

# SOLENT UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: OCT - DEC 2018

## WELCOME

Solent's Researcher Development Programme (RDP) offers a range of opportunities for Solent staff and research students to develop knowledge and skills to support their research and innovation. The programme caters for all levels of experience with a range of face to face sessions and online resources: you can choose the activities which are right for you at each stage of your research and innovation development journey.

### Seminars and workshops

The core RDP is arranged into five key session series. Click on the links below for more information about the workshops and seminars organised within each series:

- [Postgraduate research](#)
- [Doctoral supervision training](#)
- [Research mentoring](#)
- [Funding and bidding](#)
- [REF 2021](#)

We also run specialist workshops and seminars as required, as well as promoting subject specific events organised by staff around their research interests.

You can keep up to date with all upcoming events by joining the RDP mailing list. You will receive regular session alerts and a monthly round-up detailing workshops and seminars coming up over the following six weeks. Email [rosie.cooper@solent.ac.uk](mailto:rosie.cooper@solent.ac.uk) to subscribe.

### Library support for researchers

As a researcher or doctoral student you can access a range of special services, including one-to-one appointments with your information librarian. You can explore the full range of services available in the [Solent Researchers Libguide](#).

### The Solent Workroom

This work 'retreat' is an opportunity to devote the afternoon to completing research tasks in a quiet, structured and supportive environment. Sessions will take place fortnightly from Thu 8 Nov 2018. For more information, please email [polina.baum-talmor@solent.ac.uk](mailto:polina.baum-talmor@solent.ac.uk).

### Online learning

A wide range of online tools are available to help researchers manage and progress different areas of their work, from finding information to disseminating research outputs. The materials and resources available through these SOL pages complement and/or provide an online alternative to the face to face sessions run by RIE over the course of the academic year. [Go to the last page to find out more.](#)

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE RDP

We welcome ideas and recommendations for extra sessions, whether it's a training need you have identified or a seminar you would like to deliver. If you would like to propose a session, please complete the proposal form and email it to [rosie.cooper@solent.ac.uk](mailto:rosie.cooper@solent.ac.uk).

➤ [Download the RDP proposal form](#)

## RDP MAILING LIST

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## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

This series of workshops and seminars is designed for new and existing doctoral students. Some sessions may also be useful for early career researchers. The series will repeat in Jan-Mar 2019.

### Milestones

Wed 17 Oct | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

New and existing doctoral students are invited to an overview of the doctoral study milestones at Solent University, including planning, preparation, and how to make the most of your supervisory team's support at each stage.

### Project and time management

Wed 24 Oct | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

Studying for a doctoral degree is a marathon not a sprint. This session looks at project design and managing your time effectively. Participants will explore basic principles and decide on practical next steps.

### Qualitative methodologies

Wed 31 Oct | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

An introduction to qualitative methodologies. This session provides an overview of what is meant by the term 'qualitative methodology' and reviews some of the more common research methods which fall into this category.

### Quantitative methodologies

Wed 7 Nov | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

An introduction to quantitative methodologies. This session provides an overview of what is meant by the term 'quantitative methodology' and reviews some of the more common research methods which fall into this category.

### The Publishing Trap

Tue 13 Nov | 1pm - 3pm | TS101

The Publishing Trap is a board game from the UK Copyright Literacy team that allows participants to explore the impact of scholarly communications choices and discuss the role of open access in research.

### Literature review

Wed 14 Nov | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

This session explores the tools and techniques to help you read critically and build and maintain a strong literature review.

### Critical thinking

Wed 21 Nov | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

Questioning the information, ideas, data and arguments that underpin your own research and that of others is central to critical thinking and writing. This session will explore the benefits of reflecting and acting on the conditions of our own disciplines and taking a critical approach to conducting your research.

### Thesis writing

Wed 28 Nov | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

This session will review the particular requirements of thesis writing and how to navigate the disciplinary differences that can apply.

### Research integrity

Wed 5 Dec | 2pm - 4pm

Research Launchpad (RM223)

This workshop will explore ethical quandaries in research, consider ways to embed research integrity into your project from the outset and outline some agreed standards of good practice.

### The Solent Workroom

Fortnightly from Thu 8 Nov

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## DOCTORAL SUPERVISION TRAINING

### Regulatory framework and standards

Fri 26 Oct 2018 | 10am - 12pm

#### Research Launchpad

An overview of the 2018-19 regulations for PGR and the reporting structures of the University, this session will focus on the role and responsibilities of supervisors, and set these in the context of the national framework governing the provision of research degrees in the UK.

