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Programme  
**2024/25 Brochure**



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As a signatory to the [2019 Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers](#) QMU recognises that professional and career development are integral to enabling researchers to develop their full potential and has a commitment to:

- Provide opportunities, structured support, encouragement and time for researchers to engage in a minimum of 10 days professional development pro rata per year, recognising that researchers will pursue careers across a wide range of employment sectors.
- Ensure that researchers have access to professional advice on career management across a breadth of careers.
- Provide researchers with opportunities, and time, to develop their research identity and broader leadership skills.
- Recognise that moving between, and working across, employment sectors can bring benefits to research and researchers, and support opportunities for researchers to experience this.

This schedule of training has been developed by the Research and Knowledge Exchanged Development Unit (RKEDU) and is based on the priorities in the QMU [Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers Action Plan 2022-25](#). We welcome feedback on our training programme or any of the workshops attended. Please send to [rkedu@qmu.ac.uk](mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk).

Full details for workshops and registration is available on [AdCal](#), which is a user-friendly web platform providing an overview of training opportunities and free workshops and events.

Summary Calendar of Events – Bookings can be made via [AdCal](#) -Full details of workshops and other training opportunities can be found within this programme. Our training programme is a hybrid of online and face to face events.

Date	Time	September	Facilitator	Platform
25	1200-1300	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity – Drop-In	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
26	1400-1600	Productive Writing: Techniques, Planning and Finishing	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
Date	Time	October	Facilitator	Platform
3	1100-1200	Introduction to Research Professional	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) + <a href="#">Research Professional</a>	Bookable via <a href="#">YourDevelop</a>
10	1230-1330	On-campus Business Gateway Drop-In	Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
10	1300-1400	Communicating Your Research (Series of workshops delivered by Converge)	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online
17	1300-1400	The Why and How of Research Translation (Series of workshops delivered by Converge)	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online
24	1200-1330	Introduction to Research Policy Engagement	Dave Blackbell, Director <a href="#">Scottish Policy &amp; Research Exchange</a> (SPRE)	Online
24	1300-1400	Research Translation as Impact (Series of workshops delivered by Converge)	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online
29	1230-1330	The Venture Labs by Challenges Group - Drop-In	Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
30	1230-1330	The Defence and Security Accelerator (DASA)	Dr Debra Carr, Defence and Security Accelerator ( <a href="#">DASA</a> ), Innovation Partner	Online
31	1300-1400	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) - Drop-In	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
31	1300-1400	Innovation and idea generation (Series of workshops delivered by Converge)	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online
Date	Time	November	Facilitator	Platform
6	1230-1330	Community Wealth Building (CWB) Opportunities for Regional Collaboration and Place Based Research and KE	Angela Lamont, Community Wealth Building Officer, East Lothian Council	Online
13	1230-1330	An introduction to the Interface service and Innovation Voucher Funding	Laura Kerr, Funding Executive, <a href="#">Interface</a>	Online

19	1200-1245	Generative AI and the Researcher: Strategies. Insights and practical uses – Introduction Webinar + Followed by on Demand Course	Dr Joanna Young - <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
21	1230-1330	Entrepreneurship at QMU - Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW)	Members of the QMU Enterprise and Innovation Network (EIN)	QMU
25	1500-1600	Publishing in Journals	Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian	Online
27	1400-1500	Introduction to Bright Red Triangle (BRT) partnership with Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) and Edinburgh College	Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), RKEDU	QMU
28	1200-1300	Intellectual Property (IP) at QMU	Christian Ziar, Head of Technology Transfer, University of St Andrews	Online
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Platform</b>
4	1200-1300	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity – Drop-In	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
5	1130-1300	Contract Research Staff - 6 Monthly Meeting with the Deputy Principal	Professor Richard Butt, Deputy Principal	QMU
10	1200-1300	The QMU Innovation Park and City and Region Deal – Opportunities for QMU Researchers	Professor Richard Butt, Deputy Principal and Steve Scott, Chief Operations Officer	Online
11	1230-1400	Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2029	Professor James Scobbie, QMU REF 2029 Academic Lead. Dr Joan Ma, REF 2029 Associate Academic Lead and Women's Research Champion and Helen Muir, Research Support Librarian, RKEDU	Online
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Platform</b>
15	1230-1330	Start for Future (SFF) - What It Means for QMU	Members of the <a href="#">QMU SFF Implementation Group</a> .	Online
17	1200-1330	Setting Up as an Independent Research Consultant	Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	Online
23	1100-1200	Introduction to Research Professional	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) + <a href="#">Research Professional</a>	Bookable via <a href="#">YourDevelop</a>
29	1000-1200	Navigating the Peer Review Process	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
30	1300-1400	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) - Drop-In	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio

Date	Time	February	Facilitator	Platform
4	1230-1330	Trusted Research and Innovation – What It Is and Why It Matters to You	Research Collaboration Advice Team (RCAT) from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), RKEDU	Online
5	1230-1330	Introduction to the Venture Labs – Challenges Group - Supporting Enterprises to Reach Their Full Potential	Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a>	Online
18	1030-1200	Developing Your Policy Engagement Practice	Dave Blackbell, Director <a href="#">Scottish Policy &amp; Research Exchange</a> (SPRE)	Online
20	1400-1600	Managing the Publishing Process	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
24	1200-1300	Introduction to Bright Red Triangle (BRT) partnership with Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) and Edinburgh College	Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), RKEDU	Online
27	1230-1330	An Introduction to Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)	Anne-Marie Haughey, KTP Centre Manager <a href="#">East of Scotland, KTP Centre</a>	QMU
Date	Time	March	Facilitator	Platform
4	1000-1200	NHS Research Ethics and Governance	Dr Helen Newbery, NHS Lothian	Online
6	1300-1400	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity – Drop-In	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
11	1400-1500	E-Research and Open Access and Publishing	Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian	Online
13	1000-1200	Project Management in Research and KE	Dr Joanna Young, <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
19	1230-1400	Resilience in Research Careers	Dr Elizabeth Adams <a href="#">Scafell Coaching</a> and RKEDU	Online
26	1200-1300	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) - Drop-In	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@gmu.ac.uk">rgcu@gmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
27	1300-1400	On-campus Business Gateway - Drop-In	Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Date	Time	April	Facilitator	Platform
2	1230-1330	Good Research Practice and a Healthy Research Culture	James Parry, Chief Executive of the <a href="#">UK Research Integrity Office</a>	Online
3	1000-1200	Generative AI and the Researcher: Strategies, Insights and Practical Uses	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
25	1000-1200	Time Management, Motivation and Prioritising	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online

