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**SUMMER 2024 /
RESEARCH CULTURE
CELEBRATION
PROGRAMME**



STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER...



We know how important the summer months are for Masters and PhD students. That's why our team of consultants offer their most popular courses, workshops and masterclasses for you to take during June, July and August.

During the month of June the Graduate School invites external speakers and consultants to participate in our Research Culture Celebration. We also celebrate the amazing research carried out by our postgraduate community as part of the 3 Minute Thesis and Research Poster competitions.

You can also use our silent study, book group rooms and take part in our community events. The building is open daily from 8am to 11pm, excluding days of closure on Friday 12th July and Monday 15th July.

All courses and workshops found here can be booked via MyFuture:
qub.ac.uk/myfuture.

You can also book on by visiting the Events page on our website:
qub.ac.uk/graduate-school/events

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Employability Workshops and Masterclasses

Turbocharge your chances of nabbing that dream job, both in academia and beyond. These classes are designed to increase your confidence as you begin planning for your future.

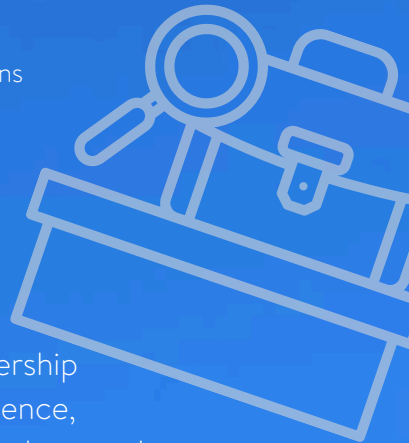
- Career Planning: Expectation vs Reality
- Marketing your Skills
- Unlock the Power of your Personality
- How to Answer Competency-Based Questions
- Start Your linkedIn Profile
- Prepare for a Job Interview

Master Your Leadership

Working with an employer, take the opportunity to develop your skills in leadership and innovation while building your confidence, communication and teamwork skills to work towards becoming a dynamic leader in this five-day course.

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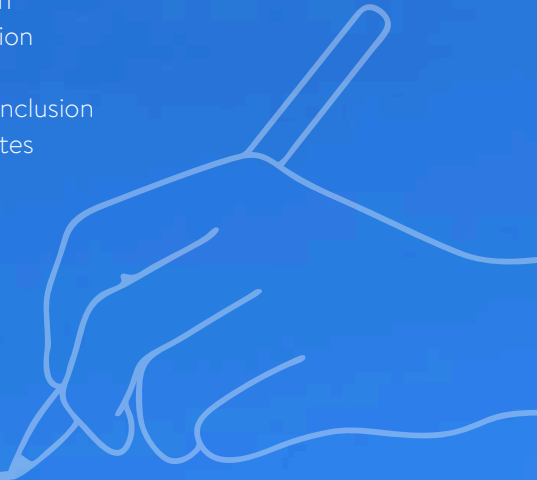
Become more confident when applying for jobs by completing this four-day course which includes CV, interview and decision-making advice.



Academic Writing Series

Enhance your writing, critical thinking and research skills. Challenge yourself to take all ten masterclasses, or opt for those most relevant to you and your academic level.

- The Basics of Academic Writing
- Refining Your Academic Writing
- Write an Abstract and Introduction
- Write a Methods and Results Section
- Write a Critical Literature Review
- Write a Critical Discussion and Conclusion
- Read Critically and Take Good Notes
- Perform a Literature Search
- Edit and Proofread your Work
- Avoid Plagiarism



Wake Up and Write

Attending just one of these early morning workshops can help you set new habits, improve your concentration and enhance your productivity when writing.

- Setting an Attainable Writing Goal
- Committing to your Writing Goals

Bootcamps and Retreats

Add some discipline and structure to your summer semester by attending our academic bootcamps.

- Notetaking Bootcamp
- Reading Bootcamp
- Writing Bootcamp
- PhD Writing Retreats
- Masters Dissertation Writing Retreats

Communicating with Impact

Use this summer to enhance your softer skills and learn to confidently discuss and promote your research to a variety of audiences.

- Deliver and Design a Poster Presentation
- Plan for and Present Work at Conferences



Transition Skills

If you are a PhD researcher looking towards the end of your academic journey, these workshops are designed to make that transition as smooth as possible.

