	10.00-11.30	Book

Saturday Sessions Our most popular sessions repeated at the weekend			
Research Designs	14/02/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Qualitative Research Part 1 – Epistemologies and data collection	28/02/2026	10.30-12.30	Book
Advanced Writing: Writing an Article for Publication	07/03/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Writing Proposals and Abstracts	21/03/2026	10.30-12.00	Book
Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis	28/03/2026	10.30-12.30	Book

Please note that timings of sessions are subject to change.

For latest update on schedule, please visit Warwick SkillsForge