End of April	tbc	Grant Application Writing Workshop (more details to follow)	More details to follow	tbc
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Platform</b>
5	1500-1600	Copyright and Creative Commons Licensing	Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian	Online
13	1300-1600	Innovation and Impact Workshop	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	QMU
21	1000-1200	Attracting Research Funding - Writing and Applying for Fellowships	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
26	1200-1300	Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) - Bright Red Triangle (BRT) Drop-In	Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), RKEDU	QMU Start-Up Studio
27	1000-1200	Digital Strategy: Profiles, Social Media and Connecting	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
28	1300-1400	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) - Drop-In	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Platform</b>
5	1300-1400	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU
11	1100-1230	Contract Research Staff - 6 Monthly Meeting with the Deputy Principal	Professor Richard Butt Deputy Principal	QMU
25	1300-1400	The Ventures Lab (Social Enterprise) by Challenges Group – Drop-In	Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Summary of Drop-in Sessions</b> <b>Note: QMU Start-Up Studio was previously known as the Business Innovation (BIZ)</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Platform</b>
10 October 2024 27 March 2025		Business Gateway - Our on campus <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a> service offers drop-in sessions to support researchers who have an early or advanced idea for starting a business	Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Quarterly – September, December, March, June		QMU is committed to the <a href="#">Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a> , and the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a> . The aim of this drop-in session is to provide an overview of QMU's commitment to the Concordats, including the <a href="#">QMU Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers Action Plan 2022-25</a> and what this means for researcher development and broader research culture at QMU.	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio

17 October 2024, 14 November 2024 5 December 2024 - 1000 - 1600	<a href="#">Converge</a> (Scottish Universities/Scottish Funding Council (SFC) National Innovation/enterprise Programme) - Converge drop-in and advice sessions offer support to take the next step in your entrepreneurial journey.	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager_ <a href="#">Converge</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Ongoing	<a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> QMU staff, students and graduates can access free lifelong enterprise support from our partners at <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), enabling development of enterprise skills that are invaluable for an entrepreneurial career. Come along to this drop-in session to find out more.	Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), RKEDU	QMU Start-Up Studio
29 October 2024 and 25 June 2025	The <a href="#">Ventures Labs – Challenges Group</a> provides an inclusive, supportive path for aspiring or early-stage entrepreneurs to bring their purpose-led businesses to life. If you have an idea, product or service that you think may have the potential to make a difference in Scotland and beyond, or you just want to find out more about the resources available, then drop-in and meet members of the <a href="#">Venture Labs – Challenges Group</a> .	Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Last Wednesday each month 0900-1100	<b>Monthly QMU Research and KE Strategy and Culture Drop-in</b> Informal drop in with the Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU) team who will be available to answer any questions or provide you with more information on <a href="#">Research and KE Strategy</a> and Culture including REF 2029.	Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU)	QMU Start-Up Studio
Last Wednesday each month 1400-1500	<b>Monthly QMU Innovation and Enterprise Drop-in. Informal drop-in with the</b> Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU) team who will be available to answer questions and provide you with information on QMU support and opportunities for innovation and enterprise and to find out more about our commitment to the <a href="#">QMU Entrepreneurial Sub Strategy and Action Plan</a> .	Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU)	QMU Start-Up Studio
<b>Asynchronous Online Courses – contact <a href="mailto:rkedu.ac.uk">rkedu.ac.uk</a> for further information</b>			
Generative AI and the Researcher		An introduction to new Gen AI tools, ethics and responsible use	<a href="#">Electv Training</a>
UKRIO Introduction to Research Integrity		Introduction to Research Integrity and the robustness of research	<a href="#">UK Research Integrity Office</a> <a href="#">UKRIO</a>
<b>Collaborative Opportunities with University of Stirling and Edinburgh Napier University</b>			
In support of our continued collaboration with the University of Edinburgh, University of Stirling, and Edinburgh Napier University we shall open up places for some workshops from our respective training programmes to partner institutions. These opportunities will be promoted when information becomes available – Note spaces will be limited and will therefore be on a first come, first served basis.			

Other QMU Resources	Contact/Link
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	the QMU e-learning platform
Safeguarding	the QMU e-learning platform
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	the QMU e-learning platform
<a href="#">Researcher Enhancement and Development Programme (READ)</a>	<a href="mailto:graduateschool@gmu.ac.uk">graduateschool@gmu.ac.uk</a>
On-campus Business Gateway free impartial advice and training to staff and students on enterprise creation	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
Bright Red Triangle Start-up Studio collaboration with Edinburgh Napier University and Edinburgh College	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Start for Future (SFF)</a> - An international network of entrepreneurial universities and incubators collaborating on the development of innovative and impactful startups and solutions	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
QMU memberships – access to training and resources	Contact/Link
<a href="#">Vitae</a> - Access to a range of research networks, resources and expertise for career development	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">British Academy Early Career Researcher (ECR) Network – Scottish Hub Pilot</a> - Provides ECRs access to a programme of researcher development opportunities	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Research Professional</a> - Customised database for all the latest research funding opportunities	<a href="mailto:rgcu@gmu.ac.uk">rgcu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Policy Research Exchange (SPRE)</a> - Supports researcher/policy maker collaboration	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">UK Parliament Knowledge Exchange (KE) Unit</a> - Supports researcher engagement with UK Parliament	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">EURAXESS UK</a> - Supports researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Euraxess Mentoring programme</a> aims to encourage and to facilitate transnational mobility, by fostering cooperation between the researchers from European Research Area (ERA) and EURAXESS Worldwide (third) countries	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Converge</a> - Entrepreneurship/enterprise creation programme for researchers at all Scottish Universities	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">PraxisAURIL</a> - Resources and training for knowledge exchange	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">The Beltane Public Engagement Network</a> -The network runs a range of webinars and public engagement training opportunities	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">QMU is a member of the East of Scotland KTP Centre</a> - Supports researchers to define their project and prepare their funding application	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">QMU is a member of UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)</a> - Provides independent, expert and confidential advice on the conduct of academic, scientific and medical research	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN)</a> – Champion academic policy engagement to strengthen evidence-informed policymaking in the UK.	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>



