The Mentoring Connections programme is open to all staff at the University. If you would like to register as a Mentor, Mentee or both, please take a few minutes to create your Platform One profile using your EASE login. Please note the support to help you do this:

**Mentor training** - Are you interested in being a mentor but you're not sure what it involves or what your commitment will be? Come along to our half day workshop where we'll discuss everything you will need to get started in a mentoring partnership.

**Mentoring - making connections using Platform One** - Are you looking for a mentoring relationship and would like some advice or support on creating a profile on Platform One or making connections? Are you a local champion who would like to know more about Mentoring Connections and using Platform One? If yes then come along to one of our sessions where you will have access to PCs with Platform One and a member of the Mentoring Connections team.

All training can be found on the following webpage: [https://edin.ac/32Ohftg](https://edin.ac/32Ohftg). We also have a wealth of resources available if you’re new to Mentoring or would like further guidance, please take a look at the Resources and tools section of our website.

**Career Development Support for Technicians - November / December Workshops** [https://edin.ac/2pR3UC5](https://edin.ac/2pR3UC5)

*Take Charge of Your Career:* As part of the 'Career Development Support for Technicians' this 2hr session will provide an overview of the new technicians career development programme, including tools and opportunities available from within the University and beyond. Dates include: 25th November (QMRI) / 29th November (King’s Buildings) / 4th December (Easter Bush) / 5th December (Central Area).

**Induction Event | Get Connected: Welcome Day & Networking for New Research Staff and Academics, 8th January 2020, 09:00 - 13:00,**

*Have you recently joined the university in an academic or research role?*

*Discover the support and resources available to you* - table discussions will focus on career development opportunities, applying for research funding, advice on engagement, impact and consultancy, the services available from Information and Library services and support for learning and teaching roles.

*Meet other new colleagues* from across the university (Brunch is included)

*Find out about PURE*

*Get a professional profile picture* (optional)

The IAD have developed an online resource, based on the Get Connected Welcome day event. This is for research staff and academics who are unable to attend our main event and includes information about the University and key things new staff in research related roles need to know about.

To book onto the event and for more information about the day and to view the online resource, visit: [https://edin.ac/2ASNvP2](https://edin.ac/2ASNvP2)

**November is Academic Writing Month!**

This annual event was established as a way to support academic writing. During November 2019, the IAD 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://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/research-roles/writefest](https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/research-roles/writefest)

We’ll also be tweeting and blogging during the month, so follow us to keep informed! [blogs.ed.ac.uk/iad4researchers](https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/iad4researchers) and @IAD4PhD #AcWriFest2019
Engaging Business with your research: Enhance your skills – ONE DAY WORKSHOP
Wednesday 11th December, 9.30pm – 16.30pm, Project Room 1.06, 50 George Square, You can register now on MyEd

Learn about how you can develop your career by engaging business with your knowledge, skills, and experience. This can be either through your research or as a consultant as part of your academic post here within CAHSS at the University of Edinburgh. We start with defining what collaborative research and consultancy is then work with you to refine and communicate your offer to business. We also explore how the University of Edinburgh can support you in developing these opportunities with external organisations.

- get an overview of business needs and challenges in which academia can support
- define and develop skills and expertise you can offer to companies
- scope potential companies or sectors of industry that might be interested in you
- practice communicating your research, knowledge efficiently and effectively to the business world
- get a comprehensive online support pack outlining the services and funding from the university that can support you in your career

At Edinburgh Research Office we work alongside researchers to grow ideas into fundable proposals. We provide expertise at all stages, from developing your idea and identifying funding to crafting your application and managing your award. The Knowledge Exchange and Impact Team work alongside researchers to enable engagement with policy makers, practitioners, industry and the public.