

The PGR

Studio

2020-2021



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About *

*** A manifesto for Researcher Development**

The PGR Studio facilitates a critical mass of activity for Postgraduate Researchers (PGRs) at the Faculty of Arts, Design & Media.

It is a nationally-recognised space of doctoral training excellence that supports PGRs throughout their doctoral journey, as well as facilitating routes into and out of PhD study.

The PGR Studio ethos is centred on creativity, criticality, community and collaboration. It seeks to promote generative spaces of new thinking, the cross-fertilisation of ideas and enhance the doctoral community.

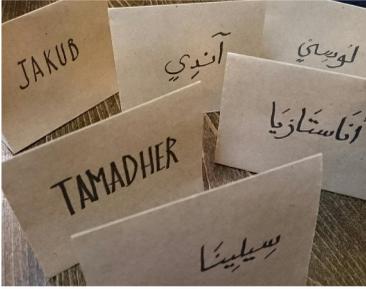
The PGR Studio elicits nomadic teaching-learning spaces across the faculty that complement the role of the supervisor as well as the rich research communities found in individual Schools and Centres.

The PGR Studio team includes ADM PhD students and postdocs who are employed each year as Research Assistants. They actively work in collaboration with the doctoral community so that our provision is shaped by PGRs for PGRs. Our weekly Drink + Discuss, for example is hosted by PGRs and we would encourage you to get involved in and help shape your doctoral community where possible.

Creative. Collaborative. Community. Criticality.



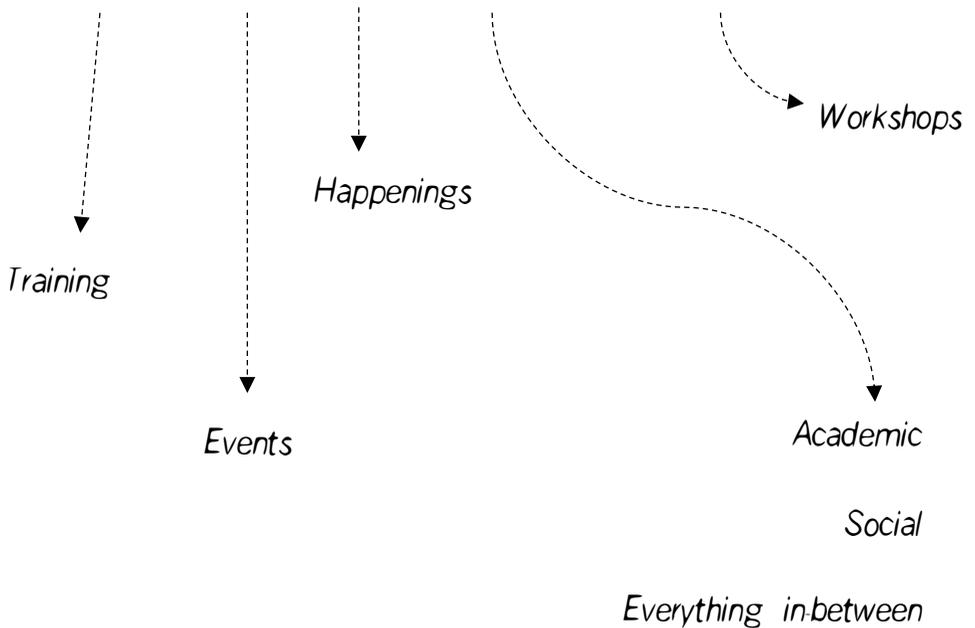
THIS IS RESEARCH.



What we do ...

We run a programme of weekly activities throughout the academic year so you can design your own doctoral curriculum.

For those of you undertaking the PGCert in Research Practice, our provision also counts as part of Element 2 of your assignment!



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Stuff

Our doctoral training programme is recognised in the sector as innovative and creative, providing high quality provision in the context of the Arts, Design & Media that pushes the boundaries of Researcher Development.