### Admission and induction of PGR students

Fri 2 Nov 2018 | 10am - 12pm

#### Research Launchpad

A review of the stages and timeframes of the PGR admissions process, this session will outline the information given to students in their institutional induction session and the areas that the supervisory team is expected to cover in their individual induction of PGR students.

### Assessing training needs

Fri 9 Nov 2018 | 10am - 12pm

#### Research Launchpad

This session will explore embedding a proactive approach to developing a tailored training programme for students at the formative stages of their project, and ensuring the students training needs are addressed throughout their programme of study

### Preparing for the Project Approval

Fri 16 Nov 2018 | 10am - 12pm

#### Research Launchpad

The session will outline the purpose and timeframes for the Project Approval and what actions the supervisor will need to undertake to prepare their student and arrange for the review.

### Preparing for the Transfer and Annual Monitoring reviews

Fri 23 Nov 2018 | 10am - 12pm

#### Research Launchpad

The session will review the procedural responsibilities of the supervisor in relation to key milestones. Supervisors will review the assessment criteria, think about how to prepare students to defend their work, and consider potential outcomes.

### Preparing candidates for the PhD viva

Fri 30 Nov 2018 | 10am - 12pm

#### Research Launchpad

This session will explore the supervisory team's role in preparation for the viva, and how supervisors can provide supportive and constructive guidance to students who do not meet the required standards.

### The role of the Independent Chair and Examiner for PhDs

Fri 7 Dec 2018 | 10am - 12pm

#### Research Launchpad

This session will provide an overview of the role of independent chairs of progression and viva panels. It will also review the role of examiners. The session will guide staff on how to ensure panels are conducted in a supportive and constructive way.

The following sessions will run in the second semester:

- The role of the Scrutiny Panel
- PhD by prior publication
- Styles of Supervision
- Reflective practice and best practice for supervisors
- Current issues in Postgraduate Research
- Research integrity and PGR

Dates will be confirmed before Christmas please email [rosie.cooper@solent.ac.uk](mailto:rosie.cooper@solent.ac.uk) if you would like further information about the sessions in the meantime.

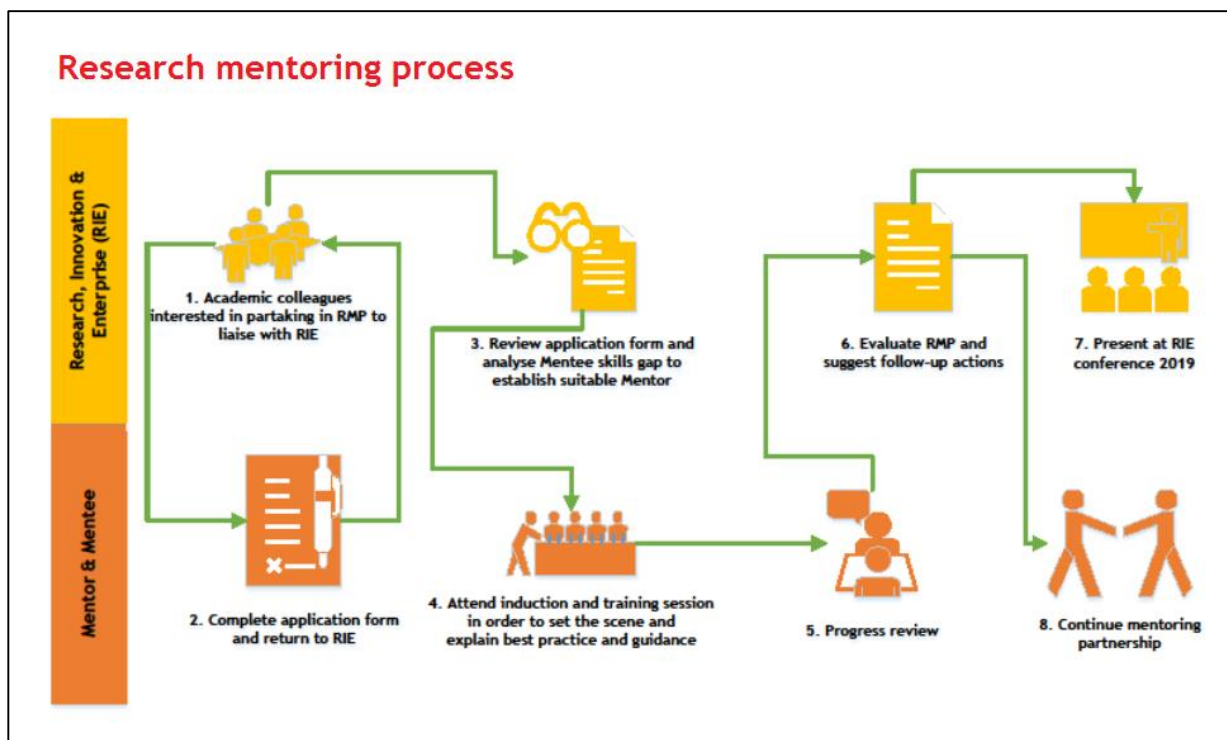
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## RESEARCH MENTORING

