

THE **GRADUATE** SCHOOL

The Graduate School

SEMESTER TWO PROGRAMME

January - May 2020



As a member of our postgraduate community, you will become one of the exceptional local, national and international students who join us each year. The Graduate School will assist you to be a Thinker, Innovator, Leader and Communicator who is Future-Ready.



WELCOME

We are delighted to introduce this Semester Two development guide to illustrate some of the many opportunities available to you in the first half of 2020. All of our activities, alongside booking guidance, can be found on our website at **qub.ac.uk/graduate-school.**







Dean of the Graduate School Professor Margaret Topping

I hope that this Graduate School programme will inspire you to take the next step in your postgraduate journey. The opportunities and partnerships that we offer are deliberately constructed to help you become aware of your strengths and areas for development. We provide toolkits to grow your skills and and opportunities to apply them via real world challenges. I look forward to seeing what's next for you.

Graduate School Manager Kara Bailie

Not sure where to start?

Contact us. We can help you to navigate the range of opportunities. Our reception is open 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Our reception team includes Postgraduate Student Community Assistants. These students know what it's like to be where you are now. Come and meet other team members at our Wednesday weekly coffee catch up (10.00am – 11.00am), or email **pg.skills@qub.ac.uk**.

Postgraduate Student Officer Gift Sotonye-Frank

I am here to represent your interests and to make sure that your needs are met by Queen's and the Students' Union.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me to let me know how I can help you. I hold Drop-In sessions in the Graduate School every Tuesday from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Come along to say hello and let me know if there's anything I can support you with.

The Graduate School is your building. Use it as a haven to study in! The building is open daily from 7.00am to 11.00pm, excluding holidays.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Access free development training via the Graduate School's Postgraduate Development Programme (PGDP).

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

All postgraduates are encouraged to complete a Personal Development Programme. Doctoral Students in particular, are required to undertake 30 training days over the course of their PhD.



START YOUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (PDP)

1. Reflect

Review your progress, the feedback that you have received and your recent achievements. Reflect on your needs, discuss training ideas with your supervisor regularly and don't forget to keep in touch with your peers.

3. Do

Work to achieve your goals! Take responsibility for your training and development, recording completion of objectives on your Postgraduate Development Plan. Discuss your plan with your supervisory team, or with one of our Graduate School Consultants.

2. Plan

Use this booklet as a starting guide to help you idenitify your next steps and long-term goals. Work your way through the six colour-coded themes and note any workshops or programmes that will be beneficial to you. In additional to physical classes, we also offer digital learning opportunities for when you are working off- campus. Look out for courses with PGT / PGR buttons, as these are courses specifically designed to support your academic and career needs at different stages of study.

4. Review

Consider the progress you have made, celebrate achievements and think about what else you could do to improve your academic performance and employability.

HOW TO BOOK

All courses and events can be booked via MyFuture: qub.ac.uk/myfuture under 'Events'. Search 'GS' to return a list of training and activities available at the Graduate School. Top tip: If registration for an event is full, you can sign up to be added to a waiting list and you will be contacted should a space become available.

HERE'S WHAT'S ON OFFER IN SEMESTER 2 FOR POSTGRADUATES



PGT

This icon means that the flagged activity is just for Master's / Postgraduate Taught Students. Get bespoke guidance for where you are on your postgraduate journey.



This icon means that the flagged activity is just for Doctoral / Postgraduate Research Students. Ensure you get the right support at every stage of your research journey.

ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS

Get help to demystify, prepare for, and navigate your academic journey. Better understand what is required of you as a postgraduate student and develop the high-level skills you will need to succeed. Perfect your academic writing style, produce high-quality research and learn how to project manage your studies.

Academic Support Masterclasses PGR



Introduction to Academic Skills

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd January, 10.00am - 4.00pm

This introductory programme will help you to develop your confidence in applying the academic writing conventions associated with postgraduate study. Obtain a refresher on grammar, sentence structure and punctuation within your written work. The session also provides an introduction to critical thinking within an academic context.

Preparing for the Viva

Tuesday 4th February or 21st April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Are you a PhD student in years 2 or 3, who would like to learn more about the viva and start to prepare to defend your doctoral thesis? In this workshop you will gain insights into what the viva is, its purpose and process, view a range of common questions and identify strategies for answering them while having the opportunity to practise your delivery.

