

Research and Innovation: Researcher Development – opportunities for the academic year 2026-27

Research and Innovation (RI) coordinate a programme of training and development for researchers, planned around our five core [researcher development](#) themes (research practice, impact, identity, career and leadership) and mapped against the [Vitae Researcher Development Framework](#) (RDF).

You can visit our [RI training and development page](#) to view and book all available RI courses – use the drop-down menu to select a course.

For more information about [researcher development](#) (RD), please contact [Alison Monkhouse](#) (Academic Researcher Development Manager).



On-demand (self-directed online learning opportunities – available to access at any time)

	RD theme	Vitae RDF
Introduction to Trusted Research and Advanced Trusted Research (online learning – available via Learn-Upon , search catalogue to self-enrol)	Practice	1.9, 3.3, 3.5
University of Huddersfield foundational AI training – essential for <u>all</u> staff, including researchers (online learning – available via Learn-Upon)	Practice	1.4, 1.9, 2.4 , 2.5
Prosper – career development resources for postdocs/ECRs and managers of researchers - Prosper Portal . (register on the portal for additional functionality including a personal dashboard and the ability to save and add notes to resources).	Career	1.1 , 1.8, 5.6
The Conversation UK journalistic writing courses for academics – available via https://theconversationuktraining.teachable.com/ (create an account to enrol on a course, you will then have 60 days to complete this after sign-up)	Practice, Impact	1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.5, 4.1 , 4.3
Introduction to Responsible Research Assessment (DORA) - Introduction to Responsible Research Assessment Course DORA (register to take the course, then work through the 4 lessons and complete the optional quizzes to get a certificate)	Practice	1.9, 3.5, 5.1

Autumn term (September-December 2026)

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September 2026	17 Supporting Partnerships And Research Knowledge - SPARK Session 1 - Advanced Manufacturing; Digital & Technology; Clean Energy; Professional, Business & Finance - interdisciplinary 'sandpit' workshop, IAA funded - 10:00-15:15 (3M BIC)	Impact	1.5, 2.1, 2.6, 4.3, 5.6
	24 Introduction to Open Research – 11:00-12:00 (online)	Practice	3.4
	25 Introduction to Pure – 15:00-16:00 (online)	Practice	3.4, 4.2
	28 Pathways to Progression : mentoring for academic promotion – scheme open for mentee applications (targeted)	Career	1.1
October 2026	Weekly <i>The Conversation UK</i> – weekly online sessions due to start October 2026 (contact Alison Monkhouse for further details)	Impact	4.1, 4.3
	8 STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	12 Pathways to Progression : mentoring for academic promotion – info session for potential mentees 14.15-15.00 (online)	Career	1.1
	13 The development-focused researcher - get focused on your development using Vitae's RDF as a tool - 10.00-11.00 (online)	Career / wraparound	1.1 (+ whole RDF)