- Preparing for the Viva
- Preparing for Differentiation and APR

Introduction to Teaching

One of our most acclaimed courses, Introduction to Teaching provides PhD students with the skills and experience required to confidently and successfully provide teaching training to other students. It's a four-week course with highly sought-after spaces, so don't miss out!

Unwrapping the Postdoctoral Journey

Many PhD students consider a career as a Postdoc after they finish. But what does this involve? Come along to this informal networking event to hear from students that have taken the Postdoc pathway (and enjoy a free lunch while you're at it).



The Futurum Programme

Postgraduates interested in learning how to carve out a successful career as an entrepreneur will have the opportunity to develop the skills necessary as part of the Futurum Programme.

They'll network, carry out site visits, hear from established entrepreneurs and learn how to take their business idea from the page to reality as part of this summer-long programme.

Making Belfast Playful

In partnership with Belfast City Council, this entrepreneurial program sees postgraduates make suggestions to transform an underutilised city area into a vibrant community space.



Postgraduate Led Initiatives

Do you have an idea for an event, symposium or gathering which can bring the postgraduate community together to exchange cultural ideas? Would you benefit from funding to bring this idea to fruition?

The Postgraduate-Led Initiative Fund allows students to host their own events which unite the wider Masters and PhD communities. A grant of £400 is available for each application.

Research Culture Celebration

The research carried out at QUB is some of the most diverse in the world, encompassing an array of specialities and topics, and delivering international impact.

Each June, we shine a spotlight on this work with our month-long 'Research Culture Celebration'.

These events and workshops align to the work and development needs of today's researchers:

- 3-Minute Thesis Competition
- Researcher Poster Competition
- Paint your Research
- Turbocharge your Writing
- Discover the Framework to Develop your Career



Some of the esteemed speakers we're inviting to take part in the Research Culture Celebration are;

HUGH KEARNS

Leading practitioner and researcher in cognitive behavioural coaching, Hugh is hosting an online workshop to help researchers 'turbocharge their writing'.

DR ASHLEIGH O'NEILL

Dr. Ashleigh hosted a workshop on harnessing social media as a researcher in 2023, and the feedback was so glowing that we've requested that she return to deliver it for this year's postgraduate community.

DUNCAN YELLOWLEES

Duncan is a specialist presentations and communications consultant with experience supporting academic, researchers and students to improve their communication strategy.

DR. ROSEMARY DOYLE

Rosemary has been training organisations on research, consultancy and 1:1 coaching for more than 20 years, and specialises in team working, communications, resilience and motivation.

LINDSEY ARMSTRONG

Lindsey has worked at the forefront of live news as a broadcast journalist at BBC, UTV and GMTV, and has a wealth of experience devising media strategies with private, public and third sector organisations.

COMMUNITY

EVENTS

GRADSTONBURY

We're so excited to announce the second edition of our celebration of Postgraduate talent this Summer. Come along to the Wee Bar in the SU to watch your fellow students showcase their musical, artistic and dancing skills as we mark the end of the summer semester.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

Take some time away from your laptop and grab a coffee each Wednesday in the social space.

PRIDE QUIZ

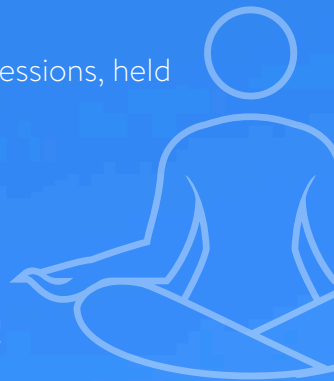
Coinciding with Belfast Pride, our Big Graduate School Quiz is your chance to test your general knowledge.

YOGA

Practice mindfulness at any of our free Yoga sessions, held in the Graduate School and online.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Want to show your kids and family where you work? This event is open to all ages and includes snacks, drinks and a face-painter, too!





1-2-1 Consultations

Our team of consultants is here to help you as you progress on your postgraduate study journey.

You can access consultations with them to discuss all areas of career planning, preparing for the Viva, individual CV feedback, support for your written work (including dissertations) and much more.

You can book these sessions on MyFuture.

We're looking forward to seeing you this Summer, regardless of which stage of your academic journey you're at.



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