Research Support Programme

September 2016 – August 2017
Research Support and Development team

As part of the Research and Innovation Directorate at Plymouth University, the Research Support and Development team play a pivotal role in the management and promotion of research across the institution. Some of their work includes the development of the research strategy in order to enhance and extend the research culture, development and maintenance of University research policies and procedures, delivery of the researcher training programme for all staff across the university and ensuring the effective promotion and presentation of research activities within the university and to the wider public.

Research Support Programme

The Research Support Programme is specifically designed to support research staff at varying stages of their career and projects. All sessions are available free of charge for research staff, academics and staff supporting researchers, facilitated by the Research Support and Development team.

For further information or to book on to a session bookings please email: research@plymouth.ac.uk. Alternately you can contact: Sarah Kearns on (01752) 587637.

Researcher Development Framework

The UK is committed to enhancing the higher-level capabilities of the UK workforce, including the development of world-class researchers. To aid this Vitae have produced the Researcher Development Framework which denotes a new approach to researcher development, setting out the tools available to enhance the knowledge, behaviours and attributes of effective and highly skilled researchers appropriate for a wide range of careers (for further information please visit the [Vitae webpage](#)).

The Framework is structured in to four domains, encompassing what researchers need to know to complete their research, how to be effective in their approach to research, working with others, and contributing to the wider environment. Within each of the domains are three sub-domains and associated descriptors, which describe different aspects of being a researcher (see Figure 1):

![Figure 1: The Researcher Development Framework structure](#)
AN INTRODUCTION TO APPLYING FOR RESEARCH FUNDING

Facilitators: Dr John Martin, Head of Research Support and Development

Intended Learning Outcomes:

These sessions are laid out with new lecturers in mind (and new to UK), but would be beneficial to anyone new to applying for research grants including research fellows, research assistants and research students. The session covers:

- An explanation of where research funding comes from
- Advice on how to find appropriate funding sources
- Advice and an overview of the process for applying for a research grant - from idea to reward
- An explanation of the university's procedures

Dates and times: Thursday 10th November 2016, 10:00 – 12:30
Thursday 9th February 2017, 10:00 – 12:30
Thursday 4th May 2017, 10:00 – 12:30

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS AND RESOURCE PLANNING FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

Facilitators: Dr John Martin and Funding Advisors

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This course provides an in-depth exploration of the components of setting a proposal budget, including an overview of the costing component, an explanation of the justification of resource element, an overview of funder’s guidelines and an explanation of university procedures.

Dates and times: Wednesday 7th December 2016, 11:00 – 12:30
Wednesday 15th March 2017, 11:00 – 12:30
WRITING AN EFFECTIVE RESEARCH FUNDING PROPOSAL

Intended Learning Outcomes:

Some of the points covered in this session include:

- Alignment to call topic
- Alignment to evaluation criteria across Research Council requirements
- Concise, coherent, precise writing style – less is often more!
- Pitch proposal to the correct level – the evaluator will have some knowledge but often not as expert as the writer
- Regard as a “sales proposal” – need to highlight the NEED and BENEFITS at many levels, not just the scientific excellence

Facilitator:
Susan Eick, Specialist Advisor

Dates and times:  Wednesday 7th December 2016, 10:00 – 12:00
                    Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 10:00 – 12:00
                    Wednesday 17th May 2017, 10:00 – 12:00
RESEARCH ADVICE – SURGERIES

Wednesdays 14:00 – 15:00, room 202 Marine Building*

Are you thinking about applying for research funding? Are you interested in Research Councils, European, charity and other funding? Would you like to find out more about the support available?

Specialist Advisors and the wider team within Research and Innovation are available to answer your queries so why not drop in for a chat on a Wednesday afternoon? We can also tailor the sessions to your particular research group’s requirements and deliver them in your School or Faculty.

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If you wish to attend and/or have any queries please email research@plymouth.ac.uk. Details of how to apply for research funding and of support available can be found at www1.plymouth.ac.uk/research/support/funding.
OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Facilitator: Information Specialists (Library Academic Engagement)

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This workshop will focus particularly on the HEFCE open access policy for the post-2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) – the ‘green’ route to open access – and will guide you through self-archiving your research outputs via Elements into PEARL (Plymouth’s Open Access research repository) including navigating complexities such as publishers' open access policies and copyright.

