

## Doctoral School Open Meeting

3 June 2024

The following topics were raised and discussed:

1. Festival of Research (10-14 June 2024)
  2. PGR Career Enhancement scheme
  3. New Campus Connect update
  4. Research Degree regulations overhaul
  5. Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES)
  6. PGR space within the Department of Politics and International Relations
  7. Disparities in pay for marking
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1. **Festival of Research (10 – 14 June 2024)**
    - a. Postgraduate Research Showcase event: Understanding how our work meets Sustainable Development Goals – Tuesday 11 June (10am-1pm)
  2. **PGR Career Enhancement scheme**
  3. **New Campus Connect update**
    - a. Campus Connect has a new version that went live in April 2024.
    - b. If you had the old version bookmarked, you will need to remove this and save the new link.
  4. **Research Degree regulations overhaul**
    - a. During 2024/25, the Doctoral School, your School Directors of PGR Education and the Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor (PGR) will be undertaking work with the Academic Quality and Policy Office to re-write the Research Degree regulations to make them more user-friendly.
    - b. The work will be completed in time for 2025/26.
  5. **Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES)**
    - a. It closed on 16 May 2024 and we had 44% completion.
    - b. PRES helps us gather how we are doing and to identify avenues to improve PGR student experience.
    - c. It is very easy to complete and it provide the University very useful feedback.
    - d. Supervisory support continues to be one of the better valued items.
  6. **PGR space within the Department of Politics and International Relations**
    - a. Your School Director of PGR Education continues to work on this by exploring solutions at university level.
  7. **Disparities in pay for marking**
    - a. Work is ongoing.
    - b. We will invite someone from the anti-casualisation working group to come to one of these meetings in the future.