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October 2026	14	First-time PI (1): what do I need to know? (introduction) 11.00-12.15 (online). <i>First session in the 'First-time PI' series of 5.</i>	Wraparound / Practice	1.1, 1.9, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1, 4.3
	14	Supporting Partnerships And Research Knowledge - SPARK Session 2 - Digital & Technology; Life Sciences; Creative Industries; Professional, Business & Finance - interdisciplinary 'sandpit' workshop, IAA funded - 10:00-15:15 (3M BIC).	Impact	1.5, 2.1, 2.6, 4.3, 5.6
	15	STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	17	<i>ESRC Festival of Social Sciences (17 Oct – 7 Nov) – opportunities to attend UoH events running as part of the festival</i>	Wraparound	5.6
	20	First-time PI (2): effective project set-up and grant management 13.00-14.00 (online). <i>Session 2 of a series of 5.</i>	Practice	3.1 , 3.2
	21	Research Culture Café : exploring and supporting researcher wellbeing - 11.30-12.30 (on campus – venue TBC)	Wraparound	1.4, 5.1
	22	STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	22	Pathways to Progression : mentoring for academic promotion – info session for potential mentees 11.30-12.15 (online)	Career	1.1
	27	Demystifying QS: what it means and why it's important 12.30-13.30 (online)	Practice	1.2, 4.2
	29	STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	30	Pathways to Progression : mentoring for academic promotion – deadline for mentee applications	Career	1.1
	TBC	Mid-Career Researcher Mentoring (cross-institutional): MCRM scheme open for 2027 applications (mentees and mentors)	Career	1.1, 4.1
November 2026	5	First-time PI (3): understanding research impact at the outset 10.00-11.30 (on campus - BL1/01). <i>Session 3 of a series of 5.</i>	Impact	1.2, 4.1, 4.3
	5	STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	9	Researcher Writing Hour 14.00-15.00 (online) – an hour of focused time to progress a writing project/goal	Practice	1.3, 1.8
	10	Picture This: your research career A creative workshop to support career reflections 10.00-12.00 (on campus – BL1/01)	Career	1.1, 1.4, 2.6
	11	First-time PI (4): leading your research team 14.00-16.00 (on campus – BL1/01). <i>Session 4 of a series of 5.</i>	Leadership	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4
	12	STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	12	Researcher Writing Hour 10.00-11.00 (on campus BL1/01) – an hour of focused time to progress a writing project/goal	Practice	1.3, 1.8
	16	Researcher Writing Hour 15.00-16.00 (online) – an hour of focused time to progress a writing project/goal	Practice	1.3, 1.8
	17	Pathways to Progression : mentoring for academic promotion – mentor briefing/workshop 14.30-15.30	Leadership	5.3, 5.5
	18	Researcher Writing Hour 11.00-12.00 (on campus BL1/01) – an hour of focused time to progress a writing project/goal	Practice	1.3, 1.8
	18	Research Funding Ready A) : Aligning your research ideas and the funding landscape - 13.30-15.30 (on campus – BL1/01)	Practice	1.2, 1.4, 2.6, 3.1

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November 2026	18	STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	19	SHAPE Pre-Accelerator Programme (Studio Zao) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	19	<i>Pathways to Progression</i> : mentoring for academic promotion – mentee workshop 10.00-11.30 (on campus – BL1/01)	Career	1.1, 4.1
	20	Researcher Writing Hour 10.00-11.00 (online) – an hour of focused time to progress a writing project/goal	Practice	1.3, 1.8
	20	Supporting Partnerships And Research Knowledge - SPARK Session 3 - Advanced Manufacturing; Defence; Life Sciences; Professional, Business & Finance - interdisciplinary 'sandpit' workshop, IAA funded - 10:00-15:15 (3M BIC).	Impact	1.5, 2.1, 2.6, 4.3, 5.6
	24	STEM Pre-Accelerator Programme (Anchored In) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	25	First-time PI (5): programme reflections – What? So what? Now what? 14.00-15.30 (on campus – BL1/01). <i>Final session.</i>	Wraparound	1.1, 5.1, 5.6
	26	EDI for Researchers 9.30-12.30 (online) – IAA funded session, delivered by Miriam Lynn in association with Skillfluence .	Practice / wraparound	1.7, 2.2, 3.1, 5.1
December 2026	2	Research Funding Ready B): Building a narrative and persuasive proposal writing - 13.30-15.30 (on campus BL1/01)	Practice	1.2, 1.4, 2.6, 3.1
	3	SHAPE Pre-Accelerator Programme (Studio Zao) - research innovation and commercialisation (places by application).	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	9	SHAPE Pre-Accelerator Programme Showcase (Studio Zao) - research innovation and commercialisation.	Impact	2.6, 4.4
	9	Research Funding Ready C): Costing with confidence and submitting your application - 13.30-15.30 (on campus - BL1/01)	Practice	1.3, 1.8, 3.1
	14	Scopus, ORCID, Web of Science and More: Managing Your Scholarly Profiles for Maximum Visibility – 15:00-16:00 (online)	Practice	3.4, 4.2
	17	Measuring What Matters?: Understanding research metrics, what they tell us and what they don't – 15:00-16:00 (online)	Practice	3.5