Preparing for Differentiation and Annual Progress Review (APR)

Thursday 6th February or 23rd April, 10.00am - 4.00pm If you are a PhD student in years 1 or 2 you will learn how to prepare for Differentiation and APR and gain insights into regulatory requirements. We will help you to apply preparation strategies, identify common questions and offer you the opportunity to practise your delivery for these assessments.

How to Peer-Review

Tuesday 25th February, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Learn how to peer-review articles in your specialist field. Gain insights that you can apply to your writing when working towards publication and maximise your own chances of getting your articles accepted.

Introduction to Teaching for Postgraduate Researchers

Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March , 9.30 - 1.00pm or

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May, 9.30am - 1.00pm

Learn to articulate learning specifications and report outcomes. Discover the differences between curriculum design and instructional design, while developing the ability to explain student assessment criteria. No previous teaching experience is required. This programme is suitable for any doctoral student who is currently supporting students in activities such as lecturing or lab demonstrations.

Academic Writing

Shut Up and Write

Every Monday, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Shut Up & Write is a movement that started in San Francisco as a way for writers to structure their time and connect with others. It is a great way to carve out dedicated writing time and make progress on thesis chapters and assignments. These sessions will provide peer support, a quiet place to write, and a structured writing plan (not to mention free refreshments). Bring your laptop, notes, books and anything else you need to help you write for 3 hours, and be prepared to be productive!



Peer Proofreading Forum

Every Wednesday, 4.00pm - 6.15pm

Peer Proofreading is a weekly forum for postgraduate students where you can work together to enhance academic writing skills. Students are required to bring copies of their own academic writing to facilitate their learning within a peer-based environment. These sessions are facilitated by Dr Ben Harper (Postgraduate Academic Skills Consultant) and include short seminars on academic writing.

Writing Your Master's Dissertation



Monday 2nd March, 10.00am - 4.00pm This workshop will provide training in note-taking, creating a literature review and academic writing required for your dissertation. Students will work on their own academic work during the session to apply the learning in real time.

Writing Your PhD



Wednesday 29th January, 9.30am - 12.30pm

This workshop describes the key habits that help facilitate high output academic writing. This motivational session will help you recognise unhelpful thinking habits that interfere with the writing process. The course will be facilitated by Hugh Kearns who is an internationally recognised public speaker, educator and researcher. Hugh draws on over twenty years of experience as a leading training and development professional within the corporate, financial, education and health sectors. Hugh will provide guidelines on writing plans, developing achievable goals and developing strategies to clarify your thinking during the writing process.

Writing Your PhD in Year 1

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Writing Your PhD in Year 2 Monday 30th March, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Writing Your PhD in Year 3 Friday 27th March, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Finishing, Editing and Delivering Your PhD (With Daniel Soule) Tuesday 3rd March, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Project Management

Gain an awareness of the techniques and tools used in planning a full project life-cycle, including stakeholder analysis and managing project funding. This course is intended to be immediately applicable to planning and managing commercial and/or research projects.

Project Management in the Real World (PMRW) Fistral Training

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Digital Webinars

Need to work from home? Access the Graduate School's digital training. These webinars will explore PhD writing styles, building on the learning outcomes developed in the 'Writing Your PhD' workshops. Attendance at the physical event is not mandatory but it may enhance your engagement within the session.

Writing Your PhD in Year 1

Monday 6th April, 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Writing Your PhD in Year 2 Monday 4th May, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Writing Your PhDin Year 3

Thursday 13th February , 4.00pm - 6.00pm Friday 22nd May, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Essential IT Skills

Find courses specific to your field at the Library!

These workshops are part of the wider IT training programme available through the McClay Library which offers you the opportunity to develop your technical skills. These sessions will be delivered by a team of information services and library staff.

Missing a tric(k)? Bibliometrics and Altmetrics

Tuesday 21st January, 11.00am - 12.30pm

Pharmacy - Big 4 Databases

Wednesday 22nd January, 2.00pm - 4.30pm or Wednesday 19th February, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Overview of Office 365 Thursday 6th February, 9.30 am - 11.00am

Open Access: The Future of Academic Planning Tuesday 11th February, 11.00am - 12.00pm

Copyright and your E-thesis

Tuesday 18th February, 11.00am - 12.30pm Tuesday 21st April, 10.00am - 11.30am



Scan this code for the full list of library courses available to you or visit MyFuture.



PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Who are you as a leader? Join one of our professional skills programmes to increase your awareness of how you make decisions, manage and express emotions and work as part of a team. Join one of our leadership programmes to apply your skills to a real world challenge and gain Graduate or Researcher Plus accreditation.

De Bono - Six Thinking Hats

Thursday 16th January, 10.00am - 4.00pm

This session is for individuals interested in creative problem-solving and lateral thinking approaches to team management. It is an accredited programme which applies the techniques developed by Edward De Bono. 'Six Thinking Hats' can help you learn about lateral thinking and help you develop skills in managing complex problem-solving and the effective management of meetings.

Building Your Emotional Intelligence and Resilience

Wednesday 15th January, 10.00am - 4.00pm or

Wednesday 19th February, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday 23rd April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

How do your emotions impact on your relationships?

This workshop will help you to unpack how certain feelings can affect how you work with others and develop resilience. We will give you a practical framework with personal strategies to enhance your emotional intelligence. Become more effective in recognising, managing and expressing your emotions. Get support for dealing with pressure and take away our top tips for improving your overall wellbeing.

Myers Briggs Type Indicator

Thursday 13th February, 9.30am - 3.00pm

Unlock the power of your personality type to help you understand yourself and how to work more effectively with others. The Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is used to determine differing strengths and types of personalities. At this workshop you will find out how it works, the benefits of knowing your personality type and how it can help you communicate more effectively in your study and work. This interactive workshop is suitable for postgraduate students new to Myers Briggs. Identify your personal areas for development and become better equipped for conflict resolution.

Influencing without Authority

Thursday 26th March, 9.30am - 4.30pm

The research working environment is frequently characterised by collaborations between peers in which there is no formal line management authority. This workshop provides participants with techniques to enhance and leverage their personal power, in situations in which they have no formal authority, or in which it is difficult to enact formal authority. It will provide you with the opportunity to practise the range of influencing approaches, while building or maintaining good rapport with colleagues, supervisors and stakeholders.

Peer Mentor Training

Tuesday 21st January, 10.00am - 12.30pm

This programme is targeted at PhD students in years 2 or 3 who have been nominated or have volunteered as mentors for PhD students in year 1. The session will enable you to develop skills in mentoring and supporting others within the academic environment. You will gain knowledge of models of mentorship, the role of professional boundaries, and strategies to support students in difficult situations.



What type of leader are you?

Across four days, you will complete the Kouzes and Posner 360° Student Leadership Challenge (LPI) to establish a tailored personal development plan. The training also includes an Employer Challenge. This will be a real-world problem set by an employer. The challenge will be an experiential team-based activity where you will be tasked with developing solutions to pitch back to the employer. Develop your creativity, innovation, problem-solving, communication and leadership skills. This programme is formally recognised by the Graduate Plus award scheme.

Winter School: Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th January, 10.00am - 4.00pm Cohort 5: Fridays 7th, 24th, 31st January and 7th February, 10.00am - 4.00pm Cohort 6: Mondays 27th January, 3rd, 10th and 17th February, 10.00am - 4.00pm Cohort 7: Fridays 14th, 21st, 28th February and 6th March, 10.00am - 4.00pm Cohort 8: Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 25th March and 1st April, 10.00am - 4.00pm Cohort 9: Wednesdays 8th, 22nd, 29th April and 6th May, 10.00am - 4.00pm



"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." - John Maxwell

Across four days, you will gain insights into various leadership styles and begin to mature your own tailored personal development plan. Put your academic skills to the test in a research challenge where you will develop solutions and pitch back to a panel. Progress your problem-solving, communication and leadership skills. This programme is formally recognised by the Researcher Plus award scheme.

Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 11th and Tuesdays 24th, 31st March, 10.00am - 4.00pm or Tuesdays 7th, 11th, 25th March and 1st April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

COMMUNICATION & IMPACT

What is research excellence if you don't know how to communicate it effectively? Take time this semester to learn how to talk about your research and its impact. Challenge yourself to think more innovatively, grow your entrepreneurial mindset and start to apply your creative skills to all areas of your work and life.

