



# Alchemies of Research

Possibilities and Transformations in Arts, Design and Media

PGR Studio Conference

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The Parkside Building, Birmingham City University



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Alchemy is normally associated with the transmutation of matter. However, it also resonates closely with the many transformations that take place in research:

ABSTRACT TO TANGIBLE

ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

TACIT TO EXPLICIT

WORTHLESS TO INVALUABLE

ACCIDENTAL TO CREATIVE

Moments of multiplicity and coincidence often mean different elements converge and diverge in an almost magical process, leading to the unknown and infinite possibilities.

**Alchemies of Research** is a one-day conference that invites you to consider your research as a site of transformation(s) and to bring to the fore the various alchemies at play. It seeks to facilitate an interdisciplinary, supportive and innovative space of exchange leading to unexpected alchemical outcomes themselves.

*What has shaped your research into something unique and precious? Do single elements combine and merge together to create something new? Are there moments of failure or serendipity that have transformed your research? Are there alchemies in your research that are deliberate or have they emerged more unpredictably and performatively? How can you unveil and expose the transformations and alchemies of your research? What possibilities might these provocations create in Arts, Design & Media research?*

We invite you to **EXPERIMENT, PROVOKE, EXPOSE, PERFORM, PRESENT, CHALLENGE, CREATE**

your research **IDEAS, EIPHANIES, METHODS, FINDINGS, PRACTICE**

... in one of the following forms ...

**WORKSHOPS** / Interactive workshops up to 1 hour

**HAPPENINGS** / Short performative happenings of approximately 5-10 minutes

**STUFF** / Visual, sound-based and other research matter

**INTERFACES** / Place your research in dialogue with another researcher (identify a collaborator or let us choose!)

**PRESENTATIONS** / 15-minute presentations that articulate an aspect of your research

## TO APPLY ...

Submit proposals on 1 side of A4 (including visual material) or that take up to a minute to listen/watch that include:

- a title
- what you want to do and how it relates to the conference themes
- the form your contribution will take
- any technical or spatial requirements

Send your proposal to [alchemiesofresearch@gmail.com](mailto:alchemiesofresearch@gmail.com) by the deadline of **20th May 2019**

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