



Humanities Researcher Development and Training Newsletter Michaelmas 2023 | Eighth Week

We hope you enjoy reading about some of your [Researcher Development and Training Programme](#) opportunities.

We offer a comprehensive programme of events, opportunities, workshops and resources to support and develop Humanities researchers at all stages of their career from postgraduate level upwards. Some of these opportunities are bespoke and developed in-house; others are provided through external partners, student support services or in partnership with faculties. Most workshops and events are free, or require a £20 refundable deposit. They are open to Master's and DPhil students and postdoctoral researchers (including teaching-only and college-only appointments). All times given are GMT.

This newsletter is sent once a week during term-time to all current MSt, MPhil and DPhil students in the Humanities Division. To unsubscribe, send a blank email to humanitiestrainingnewsletter-unsubscribe@maillist.admin.ox.ac.uk.

[You can see a list of all our events here \(under the 'events' tab\).](#)

Heritage Pathway Visit & Museum Workshop: Revealing the Coventry Charterhouse

Wednesday 29 November 2023, 8.45am – 4.45pm – 3 places available

Charterhouse, Coventry London Road, Coventry CV1 2JR

This term's Heritage Pathway trip will be to the Charterhouse in Coventry. Commonly associated with the post- World War II rebuilding and the "concrete collar" of the ring road encircling it, Coventry's rich medieval heritage is often overlooked. Among the City's medieval gems is the Charterhouse, a fourteenth-century building and the only former Carthusian monastery in the country with in-situ interiors.

Following a multi-million-pound restoration effort over several years, the Charterhouse and its surrounding parkland have recently reopened as a unique visitor attraction, offering everything from historic tours to silent discos! During our visit, we will hear about the history and the future of the Charterhouse from staff at the Historic Coventry Trust, the organisational body responsible for managing the site. We will also have an opportunity to critically evaluate the

Charterhouse's learning offer and fundraising activities through bespoke workshops with the team.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Interview and Presentation Skills for Researchers

Thursday 30 November, 9.30am – 11.30am

Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PA.

Hosted by the Careers Service

Join us for a relaxed and practical in-person workshop designed to help you tackle interview questions and deliver impactful presentations. This session is tailored to provide research staff and DPhil students with a strong foundation of skills for applying for roles in any sector.

You will learn how to identify and prepare for typical interview questions, communicate your experience and present yourself effectively, structure and format presentations, and explore self-presentation skills supporting different styles of communication. We will explore feedback and experiences from interview panels and your peers, and provide opportunities to practice different techniques in a supportive environment.

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Securing an Internship as a Postgraduate Student or a Researcher

Thursday 30 November, 1pm – 2pm

Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PA.

Hosted by the Careers Service

This talk is designed to help Master and DPhil students identify and apply for internship opportunities; either related to their academic interests, or in a different field. The presentation will also help students think about how to find organisations of interests and how to approach them for opportunities. The advice is also applicable to research staff.

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Think, Articulate, Edit Write!

Friday 1 December, 9am – 1pm

In-person and online

Hosted by the Department for Continuing Education

This session provides postgraduates with a collective and dedicated space in which to write, and provide constructive feedback. Peer-peer review of writing will take place between 09.00-10.30 (on-line and in person). There will be a dedicated space to write from 11.00-12.30

[More information and booking >>](#)

Storytelling for Researchers: Writing Skills

Thursday 25 January, 1pm – 4pm

Colin Matthew Room Radcliffe Humanities

Introducing valuable storytelling and writing skills to enable you to effectively engage audiences with your research. Applicable to public engagement and academic writing.

We will start with exploring the three key elements of a great story – character, plot and texture. Accessible and interactive exercises will be done in pairs (or trios) and you'll be guided through crafting a short piece of creative writing.

We will then look at the practical application of these storytelling skills to the communication of your research. For public engagement, we'll plan and write part of a blog post. For academic writing, we'll explore how plotting can improve an essay and thesis. Empathy will also be explored as a tool to engage diverse audiences.

The session will enhance your creativity and confidence in written communication.

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Other Opportunities

Vacancy: Medical Humanities Research Hub Coordinator

Medical Humanities is one of four TORCH Headline Research Hubs that are points of synergy for cutting-edge, boundary crossing research which are central to Humanities.

Each TORCH Hub is supported by a post-graduate coordinator who plays a key role in the administration and organisation of Hub activity. The post offers an exciting opportunity for a graduate student to get involved in wide reaching interdisciplinary research and to contribute to the shaping of a major Research Hub. You will be responsible for organising regular meetings, ensuring good communication with stakeholders, helping to organise and publicise events and ensuring an up to date online presence for the programme.

[More information and how to apply>>](#)

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