NTU POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2020-21

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| **Year 1**: The beginning of your doctoral education requires a grounding in understanding where to get started and finding your feet. The first-year researcher development programme is designed to provide you with a backbone of skills to begin your doctoral journey. |
| **Term 1** | **Topic** | **Subtopic** | **Format** | **Delivered** | **More information and booking details** |
| *Compulsory webinar* | NTU Doctorate Plus Programme 1 (DDP1) | Webinar | TBC | NTU Doctoral School |
| *Introduction to the Library* | Library and Learning resources for researchers | Online resources  | 24 hr access  | [Library Research Web](https://www.ntu.ac.uk/m/library/supporting-researchers) |
| *Digital support* | Digital technologies support | Online Resources | 24 hr access  | [IT Services & Support Web](https://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-and-courses/starting-at-ntu/services-and-support/it-essentials) |
| *Research ethics* | Research Integrity  | Online course | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-2911091) |
| *Data management* | How to write a Data Management Plan (DMP) | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Your skills development* | Developing as a postgraduate researcher: skills and your career | 2 x Webinars | Twice a year | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Literature review* | Getting started with your literature review: finding information and keeping up to date | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Conducting a literature search for a systematic review | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Health and Safety* | Risk Assessment at NTU  | Online course | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-2920009) |

Our centrally run Researcher Skills Development Programme is delivered exclusively online for PGR from all Academic Schools. We offer live online webinars with additional virtual spaces for self-paced learning in research skills, researcher engagement, employability, academic writing support and more. Below is a list of the comprehensive support available for the At Distance PhD to ensure skills development throughout your PhD. Note that your researcher skills development is not just about webinars and training but also experiential development; practicing presenting your research, building research networks and joining writing groups and other support networks. You will find a wider range of centrally-run development opportunities and up to date information in the [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure). Your Academic School will provide further subject specific training so please contact the relevant Postgraduate Research Tutor.

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| **Term 2** | **Topic** | **Subtopic** | **Format** | **Delivered** | **More information and booking details** |
| *Research Library skills* | Finding and managing research information | PowerPoint videos | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-3497410) |
| Using RefWorks to manage your references | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Using Mendeley to manage your references | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Research methods: Introduction* | Maths and Stats support from the NTU Library Learning and Teaching Team (Maths and Stats Tutors) | Resources | 24 hr access | [NOW Student Help](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/52836/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-3450294) |
| Introduction to NVivo | LinkedIn Learning  | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-3037988) |
| *Academic writing* | Writing retreats with input sessions | Webinars | Monthly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Thesis management* | Your Thesis: Working with Long Documents in MS Word | 24 hr access | PowerPoint video | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-3019702) |
| *Employability* | Making the most of LinkedIn for PGRs | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Part-time work to complement your PhD | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |

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| **Year 2:** The second year of full-time study is centred around development of methods and techniques to enhance your programme of research. Doctoral candidates begin to develop their specialism relevant to their area of study. As an At Distance PhD candidate this series of training is essential and can be tailored with the Academic School specific training needs during this crucial year of development. |
| **Topic** | **Subtopic** | **Format** | **Delivered** | **More information and booking details** |
| *Publishing* | Making publication choices and disseminating your research | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Getting published in journals | Webinar | Annually | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Academic writing* | Writing retreats with input sessions | Webinar | Monthly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Employability* | Knowing yourself and your career options | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Researcher Engagement* | Preparing for 3-Minute Thesis | Webinar & Practice sessions | Spring and summer term | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Effective conference presentation skills | Webinar | Twice a year | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Researcher Engagement resources and videos | Resources | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-2911092) |

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| **Year 3:** As the final year of study quickly comes around, the development programme for At Distance PhD candidates concentrates on dissemination and publication of your work to complement your thesis. The NTU Doctoral Plus 3 programme gives you training in the preparation for the viva voce and submission of the final thesis. Opportunities for employment are key at this stage prior to thesis pending and can focus your career projections. |
| **Topic** | **Subtopic** | **Format** | **Delivered** | **More information and booking details** |
| *Publishing* | Preparing your thesis for online publication in the institutional repository | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Academic writing* | Writing retreats with input sessions | Webinar | Monthly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Employability* | Effective job search and application (DPP3 part a) | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Succeeding at interviews & assessment centres (DPP3 part b) | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| PGR: create your own job | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Commercial awareness for PhDs | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| PGR job application writing space with Kate | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Researcher Engagement* | Preparing for 3-Minute Thesis | Webinar & Practice sessions | Spring and summer term | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Compulsory webinar*  | Doctorate Plus 3 (DDP3) - *Preparing for your Viva and finishing your thesis* | Webinar | TBC | NTU Doctoral School |
| The Good Viva (Angel Videos) | Video | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-2911091) |

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| **At any stage:** Here you will find more centrally run skills development which you can tap into at any stage of your PhD. |
| **Topic** | **Subtopic** | **Format** | **Delivered** | **More information and booking details** |
| *Teacher Training* | Teacher Training for PGRs (You must have Project Approval) | Webinars | 4x a year | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Research Data management* | Managing personal, sensitive and confidential research data | Webinar | Every term | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| *Personal effectiveness and health and wellbeing* | Managing your time and your doctoral project | 2 x Webinars | Bi-annual | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Time and project management for PGRs (asynchronous resource) | Video and resources | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-3465443) |
| PhD Survival Video (Angel videos) | Video  | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-2911093) |
| [PGRs Staying Well (while social distancing) video](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-3490385) | Video of webinar | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-3490385) |
| *Researcher Engagement* | Designing effective academic posters | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Effective conference presentation skills | Webinar | Termly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Research Presentation Café: Practice your presentation in a supportive environment | Live online | Monthly | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Researcher Engagement asynchronous resources | Videos, resources | 24hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-2911092) |
| Working with the Media | Videos, resources | 24 hr access | [NOW RDG](https://now.ntu.ac.uk/d2l/le/content/594809/Home?itemIdentifier=D2L.LE.Content.ContentObject.ModuleCO-2911092) |
| *Writing retreats* | Online Writing Retreat for PGRs with input session | Live online | Monthly half day with input session | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |
| Virtual Writing Retreat Day with Dr Alison Hardy | Live online | Bi-Monthly full day retreat | [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure) |

For the complete, centrally-run researcher development programme, including social spaces, networking opportunities and events, please see this link to the [Researcher Development Brochure](https://tinyurl.com/RDBrochure). In addition to this you will find development from your School which may be more specifically related to your discipline.