



UKCGE/QAA Good Practice from the Special Review

Development of
Research and Other
Skills

Cardiff University

Cardiff's approach to skills development

- PG Researcher-centred and needs-based
- Three contexts:
 - Academic Schools
 - Graduate Schools
 - Graduate Centre
- Integrated approach to transferable and generic opportunities

Special Review outcome

- In the QAA report of the Special Review of RDPs undertaken for Cardiff University, one of the examples of good practice identified by the review team was "the integrated approach to training and skills development" (July 2006).

Integrated system

- RSSDP – opportunities provided by Graduate Schools and Graduate Centre
- Single brochure
- Single web-site: booking and confirmation
- Single system for advertising
- A PGR can access any opportunity regardless of discipline affiliation
- Reinforced in PGR 'starting out' and supervisor briefing sessions

Process

- RSSDP piloted by Graduate Centre 2002/3
- Face to face meetings with academic Schools
- Training Strategy Group – academic representatives, providers
- Graduate Schools 'fitted in' from Jan 2005
- Graduate School Management Groups
 - academic School Directors of PGR
 - Head of Graduate Centre
- GRADC/GRASO support staff integration groups
- Trial and error

Benefits

- To postgraduate researchers – a single system, opportunities for interaction
- To academic Schools – economies of scale and more flexible/frequent offerings
- Well-placed for Roberts
- Well-placed for Research Council bids and RAE



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Welcome to the new online booking service for workshops and training courses in the Research Students Skills Development Programme. This site allows you to view details of workshops, book places and view and manage your bookings.

For ease of use, all workshops can be searched by date, category and in alphabetical order.

When you find a workshop that you wish to attend, please click on "Request a Place". At this point, you will be required to log in with your usual Cardiff University network password and username. You will hear from us by email, normally within two working days, if you were successful gaining a place.

The online management system will keep track of your bookings for you. Once logged in, you will be able to view those workshops you have requested; those which are confirmed, those you have attended, and those you have cancelled. You will also be able to produce a personal transcript of your

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Getting Published in the Humanities: Writing Book Proposals
(Communication skills)

There are two parts to this participatory workshop, during the course of which you will prepare a book proposal. Four aspects will be covered:

- First, working out the type of book you wish to write.
- Second, gathering intelligence on the publisher best suited to your type of book and subject mater.
- Third, writing a book proposal
- Fourth, testing the proposal

In the first session you will consider the type of

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08/12/2006 (Friday) / tbc / PART 1
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Presenting Research Orally
(Communication skills)

The aim of this one-day course is to assist participants in preparing and delivering clear and concise oral research presentations and papers. Reference will be made to formal and informal presentation environments and advice will be provided on question handling. By the end of this full day workshop participants will have:

- been provided with strategies which will enable them to prepare an effective oral presentation of research material
- identified and developed the core skills necessary to present research material in an effective and influential style and learned to enhance their own delivery to a variety of audiences
- the skills to deal with common questioning styles and challenges from an audience.
- received guidance on structure, body language and stagecraft and the use of audio-visual aids
- practised their presentation and be able to take away a video of themselves to consider their technique in the light of expert feedback

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- 13/02/2007 (Tuesday) / 09:15 / Vaughan / Plymouth Room, Graduate Centre
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- 23/11/2006 (Thursday) / 09:15 / Vaughan / Plymouth Room, Graduate Centre
▶ session passed this week
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