

GENERIC SKILLS TRAINING FOR PHYSICS RESEARCH STUDENTS

Research students are expected to undertake a programme of skills training. Every student is expected to complete the equivalent of at least 5 days of skills training in each of the first three years of full-time study (pro-rata for part-time students) if they are self-funded or funded by an organisation which is not a UK Research Council, or 10 days of skill training in each of the first three years of full-time study if they are funded by a UK Research Council via a Doctoral Training Grant or Doctoral Training Allowance.

The required number of days of skills training can be made up of:

1. **Generic skills training** offered by the College including online courses on Moodle and career café sessions in the following themes:
 - Research Management and Critical Thinking
 - Written and Oral Communication
 - Career Development
 - Information Technology
 - Entrepreneurship & Ethics
2. **Discipline specific** research skills training provided by the department.
3. **Other** skills such as teaching experience, presentations and publications.

Courses are identified as either highly recommended or optional. Please discuss your requirements with your supervisor at the start of the academic year and review as part of your annual review. Students are required to keep a copy of the training they complete on a Research Student Training Log. Please note that there are two versions of the log. Please ensure you are using the Departmental version.

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The list of generic skills training offered by the College can be found at <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/pgr/genericskillsprogramme/genericskillsprogramme.aspx>

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC

Highly recommended

Departmental Computing Induction (1 day) – students trained in Pure by member of staff and they create their own departmental web site.

Workshop skills (2 days) – general introduction to workshop followed by specific training sessions.

Labview (3 days) – half a dozen afternoon classes on the use of labview.

OTHER

Optional

INstil (teaching skills) (5 days)

Submission of conference paper abstract (0.5 day)

Presentation of poster at conference (0.5 day)

Presentation of conference paper (1.5 days)

Submission of paper or book chapter for publication (2 days)