Tell Your Research Story PGR

Publications

Tuesday 11th February, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Learn how to engage people in your research through effective communication; gain insights into the structural components of scientific papers and writing style; develop strategies to overcome difficulties in writing articles for publication.

Three Minute Thesis Competition

Wednesday 12th February and Thursday 2nd April, 10.00am - 1.00pm Are you planning to compete in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition? If so, this workshop is for you. The 3MT challenges doctoral candidates to present a compelling spoken presentation on their research in just three minutes. This workshop will teach you how to apply the art of storytelling to your research.

Conferences

Tuesday 18th February or Thursday 9th April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

A winning conference proposal begins with the ability to communicate your research and its relevance. In this workshop you will learn how to help others engage with your research, explore the main elements of a successful conference submission, learn how to use your communication toolkit for delivering at conferences, and get tips on how to ace the question and answer session.

Media

Tuesday 24th February, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Communicating your research to audiences outside of the academic community is a vital part of your work. Gain insights into the world of the media and explore what type of content is deemed newsworthy. Get guidance on how to use social media for impact and for advancing your research agenda through the creation of a coherent communication strategy.

Ethics in Research

Thursday 30th April, 10.00am - 400pm

Is your research ethical? Ethics play a vital role in your research. Ensure you understand the processes and procedures needed to avoid potential pitfalls. In this workshop we will explore ideas and regulations around consent, participant rights, data handling and how to secure ethical approval.

PGR

Promoting Yourself and Your Research

Thursday 30th January, 10.00am - 1.00pm

This workshop aims to support research students in developing a research communication strategy for their research. Learn how to communicate with the media to promote your research. The session will include practice in developing a one-minute pitch for your research topic. Each session on communicating your research is delivered from a different perspective. Attending more than one workshop will facilitate a better learning.

Communicating Your Research To The Media

Tuesday 10th March, 10.00am - 1.00pm

This workshop is aimed at research students who wish to develop their research profile. You will gain practical skills in communicating key messages through interviews, emails and social media. The session will also focus on how you present and market your research message using online platforms. The workshop is delivered by Angelina Fusco, who has been a journalist for more than 30 years in broadcasting and print. Angelina was Head of TV News at BBC NI for 15 years leading the award winning BBC Newsline team.

Professional Communication Skills

Wednesday 25th March, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Enhance your communication skills as a research leader. You will be provided with techniques to lead team meetings, negotiate with research partners and develop strategies to communicate your research message to key stakeholders. Enhance your personal impact and assertiveness when working in teams. At the end of the session you will have assembled a flexible toolkit of communication techniques to improve your communication skills.

IMPACT Journal

First Issue launched February 2020

The Graduate School's first postgraduate-led academic journal. International Modern Perspectives on Academia and Community Today (IMPACT), is an online, open access journal that invites submissions from all academic disciplines and the public on outreach, public engagement and community involvement.

To submit an article, or to learn more visit impactjournal.qub.ac.uk.

INNOVATION AFTER HOURS

The first Thursday of every month.

Power innovation beyond the 9 to 5 at the Graduate School!

Innovation After Hours is a chance for you to meet up with others who are interested in innovation and to be inspired by entrepreneurs who are working on new ventures. This is a casual meet-up open to all Queen's students, staff and the general public. Come along to make new connections over food and drinks. Guest speakers will be announced four weeks ahead of each event.



CHARTERED MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE ACCREDITED LEVEL 7 QUALIFICATION

The Graduate School, in partnership with the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), offers you a unique opportunity to gain a professional qualification in Strategic Leadership, Project Management and Entreprenuerial Practice.

Enhance your employability and become an affiliate member of CMI with access to a library of online resources. CMI is the only chartered professional body in the field of management and leadership, and its qualifications are of the highest quality. The qualification includes both taught and assessed elements over two modules. (See modules below).

All training days take place in the Graduate School. Register your interest for CMI now via gs.cmi@qub.ac.uk. Course fee: £995.

Strategic Leadership

5th, 6th, 10th, 11th February, 10.00am - 4.00pm This qualification helps you understand the complexities of leadership from an individual and organisational perspective. Work in multidisciplinary groups to carry out challenges which will allow you to identify your leadership skills and see how they are applied within the workplace.