External Resources	Contact/Link
Research Data Management - various on-line resources shared collaboratively between Scottish Universities	Available on the <a href="#">Researcher Development intranet site</a>
Becoming an ethical researcher - Open University training materials	Available via link <a href="#">Open University</a>
Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility <a href="#">training courses</a> – Ongoing promotion by RKEDU	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
Early Career Researchers (ECRs) career management skills course – Glasgow University online module	Available via link <a href="#">Glasgow University</a>
Safeguarding – UK Collaboration on Development Research (UKCDR) – On-line resources	Available via link <a href="#">UK Collaboration on Development Research (UKCDR)</a>
<a href="#">Trusted Research and the New Research Collaboration Advice Team (RCAT)</a> - Trusted Research aims to protect the integrity of the system of international research collaboration	<a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)</a> Free online courses to support health and social care professionals into research careers.	Available via link <a href="#">National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)</a>
<a href="#">Centre for Sustainable Solutions</a> Research, KE and Environmental Sustainability - 🌿 Share carbon counting tools as part of project management or grant writing workshops (we recommend the use <a href="#">Carbon Footprint Count tool</a> ).	Available from the University of Glasgow – <a href="#">Centre for Sustainable Solutions</a>
Open Access Adaptations of the University of Edinburgh's Internal Ethics and Integrity Training Resources	Available via link <a href="#">here</a>

## Further Details

Date	Time	September	Topic	Facilitator	Platform
25	1200-1300	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity – Drop-In	<p>QMU is committed to the <a href="#">Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a>, and the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a> which are agreements between stakeholders to improve employment and support for researchers and researcher careers in higher education in the UK; and to ensure that the highest standards of rigour and integrity in research are maintained at all times. Central to this activity is an ethos of co-creation and importantly shared ownership between the institution and its researcher community.</p> <p>The aim of this drop-in session is to provide an overview of QMU's commitment to the Concordats, including implementation of our <a href="#">QMU Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers Action Plan 2022-25</a> and what this means for researcher development, and broader research culture at QMU, and our compliance with the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a>.</p>	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
26	1400-1600	Productive Writing: Techniques, Planning and Finishing	<p>Effective written communication is an essential part of research and the ability to craft compelling proposals, insightful theses, impactful papers and detailed books is invaluable.</p> <p>This interactive workshop will focus on starting, maintaining momentum and completing writing projects. Participants will devise strategies for initiating and managing manuscripts, structuring their work effectively and employing productive writing techniques. You will explore innovative writing tools and resources including new generative AI options for reference searching and writing.</p> <p>Participants will be encouraged to consider where writing can fit into their schedule and how to optimise their “deep work” time. The session will include individual writing exercises, advice on making writing part of your working routine, group discussion and a section on dealing with and providing feedback.</p>	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online

Date	Time	October	Topic	Facilitator	Platform
3	1100-1200	Introduction to Research Professional	<p>This workshop is hosted by Research Grants and Contact Unit (RGCU) and will introduce researchers to Research Professional and how to navigate the <a href="#">Research Professional</a> portal creating customised searches relating to your research interests. Research Professional is a source of intelligence and the gateway to a huge resource of up-to-date research funding opportunities and research policy information.</p> <p>QMU are members of Research Professional and staff can access this website to explore the extensive content databases and customise their experience with the site to meet their own specific research interests and funding opportunities.</p>	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) + <a href="#">Research Professional</a>	Bookable via <a href="#">YourDevelop</a>
10	1230-1330	On-campus Business Gateway Drop-In	<p>This drop-in session is facilitated by our on-campus Business Gateway Advisors and is open to QMU staff and students who have an idea for starting a business. They are also available to present into courses around entrepreneurship.</p> <p><a href="#">Business Gateway</a> is a Scotland wide service which offers impartial one-to-one advice and training to staff and students on enterprise creation including <a href="#">free workshops and seminars</a> covering a wide range of topics on marketing, branding, and getting the best from your website and finance.</p>	Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
10	1300-1400	Communicating your Research (Series of workshops delivered by Converge)	<p>QMU are members of <a href="#">Converge</a> (Scottish Universities/Scottish Funding Council (SFC) National Innovation/Enterprise Programme).</p> <p>Communicating the value of your research outside your field is an essential skill. In this interactive workshop, you will consider how the audience, environment and tools available in different settings guide and impact how you communicate.</p> <p>Join fellow researchers from Edinburgh Napier University, Heriot-Watt University, Queen Margaret University, SRUC, University of St Andrews, University of Stirling and University of Edinburgh in this interactive online workshop.</p>	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online

17	1300-1400	The Why and How of Research Translation (Series of workshops delivered by Converge)	<p>QMU are members of <a href="#">Converge</a> (Scottish Universities/Scottish Funding Council (SFC) National Innovation/Enterprise Programme).</p> <p>Translation of research is becoming increasingly important and valued by universities, funding bodies and governments. This workshop will cover the value of research translation, the different ways in which research can be translated, and what the pathways to translation can look like in Scottish universities.</p> <p>Join fellow researchers from Edinburgh Napier University, Heriot-Watt University, Queen Margaret University, SRUC, University of St Andrews, University of Stirling and University of Edinburgh in this interactive online workshop.</p>	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online
24	1200-1330	Introduction to Research Policy Engagement	<p>The Scottish Policy &amp; Research Exchange (SPRE) is facilitating an interactive online session that will provide an introduction to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scottish and UK evidence-policy landscape.</li> <li>• Policy engagement opportunities and impact pathways for researchers.</li> <li>• Approaches, tools and resources for developing an equitable and effective policy engagement practice.</li> </ul> <p>Participants will be introduced to relational approaches to policy engagement, and ways to ethically and equitably engage in more technical approaches where these are the best (or only) route for engagement. The session will be interactive so that participants learn from each other about different pathways to engaging successfully with policy makers and decision makers.</p> <p>At the end of the session, participants will leave with a better understanding of relational approaches to policy engagement, a clear grasp of personal opportunities for engagement, and an understanding of and access to resources for strengthening their engagement practice.</p>	Dave Blackbell, Director <a href="#">Scottish Policy &amp; Research Exchange</a> (SPRE)	Online

