

Monthly supervisor update – February 2023

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1. Studentship co-funding request process

Last year the College Industrial Match Funding Studentship Scheme was launched as part of the College's continuing commitment to attracting increased funding from external sources - and as an opportunity for existing external links with companies to be used to develop new funding opportunities for postgraduate researchers and to strengthen industrial partnerships. Although there is no specific scheme this year, the Doctoral School continues to welcome requests for co-funding, whether it be with industry, a charitable or research organization, a government sponsor, or grant-making body.

- [Co-funding request webpage and application form](#)
- [Co-funding request process overview](#)

To note that if you have an overseas applicant who has secured a stipend / sponsorship in their home country but does not have their fees covered, you can request that the College covers the student's fees via the same College co-funding application form.

2. Date for the diary: Supervisor Forum – 19 April 1-2pm – online

Please join us for an initial Supervisor's Forum online where Dr Emma Brodzinski will discuss the common challenges for supervisors and invite people to share their thoughts. We hope these informal forums will be held termly and provide a support network and community for supervisors. Please do email Laura.Christie@rhul.ac.uk to register and receive the Teams link and do email with any challenges you are currently experiencing or have experienced that can be discussed with the group. These topics can be shared anonymously if you wish.

Dr Emma Brodzinski is host of The PhD Life Raft which is a blog, newsletter and podcast: <https://thephdliferaft.com/>

3. LinkedIn Learning licences until March 2024

This subscription has been renewed for another year. If you or your PhD student would like a licence, please email Laura.Christie@rhul.ac.uk. There have been over 3600 video views within the last year by our PGRs and staff on subjects such as R and Python, data science, analysis and visualisation, editing and proofreading and more.

4. Researchfish

As many of you may know, each year UKRI carries out an exercise collecting research outcomes and outputs from both PIs and Research Council-funded PhD students. This exercise is co-ordinated by Researchfish and has a 6-week window for submission during February and March. This year the dates are 6 February – 16 March.

For PhD students this affects them from their 3rd year and for the 3 years following completion of their studies. While this exercise is not mandatory for PhD students and no sanctions will apply, it is strongly encouraged that they do submit details of their research activities. This optional stance from UKRI may change in future years and sanctions could be imposed on further funding opportunities for non-completion.

There are many benefits to be gained from completing this exercise: UKRI can demonstrate impact and value to funders, justifying spending to government and attracting more funding for the research community; informing the development of future strategies; and importantly, providing a public platform for students' research as outcomes are made available for knowledge sharing on UKRI's [Gateway to Research](#).

We would ask that you find an opportunity to speak to your students about this exercise, particularly if they are in their 3rd year, and encourage them to participate. Research and Innovation emailed all 3rd year PhD students in December alerting them to the exercise and they have a dedicated webpage with lots of useful information and links included: [Researchfish](#).

5. Quick link to PGR forms and guides and A to Z of the Doctoral School microsite

- [Quick link to PGR forms and guides](#)
- [A to Z of the Doctoral School microsite](#)

If you identify PGR information which is missing from the microsite or difficult to locate, please do let me know so that we can continue trying to make the site as user-friendly as possible for you and your students.