The Bristol Doctoral College provides training and events to support all postgraduate researchers throughout your time at Bristol. Our Personal and Professional Development programme and annual events bring together a community of researchers, enabling you to connect and collaborate.

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Wherever you are in your postgraduate research degree, we can help you reach your personal and professional goals. Here are a few examples of some resources and events which can support you at each stage. You can access many more seminars, workshops, self-help guides and online resources offered by many providers across the University here: bristol.ac.uk/doctoral-college/current-students/ppd

Connect with your Research Community

The Bristol Doctoral College (BDC) Bulletin is our fortnightly email newsletter for the postgraduate research community. Keep an eye on your inbox for an up-to-date round-up of events, trainings, opportunities and updates. All PGRs are automatically subscribed.

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GW4

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Vitae: The Researcher Development Organisation

We are an organisational member of Vitae. All Bristol PGRs get Vitae membership - you just need to register with your UoB email address at www.vitae.ac.uk/membership/register.

The Personal and Professional Development programme 2017/18

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  Become familiar with how to analyse and present your quantitative data.
- **An Introduction to Open Research**
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  Keep informed about how your transferable research skills could benefit your career.
- **Quality Papers**
  Develop your confidence and speed at writing journal articles.
- **Personal Impact and Confident Networking**
  Learn tools to help you communicate with others with skill and poise.
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