A general overview of what open access is and its intended benefits will also be provided as well as highlighting the ‘gold’ route to open access: available to recipients of RCUK grant awards.

Please contact your Information Specialist directly should you wish to arrange a bespoke workshop for your research group: informationspecialists@plymouth.ac.uk

Dates and times:  
Wednesday 5th October 2016, 15:00 – 16:00  
Wednesday 9th November 2016, 15:00 – 16:00  
Wednesday 7th December 2016, 15:00 – 16:00  
Wednesday 11th January 2017, 15:00 – 16:00  
Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 15:00 – 16:00  
Wednesday 22nd March 2017, 15:00 – 16:00  
Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 15:00 – 16:00
HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Facilitator: Ewa Thompson

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This interactive workshop is held for staff interested in participating in collaborative research projects. The session will benefit early career researchers, researchers new to Plymouth University, research support staff and individuals already engaged in collaborative work. We will explore issues relating to finding partners, developing networks, looking for funding opportunities and dealing with consortium and grant agreements.

Dates and times:  Wednesday 19th October 2016, 10:00 – 11:30
Tuesday 17th January 2017, 10:00 – 11:30

RESEARCH ETHICS – AN OVERVIEW - For all researchers (support staff and research students also welcome).

Facilitator: Angela Pellowe, Research Governance and Engagement Officer

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This session will provide an overview of different research ethical review processes (internal University Faculty, external Health Authority (NHS) and Home Office Animal Welfare). The session will cover what you need to consider when making a good ethics application and how you can overcome pitfalls. By the end of the session you will have a basic understanding of ethical review, different processes and where to find further guidance.

Dates and times:  Tuesday 4th October 2016 13:30 – 15:00
Tuesday 7th February 2017, 14:00 – 15:30
RESEARCH GOVERNANCE – University, Funder, Government and International Processes. Early Career Researchers (ECRs) or those researchers exploring new areas of research funding will benefit from this session although it is open to all.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This session will provide an overview of the different governance requirements that you will encounter during your research career, as well as some of the university, funder and regulatory processes you will need to follow (UK and International). It will include research ethics, sponsorship under the Health Research Authority in the UK, US federal assurances, indemnity and insurance issues, and EU regulations and other international standards. Participants should receive a basic knowledge of the different governance processes and requirements as well as receive an idea of the guidance available on campus.

Facilitator:
Angela Pellowe, Research Governance and Engagement Officer

Dates and Times:  Tuesday 6th June 2017, 14:00 – 15:00

MEDIA TRAINING

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This two hour training session is a fun, informal and interactive introduction to media engagement. It covers how to work with Press Officers, what makes news, how to get your research out there, practical interview tips – and most importantly, the chance to try out your new skills in front of the camera in a safe and welcoming environment.

It’s led by the University Press Office team, who all come from journalistic backgrounds, and who have helped break some of the university’s biggest research stories over the years. The session is ideally suited to research-active staff members, whose areas of work are topical and will likely be of interest to the media and wider public. We tailor each participant’s training to their experience, so complete beginners through to seasoned spokespeople who just need a refresh, are all equally welcome.

Facilitators:
Andrew Merrington, Senior Media & Communications Officer
Alan Williams, Media & Communications Officer

Dates and times:  Thursday 9th February 2017, 11:00 – 13:00
Thursday 6th July 2017, 11:00 – 13:00
UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH CONTRACTS: The essentials researchers need to know about grant agreements, consortium/collaboration agreements and other research agreements.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This session will provide an overview of the types and content of the key contracts and agreements used in research including grant agreements, studentships and agreements for services. Participants should come away with a better understanding of how to deal with drafting and agreeing contracts for research, and introduce researchers to the support available to them from the legal services department. It will discuss the main agreements, the templates available, key terminology and the important content and issues to cover in contracts to enable researchers to discuss contractual issues with funders and collaborators and to have a better understanding of some of the issues they may encounter.

