The Researcher Development Programme (RDP) courses and FAQs

RDP courses are available for PGRs and staff on a variety of topics. These are delivered by the Researcher Environment Team, academic staff, services, and external providers. All courses are matched to the Researcher Development Framework (RDF) and are organised by domain. Many of the topics fit into more than one domain. Booking is via SkillsForge, which allows searching by keyword, RDF domain, date and facilitator. Login to SkillsForge for the current list of courses. Topics include, but are not limited to:

Domain A: Knowledge and intellectual abilities
- Informed Researcher: referencing and citing APA 6th style
- The impact of your research
- Understanding and using Grounded Theory
- SPSS
- Viva survivors

Domain B: Personal effectiveness
- Career planning for PGRs: self-assessment and action planning
- Personal styles and productive working relationships for PGRs
- Dealing with difficult situations
- Keep calm and carry on
- TAPP: Teaching Assistant Preparation Programme

Domain C: Research governance and organisation
- Postgraduate funding: considering the alternatives
- Understanding ethical research for doctoral students
- Data management for doctoral researchers
- Working with your supervisors

Domain D: Engagement, influence and impact
- Presenting yourself professionally for PGRs
- Research poster design
- Research networking skills for PGRs
- Interviewing skills for doctoral researchers
- Writing skills for doctoral students: crafting sections, chapters and the thesis

FAQs

When do these courses take place? Throughout the year. Courses are uploaded to SkillsForge as arranged, most at the start of the academic year.

Where do they take place? Various venues. Although most venues are on campus, some are offered through partner institutions and are held off-campus. Read the course descriptions to determine the venue before booking.

The course I want is full. Is there a waiting list? Yes! It is always worth adding yourself to the waiting list. If someone cancels more than 48 hours before the course date, SkillsForge will automatically send the next person on the waiting list an invite to attend, which you can accept or decline. Please

accept or decline the place as soon as possible as the invite will expire after 48 hours so the next person on the waiting list can be invited to attend.

If there are large waiting lists for courses, the Researcher Environment Team can try to organise more dates to accommodate everyone who is interested.

The topic I was looking for is not on SkillsForge. Can I request a new course be set up? Yes! If there is an area that is not covered, contact the Researcher Environment Team by emailing pgrskills@hud.ac.uk.

I am a staff member who would like to deliver a course. Who do I contact? If you are a member of staff and would be willing to deliver a course, contact the Researcher Environment Team by emailing pgrskills@hud.ac.uk.

I am having trouble logging in to SkillsForge. Who do I contact? Email registryresearch@hud.ac.uk.

I have another question about the RDP. Who do I contact? Contact the Researcher Environment Team by emailing pgrskills@hud.ac.uk.