It includes a wide range of workshops to support you in your doctoral journey ...

Drink + Discuss / Viva survival / Writing retreats / Filtering the Universe / Using your library / Getting to grips with Endnote / Writing intensive / Spoken word research narratives / Promoting yourself as a researcher / Careers and cocktails / Abstract writing S.O.S. / Collaborative takeovers / Where to from here? Becoming a post-doc / Shut Up & Write! / Thinking of Doing a PhD? / PhD picnic / Branding yourself as a researcher / Introduction to teaching and pedagogy / Disseminating research / Conference Know-how / Pimp my thesis / Demystifying your PAP / Show me the money! / Practice — as — research — as — practice — as / Performing peer review / You tell us!

We also facilitate a range of activities and events including ...

The Brilliant Club

Undertake paid teaching placements with the award-winning charity The Brilliant Club, where you can develop and deliver short university-style tutorials to high-achieving school pupils based on your doctoral research.

Pastoral

We are currently in the process of putting together pastoral support to provide 1-2-1 pastoral guidance in a safe and confidential space to discuss any areas relating to your PhD – from wellbeing to procedural questions to working with your supervisor and more.

Mentoring

Our mentoring scheme facilitates interdisciplinary mentoring partnerships between PGRs at different stages of their research across ADM to provide support and enable knowledge exchange.

Partnerships are also part of a larger mentoring community, who meet throughout the year to share practice.

Inside // Out PhD festival

A mid-year festival of research to get 'inside' ideas 'out' there. ADM doctoral researchers are invited to join the festival line-up in the form of short pecha kucha-style talks, provocations, posters and more. In the past, talks have included operatic utterances to virtual reality experiences and haptic explorations. Surprise us!



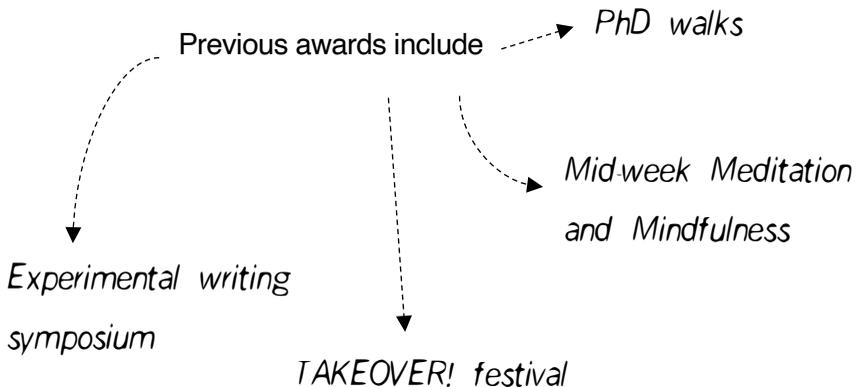
Annual conference

Every summer our doctoral training programme finishes in style with the PGR Studio conference. Focusing on a theme open to all researchers, it is always critical, experimental and pushes the boundaries of the traditional conference format. You can get involved in all aspects – organising, presenting, chairing curating, photography and more.



Researcher Development Funding Awards

Our funding awards support doctoral researchers to organise and facilitate development initiatives that benefit PhD students across ADM or within smaller research areas, enhance the ADM PhD environment and community.



**Shape
your
doctoral
learning.**

A note in strange times ...

In the current context of the Covid-19 pandemic, our provision has been adapted to be online to keep you and staff as safe as possible. This includes our weekly programme of events, as well as the mentoring scheme and Inside//Out research festival. All events will take place on The PGR Studio Teams space, with our Drink + Discuss taking place in a separate Jitsi channel, signposted via the main Teams space. The Brilliant Club has its own separate Teams channel as it is open to PGRs across the university

At the moment, there is uncertainty as to whether face-to face events and activities will be possible in the later part of the academic year. As such, we have only published our activities and events for semester 1. We will share information about semester 2 activities, that will take place from February onwards, in early 2021. These will include things such as presenting at conferences, preparing for your P-A-P and navigating practice / research. We are always open to suggestions, just get in touch!