Facilitator:
Melissa Rose, University Legal Officer

Dates and Times:  Thursday 20th October 2016, 10:00 – 12:00 (PU campus, MB202)
Tuesday 14th March 2017, 11:00 – 12:00 (John Bull Building, Derriford, Seminar room 3)
HUMAN TISSUE RESEARCH

This is compulsory training for any staff or research students using human tissue in their research. The course will be useful for anyone intending to do research using human tissue in the future.

Facilitator(s): Dr Garry Farnham, Dr Claire Adams and Dr Tracey Madgett

The use of Human Tissue for research in England and Wales is covered by legislation in the Human Tissue Act 2004 and regulated by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA). Licences for research using human tissue are issued by the HTA and require that any staff teams working under the licence are suitably trained. As a Human Tissues licence holder the university has a minimum standard of training for all staff working with human tissue. This session provides an overview of Human Tissue legislation and the governance and standard operational procedures the university has in place to ensure that it complies with the HT Act regulations. Key areas covered include consent, disposal, transfer, data management and monitoring procedures. The legal status of human tissues stored as part of an NREC ethically approved project and material stored under the Human Tissues Act will also be discussed. A main purpose of this seminar is to ensure that all staff working with Human Tissue at the University of Plymouth are aware of their legal obligations in this field, as well as the help and resources that are available to them. For more information on the content of this session please contact hta@plymouth.ac.uk

Dates and times: Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2016, 14:30 – 16:30
Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} December 2016, 14:30 – 16:30
Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} March 2017, 14:30 – 16:30
Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th} April 2017, 14:30 – 16:30

DO YOU NEED ACCESS TO THE NHS TO CONDUCT YOUR RESEARCH? AN UPDATE ON THE NEW HEALTH RESEARCH AUTHORITY APPROVAL PROCESS AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR RESEARCHERS ACCESSING THE NHS.

Facilitator: Pam Baxter, Research Governance Officer (Specialist)

Intended Learning Outcomes:

Due to recent changes implemented by the Health Research Authority (HRA) on 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2016, all studies (including academic/educational studies) that require access to the NHS for research with patients, patient data (tissue/research databases) or NHS Staff, now have to follow the guidance from the Health Research Authority. HRA Approval and changes to the IRAS Application form have been introduced, understanding how the new system works will be beneficial in planning your forthcoming research. The session involves an update on the new HRA Approval process and allows plenty of time for a questions and answers.

Dates and Times: Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} October 2016, 11:00 – 13:00
Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th} February 2017, 10:00 – 12:00
Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} May 2017, 10:00 – 12:00
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR RESEARCHERS

Facilitator(s): Paul Tiltman and David Mozley

Intended Learning Outcomes:

These sessions focus on Intellectual property for most research disciplines including how to maximise and look for opportunities with IP and advice/guidance on who owns the intellectual property, and how to secure it.

Dates and Times: Tuesday 11th April 2017, 10:30 – 12:30

Please email research@plymouth.ac.uk to express your interest. We will add you to a waiting list and will be in touch to confirm when this session will be held.

IRAS: ELECTRONIC ETHICS SUBMISSION TO HEALTH RESEARCH AUTHORITY USING THE ONLINE INTEGRATED RESEARCH APPLICATION SYSTEM (IRAS)

A workshop providing an introduction and guidance for people making an application to an NHS ethics committee through IRAS. Participants will be able to set up forms and/or work on their own applications with on-hand guidance and support to troubleshoot any problems they may be experiencing in with their online ethics application to the Health Research Authority.

Facilitators:
Pam Baxter, Research Governance Officer (Specialist)
Angela Pellowe, Research Governance and Engagement Officer

Bookings and enquiries: research@plymouth.ac.uk

Date & Times:  Thursday 3rd November 2016, 09:30 – 12:30
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               Thursday 6th July 2017, 09:30 – 12:30
CARRYING OUT COMMERCIAL RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY VIA THE UNIVERSITY COMPANY UOPEL

Facilitators: Murray Parkin and Dan Godfrey

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This session will provide an overview of the University's commercial subsidiary company, University of Plymouth Enterprise Ltd (UoPEL). There will be guidance on University processes for managing commercial consultancy and contract research, and practical examples of how to get started and the benefits available from managing work through UoPEL.

