Welcome to the Doctoral School

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Welcome!
Supervisions

The expectation for how good the next update needs to be grows.

You put off meeting with your advisor.

Why Ph.D. projects get derailed.
Writer’s Block

OK, writing shouldn't be so hard.

Everything I want to say is in my head...

I just have to transfer it from my brain to this computer.

Writing: the most impossible short distance in the history of humanity.

c'mon!

24 in
61 cm

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Life Outside the PhD

**T = 0 seconds**

**T = 1 hour**

**ENJOYMENT OF A NON-WORK ACTIVITY:**

- INTERNAL GUILT ALARM
- ~1 HOUR
- TIME

"I should be working..."
Proportionality!

Landing on the Moon:
- Small Step → One Man
- Giant Leap → Mankind

Getting a Ph.D.:
- Giant Leap → One Person
  - Tiny, Insignificant Step
- Mankind

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Wider Engagement Opportunities

After earning her PhD, Reinzel was right at home in her academic ivory tower.
THE PLANS:

THE PLAN YOU TELL YOUR ADVISOR: “I'M GOING TO BE A PROFESSOR AT A MAJOR RESEARCH UNIVERSITY AFTER I GRADUATE.”

THE REAL PLAN: LOOK FOR CAREER ALTERNATIVES.

THE SECRET PLAN: BECOME A BAKER/ROCKSTAR/WRITER.
Vision for Doctoral School

- Creation of physical centre of expertise for the 1000 PGR students at College
- Creation of shared environment with events for all students to work across disciplinary boundaries
- One stop shop for all PGR processes (application, registration, generic training, submission, appeals)
- Centre for training, sharing of practice and advise for supervisors
- Work with Schools Directors of PGR Studies to create suitable support
- Sharing of events and training across Schools/Departments
Doctoral School

• Physical location near Herringham Room which joins informal PGR space with administrative support
• Dedicated and expert administrators who are able to deal with PGR issues
• Place to follow student journey from application to submission
• Staff and student forums to enable doctoral school to be shaped by users (we need reps!)
• Central support and advertising of all PGR training across the College
• Consistent processes maintained across College
• Support for all parts of student life cycle for new Schools: admissions, scholarships, induction, training, interruptions, submissions, examinations