24	1300-1400	Research Translation as Impact (Series of workshops delivered by Converge)	<p>QMU are members of <a href="#">Converge</a> (Scottish Universities/Scottish Funding Council (SFC) National Innovation/Enterprise Programme).</p> <p>Research impact has traditionally been measured by publication, but wider definitions are increasingly valued by essential stakeholders. This workshop will look at how commercialisation can extend the reach and significance of research impact.</p> <p>Join fellow researchers from Edinburgh Napier University, Heriot-Watt University, Queen Margaret University, SRUC, University of St Andrews, University of Stirling and University of Edinburgh in this interactive online workshop led by Lissssa Herron, Enterprise Manager.</p>	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager, <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online
29	1230-1330	The Ventures Lab by Challenges Group – Drop-In	<p><a href="#">The Ventures Lab</a> by <a href="#">Challenges Group</a> provides support for aspiring and early-stage social entrepreneurs in Scotland.</p> <p>They offer a range of interventions to support new enterprises to understand their customer needs, develop their business model and value proposition, access financing, prepare their go-to-market strategy, design (and even trial) their core service or product offering. They can also support with legal incorporation and brand and website development.</p> <p>Come along to this drop-in session and explore whether your idea for a product or service has potential to make a difference in Scotland and beyond!</p>	Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
30	1230-1330	The Defence and Security Accelerator (DASA)	<p><a href="#">The Defence and Security Accelerator</a> funds exploitable innovation to support UK defence and security quickly and effectively, and support UK prosperity. (DASA) runs competitions and funding calls for innovative solutions to benefit Defence and National Security oriented UK Government Departments which align with QMU's research strengths. Funded project topics include health (physical and mental), rehabilitation, sustainability/circular economy, nutrition, language research, person-centred topics, recruitment and retention, training, wargaming (decision making strategies).</p> <p>Join this presentation by Dr Debra Carr, to find out more about DASA and funding opportunities available via their Open Calls. There will be an opportunity for Q and As atg the end.</p>	Dr Debra Carr, Defence and Security Accelerator ( <a href="#">DASA</a> ), Innovation Partner - Scotland	Online

31	1300-1400	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) Drop-In	<p>RGCU provides support for all aspects of applying for and managing research and KE grants and other externally funded project income. This includes utilising the Research Professional tool to identify funding opportunities, project costing and pricing, funding applications, negotiating funder contracts and collaborative agreements, intellectual property advice in relation to research contracts, and post-award financial management and reporting.</p> <p>Come along to this informal drop-in session taking place in the QMU Start-Up Studio to find out more about the support RGCU provide.</p>	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@gmu.ac.uk">rgcu@gmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
31	1300-1400	Innovation and Idea Generation (Series of Workshops Delivered by Converge)	<p>QMU are members of <a href="#">Converge</a> (Scottish Universities/Scottish Funding Council (SFC) National Innovation/Enterprise Programme).</p> <p>The aims of this interactive workshop are to understand the value of innovation and to stimulate innovative thinking. Participants will explore how ideas and knowledge from research can be turned into translational opportunities with a mix of case studies and brainstorming from challenges in their own research.</p> <p>Join fellow researchers from Edinburgh Napier University, Heriot-Watt University, Queen Margaret University, SRUC, University of St Andrews, University of Stirling and University of Edinburgh in this interactive online workshop.</p>	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager, <a href="#">Converge</a>	Online
Date	Time	November	Topic	Facilitator	Platform
6	1230-1330	Community Wealth Building (CWB) Opportunities for Regional Collaboration and Place Based Research and KE	<p><a href="#">Community Wealth Building (CWB)</a> is a people-centred approach to local economic development, designed to harness the economic leverage of local 'anchor' organisations (such as local councils, health, universities, colleges, or large local private sector employers) to tackle long standing systematic challenges and structural inequalities within our communities. CWB is major theme in the new East Lothian Local Economy Strategy. QMU, alongside other regional partners, has become a signatory to the East Lothian CWB <a href="#">Anchor Charter Statement</a>, to deliver long-term collaboration and positively shape and drive academic engagement with Edinburgh Innovation Hub and wider place-based research and knowledge exchange initiatives.</p> <p>QMU staff are invited to this introductory session with the East Lothian Council Economic Development CWB Officer to find out what CWB means for QMU as an anchor institution and opportunities for collaboration and place-based initiatives and funding.</p>	Angela Lamont, Community Wealth Building Officer Economic Development	Online

13	1230-1330	An introduction to the Interface service and Innovation Voucher Funding	<p>Established in 2005 <a href="#">Interface</a> connects Universities and Colleges from across Scotland with businesses of all sizes. Their free and impartial service provides support to universities helping academics to engage with industry to tackle sector challenges which can lead to transformational changes and impacts.</p> <p>This workshop provides an introduction to the Interface services and will also outline the process for applying for Innovation Voucher funding.</p>	Laura Kerr, Funding Executive, <a href="#">Interface</a>	Online
19	1200-1245	Generative AI and the Researcher: strategies Insights and practical uses - Webinar + on demand course	<p>An introduction to generative AI and emphasises the ethical considerations, limitations and responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates a variety of new AI tools and how they can fit in to the research process.</li> <li>• Includes AI tools that find and compare key references, draft document outlines, explore novel ideas, suggest methodologies, plan projects, analyse and visualise data, writing assistance and more.</li> </ul> <p>This begins with a 45 minute webinar, followed by access to the on-demand course.</p>	Dr Joanna Young - <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online

21	1230-1330	Entrepreneurship at QMU - Global Entrepreneurship Week	<p>From 18-24 November 2024, Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) will celebrate entrepreneurs across the world and inspire others – particularly those who face structural barriers or may have never considered the idea of launching a startup – to follow in their footsteps.</p> <p>As part of the celebrations, join members of QMU's Enterprise and Innovation Network (EIN) to learn about the resources that are available to develop entrepreneurial mindsets in our staff, students and graduates and to support their enterprising activities. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The QMU Startup Studio</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Business Gateway</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Start for Future</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Converge</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SHIFT</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">THRIVE</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Santander Universities Enterprise Fund</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Edinburgh Merchant Company Enterprise Fund</a></li> </ul> <p>You will also find out more about <a href="#">QMU's Entrepreneurial Sub-Strategy and Action Plan</a> and our aim to fully embed entrepreneurship in our institutional values, policies and practices.</p>	Members of the QMU Enterprise and Innovation Network (EIN)	QMU
25	1500-1600	Publishing in journals	<p>This workshop will be delivered by Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian and will focus on publishing in journals, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to identify journals that are suited to your work.</li> <li>• How to ensure that your work is published open access.</li> <li>• How to avoid the pitfalls of predatory publishing.</li> </ul>	Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian	Online



