Information from the Institute for Academic Development for PGCert/PGDip/Masters students at the University of Edinburgh

May Highlights:

This months newsletter contains the following:

- What does the IAD do?
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- University of Edinburgh Covid-19 Updates

EXAM BOOTCAMP

https://edin.ac/2zGDHZQ

Are you achieving your best results?

Have you got exams coming up and want to make a start on revision but aren’t sure where to begin? Exam Bootcamp is the IAD’s self-enrol resource on Learn to support students with exams. It covers strategies that work and includes useful tools.

- Get set by planning your schedule, taking stock and identifying gaps.
- Do the revision workout and learn how to focus, read effectively, restructure and self-test.
- Develop effective strategies for during the exam.

What does the Institute for Academic Development (IAD) do?

Our aim is to help students and staff succeed in their current roles and in their future careers. We do this by providing University-level support for teaching, learning and researcher development.

We provide workshops and resources for postgraduate taught students (online and on-campus students), to help you gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed for studying at postgraduate level.
For a full list of workshops and descriptions, please visit our workshop pages [https://edin.ac/2DBKrrE](https://edin.ac/2DBKrrE)

**Upcoming PGT Online Workshops:**

- **The Writing Process: Getting Started**  
  12th May - AM

- **Dissertations for Publications**  
  14th May - PM

- **Effective Writing: Grammar**  
  18th May - PM

- **Critical! (Reading, Writing, Thinking)**  
  19th May - AM

- **Is My Writing Academic Enough?**  
  26th May - AM

- **Revisiting your Structure**  
  27th May - AM

- **Top 10 Tips for Writing a Literature Review**  
  27th May - PM

In the current situation, we sometimes find it necessary to make changes to our programme. We try to make any changes that will result in the least disruption to our published programme. For the most up-to-date details please check our [workshops page](https://edin.ac/2DBKrrE). We will notify you by email if there are any changes to a workshop you are booked on.

**Study Hub Blog:**

**At Home Exams Mini-series**  
[https://edin.ac/2xOHeGg](https://edin.ac/2xOHeGg)

In this three part mini-series, we look at the pros and cons of open-book exams and offer some practical and effective advice to successfully complete them.

**Feeling Good App:**  
[https://edin.ac/2Ylg9IC](https://edin.ac/2Ylg9IC)

All students can access a mental skills training programme which teaches how to calm the mind and develop a positive mindset, enabling greater emotional resilience to deal more effectively with challenges of student life.

**University of Edinburgh Covid-19 Updates**  
[https://edin.ac/38NhMy5](https://edin.ac/38NhMy5)

Updates, general advice and support for all students and staff including information on University services, health and self-isolation, travel and official resources.

**Booking and Cancellation Policy**

**Booking:** Please note workshops usually open for booking 3 weeks before the event

**Cancelling:** If you need to cancel your booking, you must do so at least 3 days before the event or consultation. Someone else may be able to take your place, but we need time to contact them. Also, although you are not charged for an event, there are costs we incur (e.g. photo copying) which relate directly to places reserved. We maintain attendance registers; unexpected absences will be noted. If you consistently fail to attend, or repeatedly cancel with very short notice, you may be prevented from booking future IAD events.

**How to cancel:** you can cancel your booking via MyEd. Go to Event Booking under the News and Events banner. From here click My Bookings, find the workshop you wish to cancel and you will see the option to cancel.