

CECR PGR Semester 1 Training and Workshops Calendar				
Session	Date	CPD link	Session Description	Skills Pillar
September 2026				
Writing-up Skills Week: Writing your thesis	15-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=73	This workshop will give you a grounding in how you can approach taking on a large writing project by helping you break down the structure and style of your thesis.	Doctoral essentials
Writing-up Skills Week: Preparing your thesis for the Library and repository	15-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=620	In this session, our expert librarians will equip you with the knowledge you need to prepare the version of your thesis that will appear on Queen Mary Research Online (QMRO).	Doctoral essentials
Writing-up Skills Week: Career Landscape for Researchers	16-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=808	This interactive session explores the evolving career landscape for researchers beyond the PhD and postdoctoral stages.	Careers
Writing-up Skills Week: Making progress with your writing	16-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=692	This practical workshop will help you understand how to plan for and make progress with your thesis during your writing up year.	Doctoral essentials
Writing-up Skills Week: Preparing for your doctoral viva	17-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=72	This interactive workshop at QMUL offers comprehensive guidance on thesis submission, covering the pre, during, and post-viva stages.	Doctoral essentials
Writing-up Skills Week: Writing up year writing retreat	18-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=691	This in-person writing retreat is designed to help you kickstart your thesis writing as you enter your writing up year.	Doctoral essentials
Finding your career direction after your doctorate	22-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=696	To support PGRs and postdocs in identifying and exploring potential career directions by increasing their self-awareness, broadening their understanding of career options, and providing tools to take the next steps in their career planning journey.	Careers
Adapting your CV for roles in industry and academia	25-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/enrol/index.php?id=539	In this session, we'll explore the distinctions between non-academic and academic CVs, equipping you to navigate various job markets. You'll also have the opportunity to practice tailoring your researcher experience to the specific style of CV you choose. This session also looks at narrative CV structure and sections.	Careers
Virtual Writing Retreat	25-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=287	Our virtual writing retreats are designed to give you space and time to work on any aspect of your research that you wish, including literature searching, reading, data analysis, planning, writing, etc.	Doctoral essentials
Researcher Futures - Career Journeys in Bioscience and Cancer	29-Sep-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=280	Researcher Futures is a series of career panels for PGRs and postdoctoral researchers, introducing the range of career paths that can follow research. Each themed panel brings together people working in different roles and sectors to share their career journeys, what their roles involve and how they have used their research skills and experience.	Careers
October 2026				
Antibody Validation and Selection: Improving Research Reproducibility	12-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=825	Discover practical strategies for choosing and validating antibodies, helping you generate more robust and reproducible research data	Doctoral essentials
Introduction to impact	13-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=759	In this session you will learn what research impact is and why it's important, and start to think about your potential impact journey. You will also learn what impact support is available at QMUL and meet the team.	Engagement and impact
Late Stage Skills Week: Crossing the finish line	13-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=734	You're coming to the end of your active doctoral research - now what? This practical workshop focuses on managing the end of your active research and your transition to your writing up stage.	Thriving as a researcher
Policy engagement	13-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=638	In this session you will learn the principles of good policy engagement, how to effectively engage with policymakers and translate your research into policy impact via a policy brief.	Engagement and impact
Voice, Confidence and Impact Programme for Researchers	13-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=796	Research is more than outputs. It's about who you become, how you show up, and the impact you create over the course of your career. This interactive programme is designed to support researchers to build confidence, develop a strong sense of voice, and grow into impactful researchers whose influence extends beyond academia.	Careers
Late Stage Skills Week: What happens to your research when you leave?	14-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=841	A practical one-hour session that helps PGRs understand their Intellectual Property rights and the commercialisation options available to them, whether their work leads to a patent, a publication, a policy brief, or something else entirely, and how to take the right next steps before they complete their doctorates.	Commercialisation, IP and enterprise
Late Stage Skills Week: Stakeholder impact training	14-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=776	The aim of this course is to provide you with the skills and knowledge needed to maximise the impact of your research.	Engagement and impact
Stakeholder mapping and engagement	15-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=661	In this session you will learn what research impact is and why it's important, and start to think about your potential impact journey. You will also learn what impact support is available at QMUL and meet the team.	Engagement and impact
Late Stage Skills Week: What do I do next? (Late Stage PGR-postdoc roundtable)	15-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=735	Are you considering a postdoc as your next career stage? If so, this round-table session gives you the opportunity to meet postdocs from across the university and hear about their experiences.	Careers
AI in postgraduate study: Foundations, capabilities and boundaries	19-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=849	The aim of this session is to give postgraduate researchers an accurate, non-technical understanding of how generative artificial intelligence systems behave, so that they can judge independently when a tool is appropriate to their research and when it is not.	Doctoral essentials
Using your doctorate outside academia for humanities and social science PGRs	20-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=698	This workshop will equip Arts and Humanities PGRs and postdocs with the knowledge, confidence, and strategies to explore and pursue meaningful careers beyond academia, using the skills and experiences gained through their doctoral training.	Careers
Introduction to impact	27-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=759	In this session you will learn what research impact is and why it's important, and start to think about your potential impact journey. You will also learn what impact support is available at QMUL and meet the team.	Engagement and impact