27	1400-1500	Introduction to Bright Red Triangle (BRT) partnership with Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) and Edinburgh College	<p>QMU staff, students and graduates can access free lifelong enterprise support from our partners at <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle (BRT)</a>, enabling development of enterprise skills that are invaluable for an entrepreneurial career.</p> <p>It is the mission of BRT to equip our community with the skills and knowledge needed to progress from idea to business launch, to long-term growth and sustainability. Since their launch in 2005, BRT have supported more than 1,000 start-ups and freelancers.</p> <p>The BRT team offer a variety of services to help our entrepreneurial community thrive, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurial Support: guidance, resources and mentorship to help turn innovative ideas into successful businesses.</li> <li>• Enterprise Skills Development: workshops to enhance your skills in leadership, communication, time management, networking and more.</li> <li>• Networking Events: connect with like-minded individuals and professionals, fostering valuable connections.</li> <li>• Hot-desking Space: access dedicated workspace for collaborative projects and entrepreneurial endeavours.</li> <li>• Funding Opportunities: learn about grants and sand funding options available to support your projects and initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>Join us in this session to meet learn more about their service and resources.</p>	Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle (BRT)</a>	QMU
28	1200-1300	Intellectual Property (IP) at QMU	<p>QMU has a contract with the University of St Andrews to provide support and advice on Intellectual Property (IP). This session will be delivered by Mr Christian Ziar, Head of Technology Transfer at University of St Andrews and will cover the different types of Intellectual Property including the options for securing protection. In addition, there will be a focus on common pathways to exploitation and the interaction with the <a href="#">QMU IP policy</a>.</p> <p>Academics who have an IP query arising from externally funded research and grants should contact Research Grants and Contract Unit <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a> whilst anyone having a query resulting from ideation should contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a> in the first instance.</p>	Christian Ziar, Head of Technology Transfer, University of St Andrews.	Online

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4	1200-1300	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity – Drop-In	<p><a href="#">QMU is committed to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a>, and the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a> which are agreements between stakeholders to improve employment and support for researchers and researcher careers in higher education in the UK, and to ensure that the highest standards of rigour and integrity in research are maintained at all times. Central to this activity is an ethos of co-creation and importantly shared ownership between the institution and its researcher community.</p> <p>The aim of this drop-in session is to provide an overview of QMU's commitment to the Concordats, including the <a href="#">QMU Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers Action Plan 2022-25</a> and what this means for researcher development and broader research culture at QMU, and our compliance with the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a>.</p>	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
5	1130-1300	Contract Research Staff - 6 Monthly Meeting with the Deputy Principal	As part of our commitment to the <a href="#">Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a> this 6 monthly meeting provides an opportunity for Contract Research Staff to meet with Professor Richard Butt, Deputy Principal. In addition to an update on the latest research strategy and policy issues within QMU and across the sector, we welcome discussion and dialogue on any specific matters raised by Contract Research Staff (CRS).	Professor Richard Butt Deputy Principal	QMU
10	1200-1300	The QMU Innovation Park and City and Region Deal – Opportunities for QMU researchers	QMU and East Lothian Council secured £30 million from the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal towards the development of the <a href="#">Edinburgh Innovation Hub</a> on land next to the University campus, construction of which is due to complete in summer 2025. The Hub will provide commercial laboratory and office space for high growth tech and innovation-based businesses in the Health, Food and Drink, and Life Science sectors. The University is using this development to elevate its research commercialisation, knowledge exchange and innovation activity, aligned with a strategic focus on “place-based research” and the regional growth agenda. The Hub is expected to act as a catalyst for the further development of an Innovation Park on the surrounding land. The Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region Deal promotes place-based cohesion with regional Universities, including the University of Edinburgh and Edinburgh Napier University, and colleges. Find out about the latest opportunities relating to the new QMU Innovation Hub at this session with Professor Richard Butt, Deputy Principal and Steve Scott, Chief Operations Officer.	Professor Richard Butt, Deputy Principal and Steve Scott, Chief Operations Officer	Online

11	1230-1400	Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2029	<p>Find out about the most recent <a href="#">REF2029</a> guidance published by the Joint UK Funding Bodies and the ongoing developments at QMU towards our final submission to the REF exercise in Autumn 2028.</p> <p>This session will be facilitated by Professor James Scobbie, QMU REF 2029 Academic Lead and Dr Joan Ma, our REF 2029 Associate Academic Lead and Women's Research Champion.</p> <p>This will be followed by Helen Muir, Research Support Librarian, who will provide an update on the REF 2029 OA Policy and advise on how to ensure your research publications are compliant with REF 2029.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity at the end for Q and As.</p>	Professor James Scobbie, QMU REF 2029 Academic Lead, Dr Joan Ma, our REF 2029 Associate Academic Lead and Women's Research Champion, and Research Support Librarian, Helen Muir, RKEDU	Online
Date	Time	January	Topic	Facilitator	Platform
15	1230-1330	Start for Future (SFF) What it means for QMU	<p>QMU is a partner in the <a href="#">Start For Future Cooperative</a> (SFF), a dynamic international alliance of entrepreneurial HEIs, startups and industry partners working together to create a leading European programme for entrepreneurship and innovation. SFF aims to support the entrepreneurs and innovators of tomorrow to realise their business ideas and ambitions.</p> <p>The SFF network offers 3 different programmes throughout the year to support and guide students, graduates and researchers on their entrepreneurial journey.</p> <p>Join us in this session to learn more about Start For Future and the LEARN, Match &amp; Start and Develop &amp; Co-create programmes, including how they could help you and/or your students.</p> <p>SFF is an important initiative for QMU and has been identified as a key enabler within the <a href="#">QMU Entrepreneurial Sub-strategy and Action Plan</a> as our involvement in this consortium will contribute to the development of an entrepreneurial mindset and culture across research and knowledge exchange and the student experience.</p>	Members of the <a href="#">QMU SFF Implementation Group</a>	Online
17	1200-1330	Setting up as an Independent Consultant	This interactive workshop delivered by East Lothian Business Gateway is aimed at researchers interested in starting up their own business, and will provide them with advice, support and practical information on how set up as an Independent Research Consultant.	Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	Online

