

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Key Information For The Early Stages Of Your Research

Once you have completed your enrolment there is a presentation on Blackboard we recommend you view.

This presentation will provide you with a brief overview of the key information you will require in the early stages of your research study. Further detailed information will be provided when you attend the Research Student Induction Event.

The presentation can be found under course code REST7101: Research Student Induction Event. To view the presentation you will need to select the 'Presentation' tab and click on the link provided.

Guidance on how to access Blackboard will have been sent to you.

Writing Support Services

The Centre for Learning and Study Support (CLaSS) is located on the Ground Floor of Kimberlin Library. Their primary role is to help students develop writing and study skills, enabling them to achieve a confident academic writing voice. To facilitate this, a range of services are offered to support students at every stage in the research process.

Workshops

A series of workshops are available to research students during term-time and cover a variety of topics including:

- Writing a literature review
- Linking ideas clearly
- Critical thinking
- Writing in an academic style

One-to-one Tutorials

Research students also have the opportunity to book a one-to-one tutorial with an experienced writing/study tutor who will read a sample of your work and suggest ways you can improve your writing and approach to studying.

Online Resources

We also have a number of online resources which can be accessed via the Ask Gateway website: www.askgateway.dmu.ac.uk. These include our:

- 'Focus On ...' Study Guides – these contain concise, practical advice on a range of writing and study issues,

- DMU Writing Quiz – this self-diagnostic online tool can help you to improve your grammar, punctuation and writing style.

CLaSS can be contacted in the following ways:

In person: Student Support Office, Ground Floor, Kimberlin Library

By phone: 0116 257 7042

By email: class@dmu.ac.uk

Visit our webpage: www.library.dmu.ac.uk/link/CLASS

Statistics Advice

The Maths Learning Centre offers advice to research students whose work involves collecting and analysing quantitative (numerical) data.

A 50 minute advice session can be booked with the Maths Learning Centre in the Kimberlin Library if you would like:

- advice on what techniques might be appropriate,
- suggestions for sources to understand how to get the computer to do the calculations,
- explanations of how to do calculations manually if required.

The Maths Learning Centre is not able to:

- advise on the subject of the project,
- do the analysis,
- provide software support or advice,
- proof read.

Sessions can be booked subject to availability.

Contact the Maths Learning Centre on fmwright@dmu.ac.uk or 0116 250 6432.

De Montfort University Researcher WIKI

The DMU Researcher Wiki is an online community for researchers to share their experiences and thoughts on research at De Montfort University. The Wiki can be found at <http://dmuresearcherwiki.wikis.org> and can be viewed at any time without restrictions.

The more content you add the more likely the Wiki is to be relevant to everyone and the better it will be.

If you would like to contribute you will need a username and password. To obtain these please email the Wiki administrator, Amanda Poulton, on apoulton@dmu.ac.uk.

Access To Software Packages For EndNote, NVivo and SPSS

EndNote is only available for installation on University owned computers and laptops. If you would like information on how to obtain a licence for your own personal computers and laptops further information can be obtained at the following link: [http://intranet.dmu.ac.uk/isas/dmu/Services_for_staff/software/endnote.htm#Obtaining personal copies](http://intranet.dmu.ac.uk/isas/dmu/Services_for_staff/software/endnote.htm#Obtaining%20personal%20copies).

NVivo and SPSS licences are currently centrally funded by the University. To obtain copies of this software you must fill in a form 'application for rights to install a personal copy'. These forms are available in the Graduate School Office or from the Information Services and Systems (ISAS) Reception Desk which is located in room 1.6, Gateway House.

Following completion of the form you will be able to obtain a licence code for installing a copy of the relevant software.

Copies of the software CD for NVivo Versions 7 or 8 and SPSS are available from the Graduate School Office or can be borrowed from the library if you submit your form to ISAS.

Knowledge Sharing Events

The Postgraduate and Research Students Association (PRSA) have introduced informal knowledge sharing events for research students to attend and discuss topics with other research students to share personal experiences, exchange lessons and gain an increased knowledge of the topic being considered in an informal and friendly environment.

Topics have included how to get the best out of supervision and vivas. The typical format of a session will be an introduction presented by one student lasting around half an hour, followed by up to an hour's discussion.

These student led events complement the Research Training Programme. However, these sessions are in addition to the compulsory Research Training courses and do not replace them.

Attendance of these sessions will not provide the necessary skills in the topics discussed for students to be eligible for exemption from compulsory Research Training courses.