Entrepreneurial Practice

9th, 10th, 17th, 24th January and 1st April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Develop creative skills and the know-how to bring viable ventures to life. Grow your creative confidence and embrace mindsets of experimentation and radical collaboration to solve real life community challenges.

Strategic Management Project

13th, 14th and 20th January, 10.00am - 4.00pm Understand the key processes in successful project management from initiation to delivery. Learn how to manage projects professionally and translate your

personal inspiration into effective operational performance. This module will teach you how to construct a project plan and guide you through the processes of successfully implementing that plan.







What postgraduates love about CMI:

'CMI afforded me set days where I could focus on my professional development.' PhD Student Material and Advanced Technologies for Healthcare

'The project management tools helped me to monitor and adapt my PhD.' PhD Student School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

'I feel I matured in confidence and I know more about myself after CMI.' PGT Student School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work

COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP

The Graduate School supports partnerships between postgraduates, local businesses and enterprises for social innovation. There are a range of bespoke networking, employer and community challenges to help postgraduates realise their research impact and to contribute in a practical way to shaping a better world. Get in touch today to see how you can get involved via graduateschool@qub.ac.uk.

Postgraduate Partnerships

Divis Bridge Mentoring Programme

In 2018 we began our partnership with St Peter's Immaculata Youth Centre in West Belfast, who set the challenge of raising educational outcomes for young people in Divis. The Divis Bridge mentoring programme was created from this project and continues to grow.

Holyland Regeneration Project Team

Join us as we collaborate with a range of organisations across South Belfast to help with the ongoing Holyland Regeneration Project.

Business Partnerships

Work alongside representative groups from across Northern Ireland and help to facilitate discussions using De Bono style methodology.

- Parent's Parliament
- Pivitol: Public Policy Forum

Postgraduate-Led Initiative Funding

The Graduate School has funding available 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.

This funding is allocated for initiatives developed and delivered by postgraduate students to help enrich the experience of the postgraduate community. The programme supports skills development such as leadership, effective communication and project management by providing students with the opportunity to manage events and budgets through first-hand experience.

Visit the Graduate School's website for more information.



The Graduate School won Stakeholder of the Year at the Social Enterprise Awards 2019. We remain committed to designing programmes that spark and support social enterprise, connecting students to the local community and building lasting partnerships.

CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY

Are you looking for support to navigate your options? Explore the range of careers available to you and begin to build your networks.

1-2-1 Professional Support

Book via MyFuture (Various Dates)

Career Consultations

A thirty-minute confidential career consultation. Areas for discussion include: career choice, job hunting, LinkedIn profile, further study and CV guidance.

Master Your Future Success



Friday 14th, 21st and 28th February, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Is your plan future-proof?

Prepare for tomorrow's job market today on this employability programme tailored to Master's students. Join us on a three-day employability programme that focuses on your career needs. You will gain insights into job searching, CV development and interview planning. Discover your strengths with Myers Briggs and begin to build a professional online presence. On successfully completing the programme you will be eligible for Graduate Plus accreditation and will be offered a place on the new Career Mentoring Scheme for Master's students.

Employability Masterclasses PGT

How to Write Your CV

Wednesday 26th February, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

First impressions matter when applying for jobs. Ensure your CV is market-ready for applying to non-academic jobs. This workshop will provide you with guidance on how to market yourself on paper whether you are just starting your CV or want to revamp it.

How to Start Your LinkedIn Profile

Tuesday 4th February or Monday 2nd March, 10.00am - 12.00pm

LinkedIn is an invaluable online tool for you to network with professionals and alumni. This session is for students who don't yet have a LinkedIn profile but would like to start creating one. Feel free to bring your laptop or tablet along to make the session practical.

How to Answer Competency-Based Questions

Friday 7th February, 10.00am - 2.00pm

This workshop will provide you with examples of competency-based questions, which are used as part of the application and interview process for many jobs. You will have the opportunity to learn a strategy to answer questions and practise your technique.

How to Prepare for a Presentation at Interview

Wednesday 5th February, 2.15pm - 4.15pm

This workshop will provide you with guidance on how to prepare and deliver a presentation for a job interview or assessment centre as part of the recruitment process.

Future Ready

Postgraduate Research Students who attend all of the following employability workshops, which are integral to the Future Ready Programme, will be eligible for the Researcher Plus award. Contact us to learn more.

