



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**

THE
**GRADUATE
SCHOOL**

The Graduate School 2018 Programme

SEMESTER TWO

Find out more about current opportunities at
The Graduate School to enhance your
postgraduate experience.





The Graduate School offers a range of training and developmental opportunities to support you to become a Thinker, Leader, Innovator and Communicator who is Future-Ready.



THINKER



LEADER



INNOVATOR



COMMUNICATOR



FUTURE-READY

We offer a combination of opportunities from half- and one-day workshops, to courses that enable you to work over a sustained period as you tackle 'real-world' challenges within multi-disciplinary teams.

- *Do you need immediate support to help you write the next chapter or are you worried about presenting your research at a conference?*
- *Do you want to develop your skills in leadership, collaboration and team-building?*
- *Are you thinking about future careers... as an academic, a social innovator, an entrepreneur, or any other professional pathway?*

Whatever your needs and interests, there is something on offer for you in The Graduate School in Semester 2

Many of our programmes are open to both PGT and PGR students. Any that are limited to either Doctoral or Master's students are flagged with  



Talk to us to find out more about how to gain Graduate or Researcher Plus accreditation.



How to Register - MyFuture

All courses and events can be booked via MyFuture www.qub.ac.uk/myfuture Once logged in go to: Events > Workshops/Career Events Type 'GS' as a key word to get a list of training and events provided by The Graduate School.

**You can tick the event box to add the date to your personal diary.*

Start Semester two refreshed, re-engaged and registered for those courses that will make you Future-Ready

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Employability, Enterprise and Innovation



Future Ready Summer School



25 to 29 June 2018 (inclusive)

This career and employability programme aims to support postgraduate research students in the next steps towards their future career. The course will include 'Design Your Life' training, CV building, storytelling, employer networking and the creation of a personalised action plan.



IMPACT Social Innovation Challenge (8 Week Programme March – May 2018)

The Graduate School Social Innovation Challenge creates opportunities for postgraduates to use their research, skills and creativity to positively impact on the community, locally and globally, to create solutions to real-world social issues. The challenge will be based in the local community and in The Graduate School. Our community partners will set the scene and give students a real-life challenge to work on. Students will use Design Thinking methodology and work in multi-disciplinary teams to come up with unique, innovative solutions which will be pitched to our community partners and challenge setters. The winning team will see their solution created.



Kick Start Accelerator Summer School

2 to 6 July 2018 (inclusive)

Calling postgraduates with an innovative idea for a business, enterprise or not-for-profit. The Graduate School Kick Start Accelerator programme is designed to support postgraduates to grow their innovative business idea into an early stage start-up. Participants will learn about their key strengths and how they can grow and test their ideas. They will be more confident in their entrepreneurial ability and will develop a range of skills and networks to support them in growing their business.



Master Classes and Workshops will run throughout the semester and over the summer. All Classes and Career Consultations are bookable on MyFuture.

Master Classes

A range of Master Classes will run throughout the semester including:

- Telling Your Story
- Start Up Fundamentals
- Successful Crowdfunding
- Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Develop Your Personal Brand
- Job Hunting in a Global Market
- Develop Your LinkedIn Profile
- Effective CV Writing

Workshops

A range of 1 day and ½ day workshops will run throughout the semester including topics such as:

- How to build an App
- Introduction to Design Thinking
- An Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship
- Successful Marketing
- How to Write a Successful CV
- How to Prepare for an Interview Presentation
- How to Answer Competency Based Questions in an Application Form or Interview
- Preparation for Academic and Non-Academic Interviews

1-2-1 Careers/Enterprise Consultations

1-2-1 Business Mentoring Support

Support includes monthly 1-2-1 Business Mentoring appointments with our in-house Business Mentors.

1-2-1 Career Consultation

Support includes monthly 1-2-1 Career Consultations with our dedicated Career Consultants.

Personal and Professional Skills Development

Chartered Management Institute (CMI)

Postgraduate students can earn an internationally recognised Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership from The Graduate School through the CMI programme. This course is accredited by the Chartered Management Institute. *Limited places available. Keep an eye out for more opportunities.*

Master Your Leadership



Postgraduate Taught students can avail of a world-class insight into leadership here at The Graduate School at no cost, simply by signing up to 'Master Your Leadership'. The programme runs over four sessions which will enable

Semester Two

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| Cohort 5 | 7 Feb | 7 Mar | 21 Feb | 25 April |
| Cohort 6 | 9 Feb | 9 Mar | 23 Feb | 27 April |
| Cohort 7 | 14 Feb | 14 Mar | 28 Feb | 2 May |
| Summer School 1 | 24 July | 26 Jul | 25 July | 27 July |
| Summer School 2 | 31 Jul | 2 Aug | 1 Aug | 3 Aug |

Book now to secure your place. Limited places available.

students to undertake a 360-degree analysis of their strengths and areas for development, to work in teams to develop solutions for a challenge set by an employer/organisation and to create a personalised development plan. By attending all four days students will be entitled to attain a Graduate Plus Award.

