# Doctoral Training Update November 2018

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**More information and booking**
To find out more, or to book a place please see: [http://edin.ac/1O2s8wO](http://edin.ac/1O2s8wO)

**Cancellation Policy**
Please see the IAD website for our cancellation policy: [http://edin.ac/185GWRz](http://edin.ac/185GWRz)
WriteFest November 2018

November is Academic Writing Month. This annual event was established as a way to support academic writing via the #AcWriMo hashtag on Twitter. During November 2018, the Institute for Academic Development will be running WriteFest, a local contribution to this academic writing month, with the aim of bringing people together to raise awareness and celebrate academic writing.

To see what is running during November and to access resources and support for academic writing visit: https://edin.ac/2OqjPlr

If you would be interested in writing a blog post for Teaching Matters on academic writing or writing retreats please email iad.phd@ed.ac.uk.

PGR Mid Semester Welcome Event - Wednesday 7th November

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.

New Academic Blogging Service

Provision and support for blogging has been expanded by the development of a new Academic Blogging Service for the University, which was launched on 2nd of October.

The new service, for staff and students, will consist of a WordPress based service (blogs.ed.ac.uk) along with the tools that already support blogging, such as simple tools in our VLEs and Pebblepad ePortfolio tool. Setting up a blog will be simple for postgraduate research students to do, via an online form on https://blogs.ed.ac.uk.

Find out more about the service here - http://edin.ac/2pvMCXP

3 Minute Thesis Competition—Congratulations Phoebe!

Huge congratulations to Phoebe Kirkwood from Deanery of Clinical Sciences, who has been announced as runner up the Universtats 21 Three Minute Thesis Competitions.

Her thesis, The Secrets of Scarless Healing studies the scar-free wound healing event that takes place in the endometrium following menstruation with a view to applying this knowledge to other tissue systems that largely undergo fibrosis in response to injury that causes irreversible damage.

If you are interested in taking part in the 2019 3MT competition we are running an Information Session on 22nd November. To book: http://edin.ac/2Ook1Sk
Mental Health and Wellbeing Week 12th—16th November

This year, the University’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Week – run in collaboration with the Students’ Association and Sports Union – will run from November 12th to 16th, and this year they are particularly keen to engage PGR students in the conversation. Find out more at www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/letstalk and if you would be interested in becoming a champion for the Week in your School please contact the Students’ Association’s Welfare and Equality Coordinator, Sarah Moffat sarah.moffat@eusa.ed.ac.uk.

November Online Workshops—7th November

PGR Presenting with Ease (online)
7th November, 09:30 – 10:30
Whatever your discipline and whatever stage you are at, being able to give a clear, effective and informative presentation is an important professional skill. This online workshop aims to teach you the basic rules of giving presentations.

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- Field work for data collecting or to test your research findings
- Hands-on experience in a laboratory or specialised organisation
- Using your expertise as a specialist within a work organisation

Find out more here: https://edin.ac/2PrJFTz

Viva Survivor—29th & 30th November

Are you in the process of submitting your thesis? Viva Survivor is a session for postgraduate researchers close to submission who want to gain insight on how to be well prepared for their viva.

There are two workshops taking place in November. One will be held in King’s Building, and the other in the Holyrood area. For further details and to book a place:

29th November, 13:30—16:30, Joseph Black Building— https://edin.ac/2Qq1u5S
30th November, 09:30  12:30, 1 Morgan Lane— https://edin.ac/2QfO4sJ

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