Writing Academic Cover Letters

Tuesday 7th January, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Do you know how to sell your academic skills in a cover letter? This workshop will help you to compose an effective cover letter that showcases your research experience. Topics covered include how to build and demonstrate a competitive academic record.

Your Academic CV

Thursday 9th January, 10.00am - 4.00pm

So you're looking for a new job? Make sure your CV is employer-ready.

This workshop will walk you through all of the expected components of an academic CV. Learn new techniques to present your research experience competitively for the current job market.

Writing Non-Academic Cover Letters

Tuesday 14th January, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Behind every strong CV is a good cover letter.

Learn the art of composing cover letters for non-academic jobs. This workshop will help you to secure your next job interview by providing guidance on how to create and structure a cover letter. Learn how to showcase your abilities and align your experiences to the relevant job market.

Your Non-Academic CV

Thursday 16th January, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Learn how to avoid the 'no' pile. Join us to explore ways to write an effective CV for employment outside of academia. This workshop will guide you through the process of building a professional CV that illustrates your experience and stands out in a competitive job market. Take part in a lively discussion around best practice and receive constructive feedback on your own CV.

Academic Interviews

Tuesday 28th January, 10.00am - 1.00pm

This workshop will prepare you for all academic interview settings. Learn from experienced career consultants who will discuss common questions and provide you with the know-how to form your own answers. Practise and perfect your interview technique in a safe, shared space to give you the best chances of success in securing your next academic job.

Non-Academic Interviews

Thursday 30th January, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Calm your interview nerves in this workshop! Experienced career consultants will share the secrets of a successful job interview. Together, we will tackle common questions that are likely to be asked in a non-academic job interview. Take the time to practise and perfect your own interview techniques in a safe, shared space to give you the best chances of success in securing your next job.

How to Find a Job

Thursday 27th January, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Together we will explore how to use job search engines effectively. In this workshop you will gain insights into predictions for the job market up to 2030 and learn how to market your academic skills in non-academic environments. Our experienced career consultants are here to help you jump start your plans for future employment.

Writing Funding Proposals

Tuesday 10th March, 10.00am - 1.00pm

A successful record of obtaining research funding is critical to future success in an academic job. The sooner you start engaging in this process, the greater your chance of success will be. In this work-shop we will discuss writing funding proposals, the criteria used by funders to determine success, and common weaknesses in funding applications.

Employer Engagement Event (open to all postgraduates)

Tuesday 28th April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

The Graduate School is hosting an Employer Engagement Event where PhD and Master's students will have an opportunity to network and interact with a range of potential employers.

Representatives from both academic and non-academic backgrounds will discuss what employers need from researchers today and how academics can transfer their skills to non-academic work environments. Lunch will be provided as part of the event.

Employers in attendance at previous events included representatives from:



COMMUNITY & WELLBEING

Opportunities to meet other postgraduate students, to support each other and take time for improving your wellbeing.

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Coffee Catch-Up

Coffee Catch-Up takes place at 10.00am every Wednesday in the Graduate School Social Space. Join us for some sweet treats and great conversation. No registration necessary; just drop-in.

Book Club

The first and third Tuesday of every month from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Reading groups are great for intellectual stimulation and expanding personal knowledge. Book Club is a social experience. No need to book; just drop in!

Mindful Meditation

Every Wednesday, 1.10pm - 1.50pm Orla Wallace leads these sessions of seated meditation, integrating mindful movement and relaxation. A drop-in activity that is open to all postgraduates.



Run For Something: su Leadership Stories

Monday 27th January, 5.30pm - 7.30pm Come along to this event and listen to inspiring stories told by people who have stepped out of their comfort zone and run for something. By finding their purpose and following their passion, they are inspiring others to step

SU - GS Conference



Thursday 21st May, 10.00am - 2.00pm This conference forms part of the QUBSU and Graduate School Partnership project on the Student-Supervisor relationship. The conference will include keynote presentations and other talks from leading academics in the area of best practice for the studentsupervisor relationship. It will also include the launch of a Toolkit for the Student-Supervisor relationship.

At the start of my PhD: ^{SU} Things I Wish I Had Known

Thursday 23rd January, 5.30pm - 7.30pm Join us to hear the experiences of recent PhD students at Queen's. This event is open to all current and prospective postgraduates.

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