Welcome to the January 2018 PGR supervisors newsletter

As part of the Excellence in Doctoral Education and Career Development programme of work, the University is committed to strengthening the support for PGR supervisors. More information on this work and of the Senate Researcher Experience Committee can be found here: http://edin.ac/2pFy7zo

This newsletter is produced three times per academic year (October/January/May) and contains links to events and signpost relevant information and resources. If you would like to feature an event or resources in the newsletter please contact us.

Programme of events and workshops January - April 2018

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<td>Gaining teaching accreditation for your supervision</td>
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Informal Supervisor Discussions

We hold informal discussions for PGR supervisors on a monthly basis. They are open to all supervisors (all levels of experience) and are a forum for sharing practice and discussing common challenges and approaches. Each discussion has a theme. All are held in the back area of Levels Café on Holyrood Road and coffee/tea and cake is provided. We would love to see you there!

- **Wednesday January 31st 15.00 - 16.00** - Supervisory meetings
- **Friday 2nd March 09.30 - 10.30** - Preparing students for the viva
- **Wednesday 4th April 15.00 - 16.00** - Ethics and integrity
- **Thursday 3rd May 09.30 - 10.30** - Career support
- **Friday June 1st 09.30 - 10.30** - Supporting students on placements/fieldwork

Compulsory Supervisor Briefings

All new supervisors are required to attend a supervisor briefing. Continuing supervisors should renew these every five years. These are run by the Colleges and Schools in partnership with IAD. You can find a list of these with dates and booking links here: [http://edin.ac/2zsxyQT](http://edin.ac/2zsxyQT)

Some IAD resources

**NEW online Research Ethics and Integrity course**

This online course is designed to help postgraduate research students understand the core principles of research ethics and integrity. It's aimed at all research students and explains these basic principles to help you to understand any subject or project-specific advice or policies. [http://edin.ac/2yvKRM1](http://edin.ac/2yvKRM1)

**Online training needs analysis** This training needs analysis is based on the Researcher Development Framework (RDF) and can be used as a basis for discussions around training needs and professional development. [http://edin.ac/2cDDzAE](http://edin.ac/2cDDzAE)

Some external resources

**Vitae: supervising a doctorate** (login with your University of Edinburgh login details)
[https://www.vitae.ac.uk/doing-research/supervising-a-doctorate](https://www.vitae.ac.uk/doing-research/supervising-a-doctorate)

**Thinkwell: free downloadable templates and tools for supervisors**

**UK Council for Graduate Education (UKCGE) Postgraduate Research Supervisors Network**
[http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-supervision-network.aspx](http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-supervision-network.aspx)

**The Supervision Whisperers blog**
An Australian based blog which shares advice and information on a range of different supervision themes
[https://thesupervisionwhisperers.wordpress.com/](https://thesupervisionwhisperers.wordpress.com/)

Contact us If you have something you would like to add to future newsletters or have any queries, please get in touch.