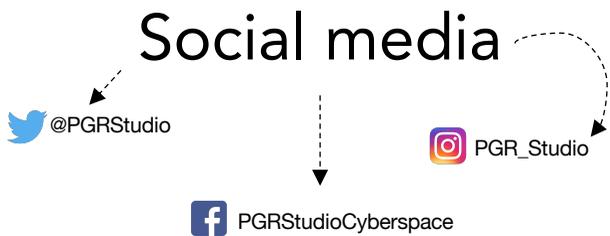
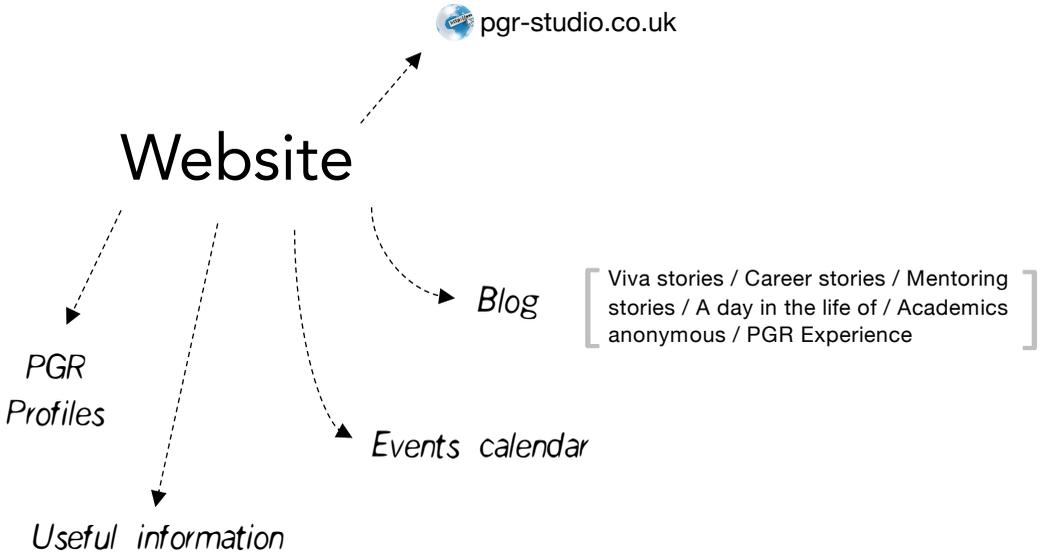
What's happening?

SEMESTER 1

Date	Time	Activity
07/10/2020	2-3pm	What is mentoring?
14/10/2020	2-3pm	Brilliant Club research café
20/10/2018	12-1pm	Brilliant Club research café
21/10/2020	2-3pm	Your PhD library
28/10/2020	2-3pm	Research Integrity
04/11/2020	10am-12pm	Writing Retreat with Helen Kara (part 1)
05/11/2020	12-2pm	Writing Retreat with Helen Kara (part 2)
06/11/2020	10am-12pm	Writing Retreat with Helen Kara (part 3)
10/11/2020	2-3pm	Thinking of Doing a PhD?
11/11/2020	2-3pm	Writing for publication
18/11/2020	1.30-2.30pm	Mentoring launch and lunch
25/11/2020	2-3.30pm	Master Your Viva
01/12/2020	10:30-11:30am	Researcher Development Awards drop-in
02/12/2020	2-3pm	Your Digital Research Footprint
09/12/2020	2-4pm	Beyond the PhD
16/12/2020	2-3pm	PhD self-care
27/01/2020	2-6pm	Inside / Out PhD festival

And ... Drink + discuss takes place every Friday between 2-3pm!

Keep up to date online!



Three things to remember!

1. Events every Wednesday
2. Website and social media
3. This is your PGR Studio