The Research Mentoring Scheme provides an excellent opportunity for both professional and personal development as either a mentor or mentee and is also a great way to network with other researchers around the University. The scheme is by lead by Professor Anthony Gallagher and facilitated through Research, Innovation and Enterprise (RIE). It will run as a pilot for the academic year 2018-19.



### Why take part?

Participating in a mentoring scheme can help to enhance your career, broaden your thinking and support both your professional and personal development. Whether you choose to be mentor or a mentee, the scheme will give you a chance to enhance your research skills and meet like-minded individuals around the University.

### How can I get involved?

To participate in the scheme as either a mentor or a mentee, please complete the relevant application form and email it to [bill.acharjee@solent.ac.uk](mailto:bill.acharjee@solent.ac.uk). Your form will then be assessed and a suitable match between mentor and mentee proposed.

Assuming the match is acceptable, then both mentors and mentees will be expected to engage in a short series of induction training events, as well as arranging four to six meetings over the period of the academic year. Some mentoring partners may be asked to take part in further evaluation activities, including creating suitable case studies for dissemination in future events.

- [Download the Mentor application form](#)
- [Download the Mentee application form](#)

### Take part in the induction training

Induction sessions will be held in October, and participants will be provided with initial training and ongoing support. Click on the links to find out more about upcoming training sessions:

- [Tue 23 Oct: Introduction to the Research Mentoring Scheme](#) (open to all academic staff)
- [Wed 7 Nov: Research mentoring induction workshop](#) (open to accepted applicants)

### You may also be interested in joining The Solent Workroom

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## FUNDING AND BIDDING

### SEMINARS

#### **The current research and innovation environment and funding priorities in the UK**

Thu 11 Oct | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | TS512

This seminar will provide participants with an introduction to the funding environment in the UK, and the chance to discover the ins and outs of finding funding for your research and innovation projects

#### **Knowledge Transfer Partnerships**

Tue 13 Nov | 12:30pm - 1:15pm | TS210

The Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) scheme is a government funded initiative aimed at connecting businesses with the UK university knowledge base. This session provides a clear overview of the scheme and the benefits to academic partners and graduates, and outlines how Solent staff (and students) can get involved.

### RESEARCH SKILLS WORKSHOPS

#### **Writing a bid**

Tue 30 Oct | 12:30pm - 1:15pm | TS501

#### **Budgeting your Bid**

Tue 6 Nov | 12:30pm - 1:15pm | TS501

This pair of short seminars are aimed at individuals planning to submit applications for external funding of research projects. Participants in *Writing a bid* will learn how to plan and structure a successful bid. Those who attend *Budgeting your bid* will gain an understanding of how to cost a bid, and the financial responsibilities of preparing an application. Many of the principles will also be relevant for innovation funding applications.

#### **Introduction to IP and commercialisation**

Mon 19 Nov | 12:30pm - 1:15pm | TS511

This short seminar is aimed at individuals leading or planning to lead a research project including student projects, developing a product or looking to commercialise a concept. The session will be most relevant to those who have never previously considered the implications of intellectual property, but more experienced individuals are also welcome.

#### **Finding funding**

Mon 22 Oct | 1pm - 1:30pm

MLB07 (Library Basement)

This workshop is aimed at individuals seeking ideas for how to fund their research project(s). By the end of the session attendees will have a basic understanding of the university's co-funding and internal seed-funding schemes and of where to look for external funding.

#### **Introducing the Solent Consultancy Policy**

Tue 27 Nov | 12:30pm - 1:15pm | TS501

This short seminar is aimed at individual staff members planning to undertake outward consultancy. The session will provide with a concise overview of the University's policy on conducting consultancy including what your responsibilities are both to the University and to a prospective client.

#### **Using Pivot**

Mon 22 Oct | 12:30pm - 1pm

MLB07 (Library Basement)

This workshop provides an overview of Pivot, the university's research funding opportunities database. By the end of the session attendees will be able to create a Pivot account, edit their profile, use basic functionality to discover and share current funding opportunities and find potential external collaborators in the same area of expertise.