Postgraduate-Led Initiatives

Funding is available throughout the year to assist current postgraduate students in organising academic events and cultural interventions, which work to bring together the wider communities within both Postgraduate Taught and Research student bodies at Queen's University. (Terms & Conditions Apply.)

Project Management

Using project management is a great way to take control of your Master's dissertation or PhD thesis.

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| February | 5 | Introduction to Project Management |
| | 6 | Intermediate Project Management |
| | 7 | Advanced Project Management |
| March | 20 | Introduction to Project Management |
| | 21 | Intermediate Project Management |
| May | 30 | Advanced Project Management |
| | 31 | Project Management: CAPM Exam Prep Day |

Talk to us if you are unsure of the correct level for you.

Research Skills

PG Essentials for International Students

This series of workshops has been designed specifically for our international students, in particular, those who do not have English as a first language.

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| January | 25 | Critical Thinking & Writing |
| February | 1 | Accuracy in English |
| | 8 | Conventions of Academic Writing |
| | 15 | Avoiding Plagiarism |
| | 22 | Editing and Proofreading your work |
| March | 15 | Critical Thinking & Writing |
| | 22 | Accuracy in English |
| April | 19 | Conventions of Academic Writing |
| | 26 | Avoiding Plagiarism |
| May | 3 | Editing and Proofreading Your Work |

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Academic Writing

This series of academic writing workshops will help you to develop your writing skills for all aspects of your academic journey from PGT to PGR.

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| January | 8 | | Shut up and Write (Every Monday) |
| | 22 | | Turbo Charge Your Writing with Hugh Kearns |
| | 12 | | Writing for Research Publication |
| | 14 | PGR | Writing in the 1st Year of Your PhD |
| February | 14 | PGT | Dissertation Writing Workshop (Week 1 Literature Review) |
| | 21 | PGT | Dissertation Writing Workshop (Week 2 Refworks, Databases and Word) |
| | 26 | PGR | Writing in the 1st Year of Your PhD |
| | 28 | PGT | Dissertation Writing Workshop (Week 3 Methodology) |
| March | 7 | PGT | Dissertation Writing Workshop (Week 4 Results and Discussion) |
| | 12 | PGR | Writing in the 2nd Year of Your PhD |
| | 14 | PGR | Writing in the 3rd Year of Your PhD |
| April | 23 | | Writing for Research Publication |
| May | 1 | PGT | Dissertation Writing Bootcamp (Day 1 of 2) |
| | 2 | PGT | Dissertation Writing Bootcamp (Day 2 of 2) |
| June | 18 | | Writing Retreat |

Shut Up and Write will run every Monday from 8 January 2018. These sessions use The Pomodoro Technique to concentrate on writing without interruption. Francesco Cirillo developed this time-management strategy in the 1980s to increase writing productivity.



Engaging with Impact

The Engaging with Impact workshops are 2 x 2 hour sessions which will not only help you to understand better the steps you need to take to demonstrate impact in your research', but provide a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with and present to stakeholders of your research.

The initial session will take place on 30 January 2018, then one further session can be selected from two available dates in March, 14 or 21. The second session will incorporate presentations to stakeholders.

Research Methods, Milestones and Profile

This series of workshops offers an opportunity to enhance your research techniques ensuring you make the right impact with your audience.

- January 22 The 7 Secrets of Highly Successful Research Students with Hugh Kearns
- 23 Promoting Yourself & Your Research with Hugh Kearns
- February 9 Conducting Focus Groups for Research
- 9 Introduction to Thematic Analysis
- 13 Your Research - Who Cares?
- 15 Managing the Viva
- 20 Communicate Your Research Using Social Media Platforms
- 22 Finding Sources for Your Literature Review (EPS)
- April 16 Creative Problem Solving
- 16 Professional Presentation Skills
- 17 Maximising Your Research Profile
- 17 Professional Presentation Skills



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Technology and Library Skills

These workshops are designed to support any technical skills you need to develop. They are delivered by a team of information support and library staff.