23	1100-1200	Introduction to Research Professional	<p>This workshop is hosted by Research Grants and Contact Unit (RGCU) and will introduce researchers to Research Professional and how to navigate the <a href="#">Research Professional</a> portal creating customised searches relating to your research interests. Research Professional is a source of intelligence and the gateway to a huge resource of up-to-date research funding opportunities and research policy information.</p> <p>QMU are members of Research Professional and staff can access this website to explore the extensive content databases and customise their experience with the site to meet their own specific research interests and funding opportunities.</p>	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) + <a href="#">Research Professional</a>	Bookable via <a href="#">YourDevelop</a>
29	1000-1200	Navigating the Peer Review Process	<p>All researchers will encounter peer review during their career, both as an author and as an expert who has been asked to review the work of another. This workshop will introduce researchers to the peer review system including the process, the complexities, the responsibilities of the author/reviewer and how to get the most out of the experience.</p> <p>An awareness and knowledge of the peer review system is important so that early career researchers know what to expect when they submit their first research paper for publication. Equally, understanding how to critically assess a research manuscript for quality, style, content, novelty and relevance gives researchers an insight into how cutting-edge research is assessed and published. What should you look for in a manuscript?</p> <p>In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the academic publishing and peer review system through short presentations, discussions and peer review exercises.</p>	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
30	1300-1400	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) Drop-In	<p>RGCU provides support for all aspects of applying for and managing research and KE grants and other externally funded project income. This includes utilising the *Research Professional tool to identify funding opportunities, project costing and pricing, funding applications, negotiating funder contracts and collaborative agreements, intellectual property advice in relation to research contracts, and post-award financial management and reporting.</p> <p>Come along to this informal drop-in session taking place in the QMU Start-Up Studio to find out more about the support they provide.</p>	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio

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4	1230-1330	<p>Trusted Research and Innovation – What It Is and Why It Matters to You</p> <p>Please note that the meeting will be held under Chatham House Rule, will not be recorded and presentation slides will not be circulated.</p>	<p>‘Trusted research’ is a research and innovation sector term for protecting the UK’s intellectual property, sensitive research, people and infrastructure from potential theft, manipulation and exploitation, including as a result of interference by hostile actors.</p> <p>UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) established its trusted research and innovation (TR&amp;I) work programme in response to the increasing need across the sector to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help manage and provide guidance and support in ensuring collaborative activities are done safely and securely.</li> <li>• Minimise the risks associated with operating within a global research and innovation ecosystem while maximising the opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>Here’s what you’ll hear about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why secure collaboration is now central to scientific research.</li> <li>2. How to do some of your own due diligence.</li> <li>3. Where and how to get advice and support.</li> </ol> <p>Can’t wait? <a href="#">Watch this video</a> to get a preview.</p>	<a href="#">Research Collaboration Advice Team (RCAT)</a> from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), RKEDU	Online
5	1230-1330	<p>An Introduction to The Ventures Lab by Challenges Group</p>	<p><a href="#">The Ventures Lab</a> by <a href="#">Challenges Group</a> provides support for aspiring and early-stage social entrepreneurs in Scotland.</p> <p>They offer a range of interventions to support new enterprises to understand their customer needs, develop their business model and value proposition, access financing, prepare their go-to-market strategy, design (and even trial) their core service or product offering. They can also support with legal incorporation and brand and website development. This enables enterprises to focus on what they do best – tackling society’s biggest challenges and delivering extraordinary impact.</p> <p>Join this session to find out more and explore whether your idea for a product or service has potential to make a difference in Scotland and beyond!</p>	<p>Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a></p>	Online

18	1030-1200	Developing Your Policy Engagement Practice	<p>The Scottish Policy and Research Exchange is facilitating an interactive online session for mid-senior career researchers with prior experience of policy engagement, that will provide hands-on experience of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying opportunities for policy engagement and impact.</li> <li>• Mapping your strengths and needs.</li> <li>• Drafting a policy engagement strategy.</li> </ul> <p>SPRE will provide introductory framing and provocations to spark reflection. Participants will then be supported through practical tasks that apply key principles, tools and resources to their own research and relevant policy engagement opportunities. The session will be interactive so that participants learn from each other about different ways to build a policy engagement strategy.</p> <p>At the end of the session, participants will leave with a better understanding of relational approaches to policy engagement, a draft policy engagement strategy, and a plan for taking it forwards.</p>	Dave Blackbell, Director <a href="#">Scottish Policy &amp; Research Exchange</a> (SPRE)	Online
20	1400-1600	Managing the Publishing Process	<p>Publishing your work and sharing your findings is a key component of a successful research career. A significant time investment is required to successfully publish a paper and several skills are used during the</p> <p>process including collaborative writing, figure design, analysis and concise written communication.</p> <p>Academic publishing is currently evolving and there have been several new developments in recent years. Participants will be introduced to the editorial process, time frames, how to choose the appropriate journal, peer review, metrics, legal considerations and how to navigate the scholarly publishing process. This workshop is designed to cover the key steps leading up to the publication of a research paper. It will include group discussions, individual exercises and insights from the instructor's own publishing experience to illustrate key points.</p>	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online

24	1200-1300	Introduction to Bright Red Triangle (BRT) partnership with Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) and Edinburgh College	<p>QMU staff, students and graduates can access free lifelong enterprise support from our partners at <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), enabling development of enterprise skills that are invaluable for an entrepreneurial career.</p> <p>It is the mission of BRT to equip our community with the skills and knowledge needed to progress from idea to business launch, to long-term growth and sustainability. Since their launch in 2005, BRT have supported more than 1,000 start-ups and freelancers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BRT team offer a variety of services to help our entrepreneurial community thrive, including:</li> <li>• Entrepreneurial Support: guidance, resources and mentorship to help turn innovative ideas into successful businesses.</li> <li>• Enterprise Skills Development: workshops to enhance your skills in leadership, communication, time management, networking and more.</li> <li>• Networking Events: connect with like-minded individuals and professionals, fostering valuable connections.</li> <li>• Hot-desking Space: access dedicated workspace for collaborative projects and entrepreneurial endeavours.</li> <li>• Funding Opportunities: learn about grants and sand funding options available to support your projects and initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>Join us in this session to learn more about their service and resources.</p>	Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle (BRT)</a> , RKEDU	Online
27	1230-1330	An Introduction to Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)	<p><a href="#">KTPs</a> link businesses with an expert academic team and a suitably qualified recent graduate (the KTP 'Associate'). This highly skilled, highly motivated three-way partnership collaborates to deliver a strategic project addressing company challenges – transferring expertise and experience from our research base into businesses to bring about innovative change, embed knowledge and deliver sustainable growth.</p> <p>QMU is a member of the <a href="#">East of Scotland KTP Centre</a> who help define projects and prepare the funding application. Find out more about how the scheme works and how we can support you with a potential application at this session.</p>	Anne-Marie Haughey, KTP Centre Manager <a href="#">East of Scotland, KTP Centre</a>	QMU