#### **Introducing Pure: research information management at Solent**

Tue 4 Dec | 12:30pm - 1pm

MLB07 (Library Basement)

This workshop provides an overview of Pure, the university's research information management system. By the end of the session attendees will be able to use basic functions to edit their profile, create and save a CV and view their research outputs, activities and projects.

#### **Pure for research & innovation projects**

Tue 4 Dec | 12pm - 12:30pm

MLB07 (Library Basement)

This workshop is aimed at academics who are either intending to carry out or currently carrying out research or innovation projects, including outward consultancy. By the end of the session attendees will be able to view and edit their projects, applications and awards and use Pure as a basic project management tool for awards

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## RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK 2021

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) is a peer review assessment of the quality of research in UK higher education institutions (HEIs). The review takes place every five to seven years. It is undertaken by the government's Higher Education Funding Councils. This series provides an introduction to the REF, explores Solent's plans for REF 2021, and provides information and training about submitting to the REF for academics who are on the research pathway. You can find out more about REF2021 at [www.ref.ac.uk](http://www.ref.ac.uk).

### WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

#### [Introducing the Research Excellence Framework \(REF\)](#)

**Fri 19 Oct | 12:30pm - 1:30pm**  
**Research Launchpad (RM223)**

This seminar is an introduction to REF2021 and will be especially relevant for early career researchers and interested doctoral students.

We will explore questions such as: What is the REF and why does it take place? Why might REF be important for your career? The session makes no assumption of prior knowledge, and looks at how you can build planning for REF into your career development.

#### [Open access publishing for the REF](#)

**Wed 31 Oct | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | RM151**

Participants in this workshop will use The Publishing Trap board game to explore the potential impacts of publishing choices and the role of open access. The session includes opportunity for discussion, and will signpost researchers toward online resources available to support dissemination and scholarly communication.

This session on open access is designed for staff on the research pathway.

#### [Solent and REF 2021](#)

**Thu 8 Nov | 2pm - 3:30pm | TS103**

Come along to this seminar and find out about Solent's plans for REF2021. This session will provide an update on Solent's preparations for the REF, following the publication of draft guidance documents by Research England. There will be an opportunity for Q&A.

#### [Research Environment in REF 2021](#)

**Tue 20 Nov | 1pm - 2pm**

**Research Launchpad (RM223)**

This session will explore the REF approach to the research environment, including the criteria for vitality and sustainability, as well as other factors affecting overall environment scores for REF 2021.

#### [Impact Case Studies for REF 2021](#)

**Thu 29 Nov | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | RM151**

This workshop is aimed at academic staff who are in the process of developing, or would like to explore developing, impact case studies for REF2021. The session will offer examples of impact case studies from REF2014, answer questions about developing impact case studies for REF2021 and beyond, and provide guidance on completing the impact case study template.

#### [Recording research outputs in Pure](#)

**Tue 4 Dec | 1pm - 2pm**

**MLB07 (Library basement)**

This workshop is aimed at staff new to Solent who have not previously engaged with the Pure Research Information Management System. It will focus on how to individualise your academic profile on Pure and how to upload research outputs and research related activities into the Pure system to maintain a searchable and up to date record of your research at Solent.

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## ONLINE LEARNING FOR RESEARCHERS AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Online learning materials are designed for you to use alongside or in place of the face to face workshops and seminars provided through the Researcher Development Programme. You can choose the activities which are right for you at each stage of your research and innovation development journey, tailoring a development programme to suit your individual needs.

### SOLENT ONLINE LEARNING (SOL)

You will need to register on the RDP course page on SOL to access the online learning materials. You can sign into SOL through the Portal using your University login details. Search for 'Researcher Development Programme' and follow the screen prompts to register.

➤ [Go to the RDP course page](#)

### RESEARCH LIBGUIDE

This guide to Library resources for researchers will link you to key information, tools, and services to help you conduct your research. Researchers and doctoral students are also entitled to a range of additional library services such as inter-library loans, access to external collections, and one-to-one appointments with the information librarian for your subject area.

➤ [Go to the Research Libguide](#)

### UEA ONLINE TRAINING FOR PGR (2018/19)

The UEA Online Training Series for PGRs offers research and professional skills training for doctoral students\* in a 'live-taught' online format. The series is organised by Dr Simon Watts, PGR Training Coordinator for the Faculty of Social Sciences at UEA, who also teaches the majority of sessions via a virtual classroom. Click on the webinar tab to download the programme for 2018/19 and find out how to book a place.

➤ [Find out more](#)

### INFORMATION FILMS

This series of information films provides an in-depth look at best practice for postgraduate research, supporting both doctoral students and supervisors with a range of activities required to meet the milestones along the route to a successful viva.

➤ [Find out more](#)

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