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| 23 January 2015 9:30 - 12:30 Location: Q120 | All Years | **Seven Secrets of Highly Successful PhD Students**
Hugh Kearns, Flinders University
What do research higher degree (RHD) students do to finish on time, to overcome isolation, doubt and writer’s block, and to enjoy the process? And just as importantly what do they do in order to spend guilt-free time with their family and friends and perhaps even have holidays? If this sounds appealing, then this session will be of particular use to you.
This workshop describes the key habits that our research and experience with thousands of students shows will make a difference to how quickly and easily you complete your RHD.
For more information visit the registration page by clicking on the title. |
| 23 January 2015 14:00 - 16:00 Location: Q120 | Year 1 | **How to Plan your PhD**
Hugh Kearns, Flinders University
A PhD is a major undertaking yet many people spend more time planning a weekend away than they do planning the next three years of their life. This generally leads to missing deadlines, running overtime, regular crises and lots of stress. If you want to finish on time and enjoy the process along the way then it is important to have a good plan.
You need some very specific skills and tools to plan a PhD. This workshop will introduce you to the PhD Planning Toolkit. For more information visit the registration page by clicking on the title. |
| 27 Jan 2015 14:00 - 15:00 Location: QG22 | All Years | **SMART Job Search Strategies for Researchers**
Ger Lardner, Careers Service
*This session will focus on the 'lifespan of the researcher', career options and career search strategies.* |
| 3 Feb 2015 14:00 - 15:30 Location: HG10 | All Years | **Postdoc Routes into Research**
Yuliya Shakalisava and Isabel Hidalgo , RIS
This session will inform you about the postdoctoral career path: finding funding opportunities for postdoctoral positions, how to give the best chance to your applications, the value of publications, independent funding and the importance of international experience in the success of your career. Now is the time to think what's after PhD. |
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| 12 Feb 2015, 10:00 - 13:30, Location: HG22 | Mid-Stage (Years 2 - 3 full-time, and part-time equivalent) | **"Mid Time Pick Me Up" - Help and advice as you launch into the next PhD research/writing phase**  
This workshop will cover:  
1. an overview of the basic logic you will need to write to  
2. highlights of the subtle traps you need to watch out for  
3. tried and true steps that make it all go faster  
4. Q & A  
5. Academic writing short stop session  
Participants should bring along a sample of their writing to work with. |
| 17 Feb 2015, 14:00 - 15:00, Location: QG22 | Final Year (but open to all years) | **How to make a Researcher CV work for YOU!**  
Ger Lardner, Careers Service  
The focus of this session is how to style and format your CV to suit your needs. This session will cover some of the common formats including skills based and chronological CVs as well as academic CV’s. |
| 3 March 2015, 10:00 - 13:00, Location: HG10 | All Years | **Communications Workshop: Effective Public Speaking**  
Adrian Langan  
The objective of this workshop is to provide advice, tips and guidance on how to speak effectively in a public setting. This workshop will benefit those looking to improve their oral communication skills for any setting - interviews, short speeches, presentation delivery, thesis defence or speaking at meetings. Topics covered include: why this skill matters, getting beyond the belief you can’t do it, practical techniques and tips for future development. The workshop concludes with a practical session to put some of the ideas into practice. |
| 19 March 2015, Or 20 March 2015, 9:00 - 16:30, Location: C206 | Year 1 & 2 | **NVivo Day 1 (Introductory Level Course)**  
Ben Meehan, QDA Training  
*Limited to 28 participants each day*  
The balance of day 1 (building your database) is conceptual and covers many planning decisions associated with gathering, importing and coding your qualitative data in a database environment.  
There is a practical element to the day. By the end of the workshop participants will understand the advantages and limitations of using a computer for qualitative data analyses and will know how to set-up a database, how to import data and how to code data. They will also understand the potential of NVivo as a tool for organising, questioning and reporting on the data so that they can truly support and defend their findings. |
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| 17 April 2015 10:00 - 13:30 Location: HG10 | Final Year | **The Final Steps - Examination/Viva** Alana James, DoctoralNet  
This workshop sets you up for success on your Viva.  
The workshops will cover:  
1. How theses are evaluated - what goes on in their heads?  
2. What you can do to make sure your thesis meets these criteria  
3. The range of questions you can expect to hear  
4. How you can prepare  
5. General Q & A |
| 18 May 2015 14:00 - 15:00 Location: Q120 | All Years | **Preparing for the annual review process (PGR2)** Lisa Looney, Dean of Graduate Studies  
Research students have to undertake a review every year in consultation with their supervisory panel. This facilitates a recommendation being made about continued registration into next year, so is an important formal part of progress monitoring.  
At the information session the Dean of Graduate Studies will go through the process, with a particular focus on the training needs analysis and career planning aspects. |
| TBC | | **SPSS**  
Details to follow |