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4	1000-1200	NHS Research Ethics and Governance	<p>This workshop is for all staff engaging in NHS research and will be focused on the specific needs of Queen Margaret University (QMU) researchers. This workshop will cover NHS processes and procedures, including guidance on the ethical review process; when is it needed; grey areas; and service evaluation/audit. This will be followed with a session on Research Governance and will end with an opportunity for Q and As.</p> <p>Attendance is strongly encouraged as this training forms an important part of QMU's obligations in support of <a href="#">The Concordat to support Research Integrity</a>.</p>	Dr Helen Newbery, NHS Lothian	Online
6	1300-1400	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity – Drop-In	<p><a href="#">Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a>, and the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a> which are agreements between stakeholders to improve employment and support for researchers and researcher careers in higher education in the UK; and to ensure that the highest standards of rigour and integrity in research are maintained at all times. Central to this activity is an ethos of co-creation and importantly shared ownership between the institution and its researcher community.</p> <p>The aim of this drop-in session is to provide an overview of QMU's commitment to the Concordats, including implementation of our <a href="#">QMU Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers Action Plan 2022-25</a> and what this means for researcher development, and broader research culture at QMU, and our compliance with the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a>.</p>	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
11	1400-1500	E-Research and Open Access and Publishing	<p>Find out about depositing your research in QMU's institutional repositories <a href="#">eResearch</a> and <a href="#">eData</a>, and what you need to know about open access and publishing, including how to ensure that your research publications are compliant with REF 2029.</p> <p>This interactive workshop will provide an opportunity to find out more about QMU's support and policies, with an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.</p>	Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian	Online



13	1000-1200	Project Management - in Research and KE	<p>Effective project management is crucial for researchers at all stages of their careers. This intensive short course is designed to improve project management skills &amp; offers a comprehensive framework for initiating, planning, designing &amp; executing research projects effectively.</p> <p>Time management is a key component of the workshop, with strategies &amp; techniques to help researchers prioritise tasks, set realistic deadlines and maintain a productive research workflow. Recognising the unpredictable nature of research, the course also covers risk assessment, preparing participants to identify potential pitfalls and develop contingency plans to mitigate risks.</p> <p>A section of the session focusses on communication, especially in the context of interacting with stakeholders. In addition to traditional project management skills, the course introduces participants to a selection of relevant software and AI tools.</p>	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
19	1230-1400	Resilience in Research Careers	<p>Rejected papers, unsuccessful grants, career uncertainty, conference critique. Academia can feel like a bumpy ride, particularly whilst trying to find your research niche and grow your independence.</p> <p>This workshop will draw on peer support, reflection, case studies and tools from positive psychology to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What resilience means for you (and your team or collaborators).</li> <li>• Strategies to navigate setbacks, reframe failure as a learning opportunity and move forward in a positive way.</li> <li>• How to manage your emotions and respond calmly to reviewer comments or other scenarios, instead of reacting to them in the moment.</li> <li>• The resources, support and mindset needed to thrive in your career.</li> </ul>	Dr Elizabeth Adams <a href="#">Scafell Coaching</a>	Online
26	1200-1300	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) Drop-In	<p>RGCU provides support for all aspects of applying for and managing research and KE grants and other externally funded project income. This includes utilising the *Research Professional tool to identify funding opportunities, project costing and pricing, funding applications, negotiating funder contracts and collaborative agreements, intellectual property advice in relation to research contracts, and post-award financial management and reporting.</p> <p>Come along to this informal drop-in session taking place in the QMU Start-Up Studio to find out more about the support RGCU provide.</p>	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio

27	1300-1400	On-campus Business Gateway Drop-In	<p>This drop-in session is facilitated by our on-campus Business Gateway Advisors and is open to QMU staff and students who have an idea for starting a business. The Business Gateway Advisors are also available to present into courses around entrepreneurship.</p> <p><a href="#">Business Gateway</a> is a Scotland wide service which offers impartial one-to-one advice and training to staff and students on enterprise creation including <a href="#">free workshops and seminars</a> covering a wide range of topics on marketing, branding, and getting the best from your website and finance.</p>	Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Date	Time	April	Topic	Facilitator	Platform
2	1230-1330	Good Research Practice and a Healthy Research Culture	<p>The standards for research seem to be fairly straightforward: be honest, take care of research participants, and don't steal the work of others.</p> <p><a href="#">James Parry</a>, Chief Innovation Officer of the <a href="#">UK Research Integrity Office</a> will explore whether these assumptions are correct or if we need to think a bit more about what ethics and integrity mean for our research. What impact can 'research culture' – the environment and ethos of research organisations – have on the quality and ethical standards of research? Do incentives and competition improve the conduct of research or increase mistakes and other problems?</p> <p>The session will look at the challenges involved in ensuring that research is high quality and of high ethical standards, discuss the pressures faced by researchers, and explore what researchers and organisations can do to safeguard and enhance good research practice.</p>	James Parry, Chief Executive of the <a href="#">UK Research Integrity Office</a>	Online
3	1000-1200	Generative AI and the Researcher: Strategies, Insights and Practical Uses	<p>This workshop aims to demystify the rapidly evolving area of generative artificial intelligence (Gen AI) tools &amp; provides a practical insight into how these tools can be integrated into the research process.</p> <p>It begins with an introduction to GenAI and emphasises the ethical considerations, limitations and responsibilities associated with using these tools, before moving on to describe a variety of tools and how they can be used for research. Participants will be shown how they can harness the power of these tools to support their own projects, including how to find and compare key references, draft document outlines, explore novel ideas, suggest methodologies, plan projects, analyse and visualise data, writing assistance and more.</p> <p>This course aims to equip researchers with the knowledge and skills to effectively integrate these tools into their workflow and inspire them to explore how GenAI can support them throughout their research journey.</p>	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online