Research IT! Information Research Skills for Medicine & Dentistry	27-Oct-26	book https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=11	Research IT! provides researchers with the opportunity to explore and develop their understanding of information skills for researchers and the scope of key resources within their area of research.	Doctoral essentials
Designing and delivering a conference presentation	27-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=547	This session will focus on how you design and deliver a conference presentation, and how you manage feelings of nervousness and how you can best answer questions.	Engagement and impact
Stakeholder mapping and engagement	29-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=661	In this session you will learn what research impact is and why it's important, and start to think about your potential impact journey. You will also learn what impact support is available at QMUL and meet the team.	Engagement and impact
Critical thinking for researchers	29-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=66	This session will introduce you to the concept of critical thinking and explore how you put this into practice in your life and your work.	Doctoral essentials
Virtual Writing Retreat	30-Oct-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=287	Our virtual writing retreats are designed to give you space and time to work on any aspect of your research that you wish, including literature searching, reading, data analysis, planning, writing, etc.	Doctoral essentials

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Early Stage Skills Week: Getting started with your doctorate	02-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=68	The session will discuss the the doctoral process, managing your time around your workload, how to improve your skills and working with your supervisors	Thriving as a researcher
Let's search it! Advanced search skills for Medicine & Dentistry	02-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=13	Let's search it! provides a deeper exploration of some of the topics covered in Research it! and takes a comprehensive look into the skills and resources which can be used for a successful (re)search experience.	Doctoral essentials
AI for academic writing and dissertations: From literature search to structure to coherent synthesis	02-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=850	This session enables postgraduate researchers to use artificial intelligence as a structural and critical aid to their own writing, while retaining full intellectual ownership of the argument and the text.	Doctoral essentials
Early Stage Skills Week: Future Skills and Careers in an AI Driven World	03-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=852	The world of research and work is changing rapidly, with AI and emerging technologies reshaping roles, skills and opportunities. This session introduces how you can actively manage your career development during your doctorate, consider the skills that may become increasingly valuable, and recognise the transferable capabilities you are developing through research. You will identify opportunities to build your skills and experience during your doctorate and develop practical actions to support your future career.	Careers
Early Stage Skills Week: Managing your time and workload in a research environment	03-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=89	This session introduces you to time management tools so that you can implement and incorporate them into your usual routine to help you undertake your doctoral research efficiently and effectively.	Thriving as a researcher
Project management essentials	04-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=323	In this interactive session, you'll gain practical skills and knowledge to effectively plan, execute, and monitor your PhD research project.	Doctoral essentials
Early Stage Skills Week: What could your research do in the world?	04-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=853	A practical and exploratory session that helps early-stage PGRs discover who outside academia might care about their work and why that matters for their research, their thesis, and their future.	Commercialisation, IP and enterprise
Choosing the Right Antibody: Hands-on Antibody Validation Workshop	05-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=854	This interactive workshop will equip researchers with the practical skills needed to confidently select antibodies for their own research.	Doctoral essentials
Early Stage Skills Week: Working with your doctoral supervisors	05-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=69	This workshop gives you practical tips for managing and navigating your supervisory relationship.	Thriving as a researcher
Reading strategically and analytically	09-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=62	In this workshop you'll learn more efficient ways to find, extract, and organise information.	Doctoral essentials
Designing and delivering a conference poster	10-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=546	This session equips researchers with the tools and techniques needed to design and present a successful conference poster.	Engagement and impact
Planning and Structuring Your Literature Review	11-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=63	This interactive workshop guides you through how to plan, structure, and critically write a literature review, from clarifying research questions to identifying your next steps.	Doctoral essentials
Introduction to Public Engagement	09-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/mod/faceoface/view.php?f=656	This introductory session will introduce you to what public engagement is and why it matters.	Engagement and impact
Embedding impact into your research grant applications	10-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=636	In this session you will learn how to design your research project with impact embedded into the proposal, and evidence this in the writing of your grant application.	Engagement and impact
Endnote for Medicine and Dentistry	10-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=8	This is a skills workshop suitable for academic staff and post graduate teaching or research assistants in Medicines and the Sciences, who are interested in using the referencing system Endnote.	Doctoral essentials
Networking, LinkedIn and Professional Visibility for Researchers	11-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=541	Building a strong professional network and making your skills and research visible can open up opportunities both within and beyond academia. This practical session explores how researchers can use LinkedIn, online platforms and face-to-face networking to build meaningful professional connections and communicate the value of their research and experience to different audiences. You will consider how AI and digital tools can support networking and professional visibility, and develop a realistic action plan for strengthening your profile and connections.	Careers
What do I do now?: Early Stage PGR roundtable	12-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=707	This round-table session gives you the chance to hear from PGRs further along in their doctorates and to ask them questions.	Thriving as a researcher