Dates and times: Tuesday 15th November 2016, 11:00 – 12:00
Tuesday 14th March 2017, 11:00 – 12:00
Tuesday 16th May 2017, 11:00 – 12:00

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF YOUR RESEARCH GRANT

Facilitator: Emma Montgomery, Finance Operations Manager

Intended Learning Outcomes:

This session is an overview of the entire post-award process, the responsibilities of the Principal Investigator and the support available on campus.

The session will cover processes relating to grant acceptance, starting notification, HR recruitment, Budget monitoring and reporting.

Dates and times: Tuesday 1st November 2016, 11:00 – 12:30
Tuesday 21st February 2017, 11:00 – 12:30
Tuesday 6th June 2017, 11:00 – 12:30

Bookings and Enquiries: researchskills@plymouth.ac.uk
GOOD SUPERVISORY PRACTICE SESSION

The Graduate School

Supervising postgraduate research candidates – that is, the process of enabling individuals to develop into independent researchers – is immensely rewarding, but also challenging and complex. This session is designed to prepare and provide support to newly appointed research supervisors or supervisors who are new to Plymouth University; it is also open to experienced research supervisors who wish to refresh their knowledge in a constantly evolving professional landscape.

The session will enhance understanding and awareness of key elements, responsibilities and expectations of the research supervision process. In addition to introducing and explaining the regulatory aspects of supervision at Plymouth, it will consider the following issues: student selection, admission and induction processes; RDC milestones; ethical imperatives; working as part of a supervisory team; supporting skills training and career development; supervisory meetings; supervisory styles; embracing and understanding diversity and different patterns of study (e.g. part time); managing student anxiety and emotional issues; supporting writing; providing feedback; monitoring progress; preparing for submission, examination and vivas; and communicating academic standards.

Participants are welcome to discuss and raise questions, concerns and experiences in a supportive and confidential environment.

Facilitators:
Professor Roberta Mock, Director of Graduate School
Dr Cristina Rivas, Graduate School Manager
Sarah Kearns, Researcher Development Programme Manager

Bookings and enquiries: researchskills@plymouth.ac.uk

Date & Times: Wednesday 28th September 2016, 10:00-14:30

For alternate dates please email researchskills@plymouth.ac.uk to express your interest. We will add you to a waiting list and will be in touch to confirm when this session will next be held.
INTERNAL EXAMINERS BRIEFING

Intended Learning Outcomes:

These short briefings are held for new internal examiners of research degree students and for new staff who have not examined at Plymouth before and are held according to QAA and Plymouth University quality standards. Following the session the Internal Examiner is approved by the Graduate Sub-Committee to serve as a full member of an examination team for Research Masters, MPhil, PhD and Professional Doctorates.

Facilitator:
Professor Roberta Mock, Director of Graduate School

Dates and times:  
Tuesday 13th September 2016, 13:00 – 15:00  
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Friday 24th March 2017, 10:00 – 12:00  
Tuesday 16th May 2017, 13:00 – 15:00

Bookings: researchskills@plymouth.ac.uk
RESEARCH DEGREE SUPERVISORS – SURGERIES – held in Link 303

Do you supervise postgraduate research students and want to know more about the administrative processes involved?

Graduate School staff will provide an overview of the processes and answer your questions on the following dates:

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Bookings and enquiries for PGR Supervisors surgeries can be emailed to: researchskills@plymouth.ac.uk

RESEARCH DEGREE SUPERVISORS – DROP-IN SESSIONS

Research Degree Supervisors can talk to Graduate School staff about any aspect of administration for research degrees on any of the following dates:

- **Tuesday 13th December 2016**, 10:30 – 12:30
- **Tuesday 31st January 2017**, 14:00 – 16:00
- **Thursday 23rd February 2017**, 10:30 – 12:30
- **Wednesday 29th March 2017**, 14:00 – 16:00
- **Tuesday 16th May 2017**, 14:00 – 16:00
- **Friday 9th June 2017**, 10:30 – 12:30

Research Degree Supervisors drop-in sessions will be held at the Graduate School, Level 3 Link building. Bookings: researchskills@plymouth.ac.uk

The Graduate School can be contacted at graduateschool@plymouth.ac.uk

The Researcher Forum allows research staff, early career academics and staff supporting researchers the valuable opportunity to join discussions, hear developments, share practice, connect and be consulted on important issues for Researchers. Topics for discussion/information can be directed by Researchers and will include for example: professional development, representation and working within a research environment. We welcome all members of research staff and early careers academics to join us for this great event and a valuable opportunity to connect at Plymouth University.

