



Humanities Researcher Development and Training Newsletter Michaelmas 2023 | Seventh Week

We hope you enjoy reading about some of your [Researcher Development and Training Programme](#) opportunities.

We offer a comprehensive programme of events, opportunities, workshops and resources to support and develop Humanities researchers at all stages of their career from postgraduate level upwards. Some of these opportunities are bespoke and developed in-house; others are provided through external partners, student support services or in partnership with faculties. Most workshops and events are free, or require a £20 refundable deposit. They are open to Master's and DPhil students and postdoctoral researchers (including teaching-only and college-only appointments). All times given are GMT.

This newsletter is sent once a week during term-time to all current MSt, MPhil and DPhil students in the Humanities Division. To unsubscribe, send a blank email to humanitiesresearcherdevelopmentandtrainingnewsletter-unsubscribe@maillist.admin.ox.ac.uk.

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Careers Interest Network: Consultancy

Tuesday 21st November, 12noon-2pm

In person (Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road)

Hosted by the Careers Service

Consultancy can be an exciting and rewarding career option – using your expertise to provide specialised advice and solutions to organisations facing complex problems or seeking to improve their operations. You would work closely a range of clients, deal with different and exciting projects, and meet a lot of new people. However, getting into consultancy as a career is a bit daunting...What are the first steps? How do you start?

The Career Interest Network for Consultancy, supported by OUI Consulting Services, is an inclusive network bringing researchers together who are interested in consultancy as a career or as sideline. You'll join like-minded researchers to explore the area and develop the skills you need to explore this exciting career possibility.

[More information and booking via CareerConnect >>](#)

Understanding Intellectual Property (IP) at Oxford

Wednesday 22nd November, 12.30pm-2pm

Online

Hosted by EnSpire Oxford

It's important to understand your rights and responsibilities when it comes to intellectual property (IP). This session will help you to understand what IP actually is, who 'owns' it, and the things to think about when you think you have created IP. Case studies will also be presented to help explain the University's policy.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Insight into Academia: Teaching in Higher Education

Wednesday 22nd November, 1pm-2pm

Online

Hosted by the Careers Service

Insight into Academia is a seminar series exploring topics relevant to those considering higher education roles in research, teaching, and related areas. This workshop will focus on teaching in higher education.

During this session we explore teaching roles available in higher education and assist you in deciding whether it is the right next step for you. We will investigate how to gain teaching experience within your current role, and the qualifications you might pursue to set you up for success in the next chapter of your career.

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Writing an Abstract

Thursday 23 November, 1pm - 3pm

In-person and online

Hosted by the Department for Continuing Education

The ability to write a clear and effective research abstract is important in numerous academic contexts including proposing conference papers, applying for research grants, summarizing articles and book chapters and preparing your DPhil thesis. This session will consider what makes a good abstract and how to go about writing one. Practical examples will be considered and there will be opportunities to write and share your own abstracts.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Using Social Media to Enhance your Career Prospects

Monday 27 November, 1pm – 2pm

Online

Hosted by the Careers Service

Learn tips, tricks, benefits and risks of using social media for your job search and advancement.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Juggling family life and work: Informal meetup for current (and future) parents

Tuesday 28 November, 10.30am-12pm

The Hub, Kellogg College

Hosted by the Social Science Division

Are you struggling to find a balance between your academic responsibilities and childcare duties? Are you thinking about taking a break from your research to have a baby in the future, or have you returned from leave?

Join us for a hot cup of tea and a biscuit as we figure out how to navigate the complex landscape of babies and degrees. This session, aimed at current and future student parents at all degree levels as well as postdoctoral researchers, will provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences and strategies for coping with sleepless nights and mounting workloads. Most importantly, it will be a meeting place for parents to exchange success stories, frustrations, and ideas to help create a broader network within the university.

[More information >>](#)

Heritage Pathway Visit & Museum Workshop: Revealing the Coventry Charterhouse

Wednesday 29 November 2023, 8.45am – 4.45pm

Charterhouse, Coventry London Road, Coventry CV1 2JR

This term's Heritage Pathway trip will be to the Charterhouse in Coventry. Commonly associated with the post- World War II rebuilding and the "concrete collar" of the ring road encircling it, Coventry's rich medieval heritage is often overlooked. Among the City's medieval gems is the Charterhouse, a fourteenth-century building and the only former Carthusian monastery in the country with in-situ interiors.

Following a multi-million-pound restoration effort over several years, the Charterhouse and its surrounding parkland have recently reopened as a unique visitor attraction, offering everything from historic tours to silent discos! During our visit, we will hear about the history and the future of the Charterhouse from staff at the Historic Coventry Trust, the organisational body responsible for managing the site. We will also have an opportunity to critically evaluate the Charterhouse's learning offer and fundraising activities through bespoke workshops with the team.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Interview and Presentation Skills for Researchers

Thursday 30 November, 9.30am – 11.30am

Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PA.

Hosted by the Careers Service

Join us for a relaxed and practical in-person workshop designed to help you tackle interview questions and deliver impactful presentations. This session is tailored to provide research staff and DPhil students with a strong foundation of skills for applying for roles in any sector.

You will learn how to identify and prepare for typical interview questions, communicate your experience and present yourself effectively, structure and format presentations, and explore self-presentation skills supporting different styles of communication. We will explore feedback and experiences from interview panels and your peers, and provide opportunities to practice different techniques in a supportive environment.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Think, Articulate, Edit Write!

Friday 1 December, 9am - 1pm

In-person and online

Hosted by the Department for Continuing Education

This session provides postgraduates with a collective and dedicated space in which to write, and provide constructive feedback. Peer-peer review of writing will take place between 09.00-10.30 (on-line and in person). There will be a dedicated space to write from 11.00-12.30

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