Monthly supervisor update – January 2023

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1. Supervisor resources - and training for your PGRs

Enrolling on the Researcher Development Programme
If you want to find out about the training and resources available to your PGRs you can self-enrol to see the student view of the RDP Moodle page using the enrolment key: RDP2022

Online learning and resources
We have a range of online resources such as the Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding, Epigeum online Ethical Researcher modules, and DataCamp. We also have licences to Linkedin Learning so if you or your PGRs want a licence please email Laura.Christie@rhul.ac.uk. You can view the resource list here and also the full range on the RDP Moodle page

Supervisor resources
If you're a new supervisor or want useful resources please visit this Supervisor Resources Moodle page (please note the videos on both Moodle pages are correctly linked but take a while to load and you may have to refresh the page before viewing as well as being signed into Panopto 22-23).

Please email Laura.Christie@rhul.ac.uk for any queries regarding PGR training.

2. Reminder about the streamlined progression review approval process

In an attempt to streamline processes for you, we no longer require signatures from all panel members to be able to process the outcome of a progression review meeting (i.e. Annual Review or Upgrade Review). We ask that the independent member panel member returns the completed form to doctoralschool@rhul.ac.uk on behalf of the panel and we do not require any further signatures / email approval from other panel members. When returning the form, please ensure that the date, outcome and names of each panel member are clearly indicated.

3. PGR Student Dashboard – intro / refresher sessions available

As many of you will already be aware, there is a wide range of PGR-specific data on the Student Dashboard which allows you to track the progress, deadlines and funding situation, among many other things, of your PGR students. Find out more about the PGR Student Dashboard.
For those of you who would like to find out more about the PGR section of the Student Dashboard – whether it's an introduction or a refresher – Strategic Planning are running a couple of PGR Student Dashboard sessions in February via MS Teams:

Monday 6 February   11am – 12pm
Wednesday 15 February   11am – 12pm

Please book your place on one of these sessions here by 1 February.

4. Launch of Doctoral School Research Awards

As it appears that the College Travel Awards are not being run this year, the Doctoral School has decided to run the Doctoral School Research Awards for a second year as a way of providing our postgraduate researcher community with the opportunity to apply for funding to support research-related travel.

We have just launched the 2022/23 awards and emailed all PGRs with the details.
- Applications are welcome for funding for travel associated with their research which has taken place or will take place within the current academic year (October 2022 – September 2023).
- Each applicant will need to provide a supporting statement from their supervisor.
- The deadline for applications is 6pm GMT on Wednesday 8 February.

Find out more about the Doctoral School Research Awards

5. Navigating the Doctoral School microsite

There is a whole host of useful information and links available for you and your students on the Doctoral School microsite. The far right drop down is a 'PGR Staff Tools' section and you should be able to find information / forms / links relating to the key PGR areas there. If there is something that you are not able to find, please contact doctoralschool@rhul.ac.uk so that we can continue to improve the microsite for you.

To help navigate across the site, we would recommend that you bookmark the following key links:

PGR Staff Tools – quick links to PGR forms and guides
A to Z for PGR students