Researcher Development

Who We Are

What We Do

What You Should Do

Where You Need to Start
Generic and Transferable skills
Centre for Academic Development (CAD)

www.abdn.ac.uk/cad/

Researcher Development
- Annual calendar of events
- Skills through practice
- Enabling fund
- PIs and Supervisors
- Funding applications

Educational Development
- Workshop series
- Feedback & assessment
- Accredited Professional Development
- HEA Fellowship applications
- Mentoring

eLearning
- Individual support
- Software advice
- Technical support
- Course Development
- MyAberdeen

Student Learning Service
- Academic skills
- Study advice sessions
- Academic writing
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What we do
Provide opportunities for PhD students, postdocs and academic staff to acquire and enhance their transferable skills

What we don’t do
Methods Training
Provide advice into research topics or projects
Researcher Development

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VP Research & KE

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Dean for PGR Students
Researcher Development: what we do

Skills though Practice
Practical opportunities to evidence skills (PGR/RS) provided by Researcher Development, Public Engagement with Research and Careers Service

Support for research funding applications related to training and development: cohort development plans (ITN; DTP)

Benchmarking and Review

Open Workshop Programme
PGR and Research Staff
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Tailored support
School/discipline/research group specific

Research Staff
Conference (Crucible Forum)
Yearly mini-conference

Research-only Staff
Fellowship Fast-track
For prospective applicants for independent fellowships
Every 2 years

Academic Staff
PI Development Programmes
Junior (new & aspiring), Senior PIs
College specific

Early Career Researchers
Development programme – research perspective

Mid-Career Researchers
Post-probation, progressing research career (every 2 years)
Supervisor Training

HR Excellence in Research Award
Internal and External review; Action plans

Benchmarking Surveys
CROS (Careers in Research Online Survey)
PIRLS (Principal Investigators & Research Leaders Survey)
Researcher Development: Open Programme of Workshops

Researcher Development Programme:

Statistics; Writing Skills; Presentation Skills; Public Engagement Training; CVs and Interviews; Consultancy Skills for STEM Researchers; Building Confidence from within; Finish Up and Move On; Project Management; Career Planning; Research Ethics and more

Aligned with the Vitae Researcher Development Framework

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Skills through practice: Writing

- Editorial role
- Submit a paper
- Present a paper @ symposium

Granite: Aberdeen University Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Journal

The Conversation
- AU Magazine

Writing about Research

Open Workshop Programme
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THE CONVERSATION

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Au Magazine

Au Magazine is a high quality student-led publication run by the University's science journalism

Join the team, write an article, give a talk, create graphics

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Granite: Aberdeen University Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Journal

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Skills through practice – Intrapreneurship and Innovation
Skills through practice: Leadership and Enterprise

EPSRC Leadership Academy

Individual project/placement
Team project
Collaboration with business & Industry
Enterprise and Entrepreneurship events
STAR Award
Leadership Academy
BP Student Tutoring Scheme

Enterprise and Researchers

Career and Employability

Leadership and Enterprise
Project management; Creativity; Problem Solving; Consultancy

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Enterprising Researchers
Go beyond business as usual
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What can you give?

- Information seeking & management
- Creative & inquiring minds
- Academic literacy & numeracy
- Enthusiasm, integrity & responsibility
- Team working & independence
- Project management
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What can you gain?

- Information literacy
- Problem solving
- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Self-confidence
- Career management
- Responsiveness to opportunities
- Professional conduct
- Networking
Skills through practice: Public Engagement

University May Festival
Festival of Social Sciences
EXPLORATION
Café Scientifique/BrightClub/PechaKucha
British Science Week/TechFest
3 Minute Thesis
FameLab
I'm a Scientist Get me Out of Here
SET for Britain

Festivals and Events
Bespoke activities
Competitions

Public Engagement

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Leadership for researchers

Researchers → Take a poll: Have you benefited from working with an effective leader?

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Professional development planning for researchers online course (PDP ROC)

Professional development planning (PDP) is a key component of career progression. This online course, developed for researchers who want to make the most of opportunities and create new ones, covers all stages in the process.

It’s suitable for researchers at any career stage and can be used together with institutional provision. It will be particularly useful for those who are:

- part-time or working alongside home commitments
- working towards a professional doctorate
- working at a distance from their institution
- transnational and international researchers.

You can dip in and out of the different modules of this course, though if PDP is new to you, you may find it better to work though the modules in order.
Does it really matter?

Funder/University expectation

A competitive edge
• Get the most from your current role and studies
• Create a stronger profile for applications, whether for funding or a new post

More choice
• Pursuing an academic career
• Careers outside higher education
• Career management
What to do next

Think about:

The Skills you Need to Develop:
  As a researcher
  As a professional

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How will they Acquire these Skills?
  Workshop?
  Writing an Article? Presenting at a conference?
  Creating a public engagement event?
  Tutoring? Industry placement?

How will you demonstrate these skills on your CV?

Contact: Careers Service, Centre for Academic Development, Public Engagement with Research

Activities, not just workshops
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