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| January | 16 | Creating Charts Using Excel |
| | 23 | Data Analysis Using Excel |
| February | 6 | Open Access at Queen's |
| | 8 | Systematic Literature Searching for Psychologists |
| | 7 | Producing Your Dissertation or Thesis with Word |
| | 9 | Excel 2 Managing Data |
| | 28 | Creating Posters Using PowerPoint |
| March | 2, 9 | Referencing for Engineering & Physical Sciences |
| | 6 | Maximising Your Research Profile |
| | 13 | Getting Familiar with Photoshop Part 1 |
| | 20 | Getting Familiar with Photoshop Part 2 |
| | 21 | Producing Your Dissertation or Thesis Using Word |
| | 27 | Copyright and Your E-Thesis |
| April | 25 | Basic Statistics Using Excel |
| | 26 | Excel 2 Managing Data |
| | 27 | Dynamic PowerPoint |
| May | 3 | Web of Science |
| | 10 | Getting Familiar with Photoshop Part 1 |
| | 17 | Getting Familiar with Photoshop Part 2 |
| | 24 | Scopus |
| | 29 | Introduction to Pivot Tables Using Excel |



Wellbeing

Mindful Meditation sessions integrate mindful movement, relaxation and meditation.

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| January | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| February | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| March | 7 | 14 | 21 | |
| April | 25 | 18 | | |
| May | 2 | 9 | 23 | 30 |

**This is a funded
Postgraduate-Led
Initiative.**

See page 6 for more
information on funding
available to students.

Vitae National Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT)



Three Minute Thesis challenges doctoral candidates to present a compelling spoken presentation on their research topic and its significance in just three minutes. The Graduate School invites all academic Schools to participate in a School based 3MT competition with finalists invited to take part in The Graduate School final in May 2018. The overall winner will be entered in the Vitae National Three Minute Thesis Competition.

4th Annual Postgraduate Researcher Poster Competition



Each year, The Graduate School hosts a Researcher Poster Competition to provide an opportunity for the vibrant postgraduate community to present their research excellence with peers, academics and staff across Queen's. The Graduate School invites all academic Schools to participate in a School based poster competition with the final taking place in The Graduate School in June 2018.



The Graduate School will liaise with academic Schools on the organisation of these competitions. More information to follow!

Researcher Plus (PGR) and Graduate Plus (PGT)

As well as developing research expertise in their subject discipline, postgraduate research and taught students have opportunities to develop a range of skills which are transferable beyond their research degrees to both academic careers and careers beyond academia. The Queen's Researcher PLUS & Graduate PLUS Awards provide official recognition of these skills and assist researchers in demonstrating them to employers. Students awarded Researcher Plus or Graduate Plus will receive their Certificates at Graduation.

Talks, Seminars and Events



International Women's Day

Events to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women will be held on the 1, 8 & 10 March 2018.



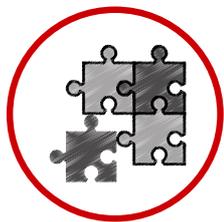
Research Scholar Workshops

These workshops offer a chance for staff and students to engage with the work of major scholars, to discuss their work and the wider intellectual themes raised by that work.

Feb **12** Professor Cathy Craig (QUB)

Apr **19** Professor Sir Diarmaid MacCulloch (Oxford)

May **25** Professor Ian McBride (Oxford)



Thought Leaders: Grand Challenge Series

Thought Leaders is growing in Semester 2 to include leading researchers discussing their ground-breaking work on grand challenge themes and topics of our day.

Hold the dates: 22 March, 19 April and 24 May.

Look out for further information on our website, update and social media.



PG Coffee Catch-Up

Join us on the last Wednesday of every month at 10.00 AM for coffee and great conversation in The Graduate School social space, 1st floor.



Thought Leaders: Inspire, 6pm - 8pm

On the last Thursday evening of each month we invite innovators, disrupters and shapers impacting both on a local and a global scale and connect them with our postgraduate students. Dates for your diary: 25 January, 22 February, 26 April, 31 May and 28 June. These dates are subject to change; please check The Graduate School website and social media for updates.



World Leading Impact Stories

Seminars that tell the story of how impact is the change that our research makes 'beyond academia' and the difference that we're making in the real world. Queen's academics are generating world leading impact but what is classed as 'world leading' and how do we prove it?

- Feb 15 Professor Mike Shields from the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences will share his research on 'Improved Management of Airway Disorders in Children'.
- Mar 14 Dr Neil Jarman and Dr Dominic Bryan' Applying Anthropological Research beyond the Academy'.



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