The Researcher Forum links closely with our work to promote the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and has been instrumental in our achievement of the European Commission HR Excellence in Research Award. The Researcher Forum actively enables Researchers to influence policy and practice at Plymouth University and be represented at University Committees.

Facilitator: Sarah Kearns, Researcher Development Programme Manager

Applicability: All research staff, early career academics and staff supporting researchers.

Dates and times:  
Tuesday 11th October 2016, 12:30 – 14:30  
Tuesday 24th January 2017, 12:30 – 14:30  
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Wednesday 12th July 2017, 12:30 – 14:30

Related links

The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers  

Researcher Development Framework  
http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/428241/Vitae-Researcher-Development-Framework.html
External Contacts for Researchers

Vitae
Vitae is dedicated to realising the potential of researchers through transforming their professional and career development. Vitae is an international programme dedicated to active career learning and development. Visit their website https://www.vitae.ac.uk

Research Councils UK (RCUK)
RCUK are responsible for investing public money in research in the UK to advance knowledge and generate new ideas which lead to a productive economy, healthy society and contribute to a sustainable world. Visit their website http://www.rcuk.ac.uk

The UK Research Office (UKRO)
UKRO is the European office of the UK Research Councils. Its mission is to promote effective UK engagement in EU research, innovation and higher education activities, by:

- Enabling the UK research community to make informed decisions about participation in EU programmes and to maximise the opportunities available to them;
- Supporting UK input into European research policy development and implementation through informing and interfacing with the appropriate bodies; and
- Developing and maintaining a suite of quality services that meet the evolving needs of sponsors and subscribers.

Visit their website http://www.ukro.ac.uk

The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers
The Concordat is an agreement between the funders and employers of researchers in the UK. It sets out the expectations and responsibilities of researchers, their managers, employers and funders. It aims to increase the attractiveness and sustainability of research careers in the UK and to improve the quantity, quality and impact of research for the benefit of UK society and the economy.
For further information visit: https://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy/concordat-to-support-the-career-development-of-researchers
HR Excellence in Research
Plymouth University has achieved the European Commission HR Excellence in Research award. This European award reflects the on-going work of Plymouth University in support of our research staff. The award was assessed by a panel comprising of the European Commission, the Concordat Strategy Group, Vitae, the UK Research Staff Association and the Equality Challenge Unit. This award acknowledges our commitment to achieving the principles of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and, the European Charter for Researchers.
Information on the Concordat, HR Excellence and Plymouth University’s support for researchers is available at http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research

The European Charter for Researchers
The European Charter for Researchers is a set of general principles and requirements which specifies the roles, responsibilities and entitlements of researchers as well as of employers and/or funders of researchers. The aim of the Charter is to ensure that the nature of the relationship between researchers and employers or funders is conducive to successful performance in generating, transferring, sharing and disseminating knowledge and technological development, and to the career development of researchers. The Charter also recognizes the value of all forms of mobility as a means for enhancing the professional development of researchers.

EURAXESS
EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a set of general principles and requirements which specifies the roles, responsibilities and entitlements of researchers as well as of employers and/or funders of researchers.
Visit their website http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess.

Association for Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA)
ARMA facilitates excellence in research by identifying and establishing best practice in research management and administration. It aims to enhance the profession of research management and administration, and to facilitate excellence in research through identifying, establishing and exchanging good practice in research management and administration.
Visit their website https://www.arma.ac.uk/
UKCGE
UKCGE was founded in 1994 to champion the interests of graduate education. The Council is:

- an authoritative voice for the HE sector on postgraduate activity in the UK
- a developer and communicator on policy relating to postgraduate education
- a developer and promoter of best practice in the delivery of postgraduate programmes
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