

## Monthly supervisor update – May 2023

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#### 1. New academic writing support for postgraduate researchers

The Doctoral School can now provide 1:1 tutorials for postgraduate researchers on areas of academic writing development such as: chapter and sentence structure; critical analysis; the structure and writing of arguments, methodologies; methods and literature reviews, referencing and English Language.

1-1 tutorials will be one hour long and will usually take place on Microsoft Teams. Each researcher may request up to four 1-1 tutorials per term. If you think your postgraduate researcher would benefit from writing advice, please ask them to email Vicky Penn, our new Researcher Development Officer, [Vicky.Penn@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Vicky.Penn@rhul.ac.uk).

[Find out more](#)

#### 2. Funded placements available to PGRs at the Department for Education – final reminder

The deadline for postgraduate researchers to apply for a funded placement at the Department for Education this autumn, as part of the PGR Career Enhancement Placement Scheme pilot, is Friday 2 June.

This is an exciting opportunity for our postgraduate researchers to gain experience of policy-making at the heart of government and is open to generalists who do not have expertise in education policy. They will work with experienced civil servants on topics of the utmost importance, learn about how policy-making works in practice and demonstrate that they have the skills needed to perform effectively in a policy setting.

A reminder has just been sent out to all PGRs but if you think one of your supervisees would particular benefit from this opportunity, please do encourage them to apply.

[Further details of the placements and an application form can be found here](#)

### 3. Annual Royal Holloway Doctoral Conference update

The decision has been made to move the annual Royal Holloway Doctoral Conference from the traditional June slot to the autumn. This will allow our new intake to experience the breadth of research across the PGR community right from their start with us. Further details to follow early autumn.

### 4. Researcher Newsletter

Did you know that the Doctoral School sends out a fortnightly newsletter to all postgraduate researchers, providing news, articles and promotion of events specifically for our PGR community?

[Have a browse of the latest editions of the Researcher Newsletter](#)

If you would like to promote an event, or would like to provide some content, in this newsletter, please contact [doctoralschool@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralschool@rhul.ac.uk) – ideally a week before the next edition. Similarly, if you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter yourself, so that you can see what your supervisees are receiving, please contact us at [doctoralschool@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralschool@rhul.ac.uk).

### 5. Quick links to PGR process overviews

- [Quick link to PGR forms and guides](#) – including:
  - [PGR admissions offer process overview – for non-funded applicants](#)
  - [PGR admissions and studentship offer process overview – for funded applicants](#)
  - [Co-funding process overview](#)
  - [Overview of Annual Review and Upgrade process](#)
  - [Overview of PhD/MPhil exam process](#)
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