Harvard Referencing: A Library Introduction	12-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=18	Join us for an overview of the Harvard referencing style which includes an introduction to the Cite Them Right Online referencing tool.	Doctoral essentials
Defining and achieving your writing goals	16-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=548	This session aims to break down some common misconceptions about writing productivity and give you tools to plan more effectively for your writing goals.	Doctoral essentials
Using your doctorate in industry and beyond STEM	17-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=537	This workshop will give you the chance to assess your existing skills and explore how they can be applied to careers outside of academia. The focus will be on careers within the STEM field.	Careers
Saying no: Setting healthy boundaries in academia	18-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=320	In this interactive workshop, we'll explore the importance of setting personal boundaries, communicate your boundaries to others, and enforce them when necessary.	Thriving as a researcher
Preparing for your doctoral viva	19-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=72	This interactive workshop at QMUL offers comprehensive guidance on thesis submission, covering the pre, during, and post-viva stages	Doctoral essentials
EndNote: A Humanities & Social Sciences Introduction	19-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=17	This session will focus on the EndNote Online tool and will include an optional short "try it yourself" segment towards the end of the session.	Doctoral essentials
Literature searching for systematic reviews (Medicine and Dentistry only)	23-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=19	This course will take you through the process of literature searching for systematic reviews in medicine, dentistry and related disciplines.	Doctoral essentials
Publishing in academic journals	24-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=278	In this webinar, we will walk the researchers through some of the key points they should pay attention to, during that all-important manuscript preparation stage.	Engagement and impact
Engaging Communities in East London	24-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/enrol/index.php?id=858	This practical introductory session is designed for researchers, professional services staff, and others who are new to community and civic engagement or are looking to build stronger local partnerships.	Engagement and impact
Effective academic writing	25-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=67	This session will introduce you to critical thinking and critical writing, and help you develop your skills in each of these.	Doctoral essentials
Academic Applications (CVs, Statements, Narrative CVs)	26-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=855	Academic applications can require researchers to present their experience and achievements in a range of different formats. This practical session explores what makes an effective academic CV, supporting statement and narrative CV, and how to tailor your approach to different academic opportunities. You will consider how to communicate your research achievements and wider contributions using evidence, develop compelling narrative content, and explore how AI can be used responsibly to review and refine applications while retaining your authentic voice.	Careers
Let's search it! Systematic Searching for Humanities & Social Sciences	26-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=369	This session takes a look at some of the skills needed to search for information effectively, offering hints and tips as to how to search in a systematic way in the Queen Mary Library context.	Doctoral essentials
Virtual Writing Retreat	27-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=287	Our virtual writing retreats are designed to give you space and time to work on any aspect of your research that you wish, including literature searching, reading, data analysis, planning, writing, etc.	Doctoral essentials
Finding funding for PGRs	30-Nov-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=710	The aim of this session is to support PGRs at QMUL to confidently search and apply for available external funding opportunities.	Thriving as a researcher

December 2026				
Planning and Structuring Your Literature Review	01-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=63	This interactive workshop guides you through how to plan, structure, and critically write a literature review, from clarifying research questions to identifying your next steps.	Doctoral essentials
Finding Research Funding with Artificial Intelligence	02-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=851	This session enables postgraduate researchers to use artificial intelligence to improve the quality and competitiveness of funding applications, within the boundaries set by funders and by the confidentiality of their own unpublished ideas.	Doctoral essentials
Researcher Futures - Researchers, Innovators and Entrepreneurs	02-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=280	Researcher Futures is a series of career panels for PGRs and postdoctoral researchers, introducing the range of career paths that can follow research. Each themed panel brings together people working in different roles and sectors to share their career journeys, what their roles involve and how they have used their research skills and experience.	Careers
Evaluating Public Engagement	03-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=294	This session will look at how to evaluate public engagement activity, and why evaluation is important for meaningful engagement and research impact.	Engagement and impact
PGR Training Focus Groups	03-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=768	If you are a PGR student and are interested in participating in the upcoming focus group, please fill in our expression of interest form.	Thriving as a researcher
Embedding impact into your research grant applications	03-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=636	In this session you will learn how to design your research project with impact embedded into the proposal, and evidence this in the writing of your grant application.	Engagement and impact
Grant writing and applying for the PGRF	07-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=729	The goal of the session is to support PGRs to write high-quality applications to the post graduate research fund (PGRF).	Engagement and impact
Preparing for your doctoral viva	08-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=72	This interactive workshop at QMUL offers comprehensive guidance on thesis submission, covering the pre, during, and post-viva stages	Doctoral essentials
Understanding and Managing Imposter Syndrome	09-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=837	This session explores the phenomenon of Imposter Syndrome, its possible triggers and potential consequences, and consider some approaches for handling the associated thoughts and feelings.	Thriving as a researcher
Virtual Writing Retreat	11-Dec-26	https://cpd-training.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=287	Our virtual writing retreats are designed to give you space and time to work on any aspect of your research that you wish, including literature searching, reading, data analysis, planning, writing, etc.	Doctoral essentials