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More information and booking

To find out more, or to book a place please see: <http://edin.ac/1O2s8wO>

Cancellation Policy

Please see the IAD website for our cancellation policy: <http://edin.ac/185GWRz>

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Prepare for Doctoral Success



Prepare for Doctoral success is a four week online course starting on the **11th February 2019** for all new postgraduate researchers. The course aims to help you settle in by sharing essential information, tips and advice and will give you the opportunity to interact with other students at the same stage as you.

[Find out more here.](#)

PGR Mid Semester Welcome Event - Wednesday 6th February

This event is for students who have missed a University Welcome event this academic year or have arrived recently. You will be provided with information on:

- How to manage your Research
- The support that is available to you at the University
- Current PhD student's experiences

[To book a place, please follow this link.](#)



Edinburgh Local GRADschool 4th—7th June 2019

Edinburgh local GRADschool is an experiential 3.5 day non-residential learning course, designed for doctoral researchers in the last 18 months of their PhD, aiming to raise participants' awareness of their personal and professional transferable skills.

Find out more [here](#)

3 Minute Thesis 2019

The 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition requires doctoral researchers to compete to deliver the best research presentation in just 3 minutes with one slide. The 7th annual University of Edinburgh competition will take place on the **27th June**, and the winner will have the opportunity to compete in the national and international competitions.



You can find out more about the competition, including information on how to enter, [here](#). We also have resources to help you prepare for the competition, including two 'Competition Preparation' workshops running in February. Training is made available to those interested in taking part.

We will be running a 'Three Minute Thesis - Competition Preparation' workshop on [14th February 2019](#) and a 'Three Minute Thesis Peer Practice Session' on [26th February 2019](#).

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Funded project call: PTAS submission deadline 21 March 2019

The Principal's Teaching Award Scheme aims to encourage and support activities that will make a significant contribution to the enhancement of learning and teaching at the University of Edinburgh, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

All staff with learning, teaching or student support roles are welcome to apply. You don't need any special expertise in educational projects and the IAD can provide advice and support on your bid. We particularly value bids that involve students in the collaborative team. In addition there's special calls for projects linked with lecture recording AND with employability. We also are encouraging bids that link with the theme of widening participation in higher education.

[More information on our web pages](#) (including information about current and previous PTAS projects and upcoming workshops to help you with bids).

IAD Tutors & Demonstrators

The IAD supports tutors and demonstrators teaching and marking across the University by offering orientation courses for new or relatively new teachers, enhanced development courses for more experienced teachers, and support for gaining teaching accreditation.

Assessment and Providing Feedback (Orientation)	13 February 2019
Enhancing Tutorials (Enhanced development)	20 February 2019
Assessment and Providing Feedback in the Sciences (Orientation)	27 February 2019

Festival or Creative Learning 18th—22nd February 2019

Tango or bake your way to a new understanding of mathematics!

Explore the Anthropocene through a roleplaying game or by designing your very own bio-plastics! Tour Scotland's medieval abbeys, John Hutton's Edinburgh and experiment with fire! Come face to face with collaborative utopia in a mobile tiny hut! Mould a new face in the

historic Anatomy Museum and learn how to send and receive secret messages! We are delighted to announce the programme launch of the **2019 Festival of Creative Learning**. This year our curated Festival

week is **18th-22nd February** during which we will host over 100 extraordinary creative and innovative events.

Explore our programme and book onto events now via our [WEBSITE](#)

Some of our events are open to the public, so please help us spread the word about the Festival within and beyond the University of Edinburgh. #FCL19 @FCLUoE



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Digital Research Services

The University of Edinburgh provides a wide range of digital research services for use across the research lifecycle. The new [Digital Research Services website](#), offers a single point of access to all the resources available to support data-intensive and computational research at the University of Edinburgh.

Alongside case studies that demonstrate how resources can be used, it holds up to date information on access, requirements and costs, and information about how researchers can develop their digital research skills.

Please contact the Digital Research Facilitation Team at digitalresearchservices@ed.ac.uk to find out more.

U21/PwC Innovation Challenge—26th February 2019

This prestigious online innovation competition invites **postgraduate students** (taught and research) at leading global universities to respond to a challenge relating to PwC's [Workforce of the Future](#) study.

Competition entrants are required to record and submit a 3 minute video. Entrants have a chance to showcase their critical thinking, presentation and communication skills with PwC and their clients; and to win a 7 day trip to Dubai, world class training and/or professional development opportunities.

Further details can be found on [MyCareerHub](#)

The deadline for submission is **Monday 26 February 2019**.

BBSRC Impact Writing Competition Open - Applications Welcome

BBSRC invites PhD students and early-career researchers to submit an impact case study clearly describing the economic or societal impact of BBSRC's activities and investments.

Winning entries will be used as evidence to further support funding to the UK's world-leading bioscience research base. The winner of the competition will receive £1,000, with £500 each for two runners-up.

[Full details can be found HERE.](#)

Entries and any queries can be sent to impactwriting@BBSRC.ukri.org

The closing date is **Monday 18 March at 17:00**.

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