**The BBSRC Impact Writing Competition 2019**

Are you aware of inspiring research, supported by BBSRC, making a real, tangible difference to people’s lives?

If so, this is an opportunity to put your writing skills to the test.

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.

**Deadline:** 18 March 2019, 17:00

**More information:** rules, prizes, judging criteria and how to enter can be found here: [https://bit.ly/2MUfAv5](https://bit.ly/2MUfAv5)

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**2019 Festival of Creative Learning**

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: [www.festivalofcreativelearning.ed.ac.uk/calendar](http://www.festivalofcreativelearning.ed.ac.uk/calendar). 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.

For more information, check out our website or email us at [creative.learning@ed.ac.uk](mailto:creative.learning@ed.ac.uk), #FCL19 @FCLUoE

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**New Digital Research Services website**

The University of Edinburgh provides a wide range of digital research services for use across the research lifecycle.

The new Digital Research Services website, available at: [https://www.digitalresearchservices.ed.ac.uk/](https://www.digitalresearchservices.ed.ac.uk/) 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.

For more information or support, please contact the Digital research Facilitation Team at [digitalresearchservices@ed.ac.uk](mailto:digitalresearchservices@ed.ac.uk)
Creating the Seven Secrets of a Highly Successful Research Student (for Supervisors)
26th Mar 2019, 09:30 - 12:00, Room 3.3 Lister Building

You know what your research higher degree (RHD) student should be doing, but it just doesn’t seem to be happening. Despite your best efforts to set up good habits for your student, it does not work. Why is this, and what can you do to make completing a RHD easier for your students and for you? Students attending the seven secrets workshop have consistently reported a marked improvement in their progress towards completing their RHD. Now they have asked us to please tell their supervisors the same things! This course gives you practical strategies to deal with common problems such as:

- supervisor/student relations
- dealing with writer’s block
- attitude (or lack thereof!) in relation to the RHD – it’s not a Nobel prize
- getting your student to seek help when they are stuck
- the student who never has enough time
- treating the RHD like a job
- keeping on going when the going gets tough

Who is it for? Supervisors of research students at any point in their candidature. To book visit: http://edin.ac/2Et1CMK

Social Enterprise Bootcamp
Do you have an idea you think could make a difference?
Free event:
Open to current students, recent graduates and staff of the University of Edinburgh

Join us in this one day workshop and we will explore your idea further and help you define your business model, ensuring you achieve both commercial and social impact. You will have the opportunity to:

- Learn from other social entrepreneurs
- Identify your key customers
- Beneficiaries and partnerships
- Analyse your market.

Date: 12 February 2019 | Time: 9.30am – 5pm (pizza provided) | Venue: St. Leonards Land, room 3.24, Holyrood Road
To book visit: https://edin.ac/2MSPmck

Next Generation Face to Face Networking
Do you find it difficult to get started when confronted with a room full of strangers?
Come and join a networking event that teaches you how to network!

Learn and practically apply the basics of how to network in person and grow your networks for future opportunities with a mix of online coursework to plan how you can engage with this real face-to-face networking event to be held here at the University of Edinburgh. Event open to staff, students, and the public. Interaction planning will be enhanced by using the Confbuzz app, so using a smartphone will be essential.

Learn how to:
- Ask open questions to initiate conversation
- Approach a group and break into the conversation
- Ask the right questions to assess how useful the contact is
- Share information about yourself succinctly
- Employ the correct body language for open communication
- Learn how to close interactions and ask for a commitment for further discussion
- Create a written profile of your experience and skills
- Evaluate the profiles of others and chose people you would like to network with

Please be willing to spend up to 2 hours working through online content before the session
https://www.festivalofcreativelearning.ed.ac.uk/event_external/next-generation-face-face-networking