25	1000-1200	Time Management, Motivation and Prioritising	Time management and motivation is not about working more, it's about working smarter. This workshop is designed specifically for researchers who are interested in developing their time management skills and optimising their working hours. With research activities, keeping up with the literature, publishing, planning and writing to consider, it can be challenging for researchers to fit everything into their schedules. Participants will be introduced to techniques to optimise their time and be encouraged to discuss working patterns with others. In addition, they will cover the concept of work-life balance, working styles & budgeting time. The workshop will include individual exercises, short presentations from the instructor, group discussions & examples of good practice.	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
End of April	tbc	Grant Writing	We are exploring a workshop on grant writing - details to follow. Anyone interested in attending should contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a> .	Details to be confirmed.	Details to be confirmed.
Date	Time	May	Topic	Facilitator	Platform
5	1500-1600	Copyright and Creative Commons Licensing	<p>This workshop will be delivered by Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian and will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key copyright laws and how they affect both your own work and that of others.</li> <li>• What are creative commons licenses? Which ones should you be applying to your own work?</li> </ul>	Helen Muir, QMU Research Support Librarian	Online
13	1300-1600	Innovation and Impact Workshop	<p>This workshop is aimed to inspire an entrepreneurial mindset in researchers by giving them an understanding of the potential for impact through translation of research and help them consider how their research can be applied to real-world problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Idea Generation:</b> The aims of this interactive session are to understand the value of innovation and to stimulate innovative thinking by exploring how ideas and challenges from research can be turned into opportunities.</li> <li>• <b>Research translation as impact:</b> Research impact has traditionally been measured by publication, but wider definitions are increasingly valued by essential stakeholders. This session will introduce the different forms of research translation, how they can benefit universities and researchers, and how they can generate real-world impact. Participants will explore possible routes of translation for their own research.</li> </ul>	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	QMU

21	1000-1200	Attracting Research Funding - Writing and Applying for Fellowships	<p>How do you go about the process of applying for your own postdoctoral research fellowship? There is more to it than filling in an application form: you will have to propose and design an innovative project, identify an established researcher to sponsor you and approach them about being involved in your project, convince the application reviewers that you are the right person, name referees and more. To be successful requires planning and preparation and you will need to use your network and be proactive. This workshop is suitable for early career researchers and will include case studies, discussion of a sample application form, individual exercises and the instructor's own experience of successfully obtaining a postdoctoral research fellowship.</p>	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online
26	1200-1300	Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) -Bright Red Triangle (BRT) Drop-In	<p>QMU staff, students and graduates can access free lifelong enterprise support from our partners at <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), enabling development of enterprise skills that are invaluable for an entrepreneurial career.</p> <p>It is the mission of BRT to equip our community with the skills and knowledge needed to progress from idea to business launch, to long-term growth and sustainability. Since their launch in 2005, BRT have supported more than 1,000 start-ups and freelancers. The BRT team offer a variety of services to help our entrepreneurial community thrive.</p> <p>Come along to this drop-in session and learn more about BRT and the resources available. This is open to staff and students looking for enterprise support.</p>	Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle (BRT)</a> , RKEDU	QMU Start-Up Studio
27	1000-1200	Digital Strategy: Profiles, Social Media and Connecting	<p>This workshop is designed specifically for researchers who are looking to develop their online presence and boost their career prospects through social media. There are now numerous channels available that can be used to amplify your research, promote an enterprising project and attract future employers. In addition, social networks can act as a useful source of information and a personally tailored news feed.</p> <p>You will explore different types of content that researchers can experiment with. What engages people? What should you post and what should you avoid? How can you manage your time on social media and optimise your engagement? In addition to designing an individual social media strategy, the workshop will include a section on legal considerations, privacy and openness.</p> <p>The workshop is designed to cover a selection of mainstream social media tools that can be used to build your online profile.</p>	Dr Joanna Young – <a href="#">Electv Training</a>	Online

28	1300-1400	Research Grants and Contract Unit (RGCU) Drop-In	<p>RGCU provides support for all aspects of applying for and managing research and KE grants and other externally funded project income. This includes utilising the Research Professional tool to identify funding opportunities, project costing and pricing, funding applications, negotiating funder contracts and collaborative agreements, intellectual property advice in relation to research contracts, and post-award financial management and reporting.</p> <p>Come along to this informal drop-in session taking place in the QMU Start-Up Studio to find out more about the support they provide.</p>	Research Grants and Contracts Unit (RGCU) <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Date	Time	June	Topic	Facilitator	Platform
5	1300-1400	QMU and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the Concordat to Support Research Integrity – Drop-In	<p>QMU is committed to the <a href="#">Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a>, and the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a> which are agreements between stakeholders to improve employment and support for researchers and researcher careers in higher education in the UK; and to ensure that the highest standards of rigour and integrity in research are maintained at all times. Central to this activity is an ethos of co-creation and importantly shared ownership between the institution and its researcher community.</p> <p>The aim of this drop-in session is to provide an overview of QMU's commitment to the Concordats, including the <a href="#">QMU Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers Action Plan 2022-25</a> and what this means for researcher development and broader research culture at QMU, and our compliance with the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a>.</p>	Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
11	1100-1230	Contract Research Staff - 6 Monthly Meeting with the Deputy Principal	As part of our commitment to the <a href="#">Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a> this 6 monthly meeting provides an opportunity for Contract Research Staff to meet with Professor Richard Butt, Deputy Principal. In addition to an update on the latest research strategy and policy issues within QMU and across the sector, we welcome discussion and dialogue on any specific matters raised by Contract Research Staff (CRS). Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a> .	Professor Richard Butt, Deputy Principal	QMU

25	1300-1400	The Ventures Lab by Challenges Group Drop-In	<p><a href="#">The Ventures Lab</a> by <a href="#">Challenges Group</a> provides support for aspiring and early-stage social entrepreneurs in Scotland.</p> <p>They offer a range of interventions to support new enterprises to understand their customer needs, develop their business model and value proposition, access financing, prepare their go-to-market strategy, design (and even trial) their core service or product offering. They can also support with legal incorporation and brand and website development.</p> <p>Come along to this drop-in session and explore whether your idea for a product or service has potential to make a difference in Scotland and beyond!</p>	Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Date	Time	<b>Summary of Drop-In Sessions</b> <b>Note: QMU Start-Up Studio was previously known as the Business Innovation (BIZ)</b>		Facilitator	Platform
10 October 2024 1230-30 27 March 2025 1300-1400		Business Gateway - Our on campus <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a> service offers drop-in sessions to support researchers who have an early or advanced idea for starting a business.		Steve Newlin, Business Advisor, <a href="#">East Lothian Business Gateway</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
Quarterly – September, December, March and June		QMU is committed to the <a href="#">Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers</a> , and the <a href="#">Concordat to Support Research Integrity</a> . The aim of this drop-in is to provide an overview of QMU's commitment to the Concordats, including the <a href="#">QMU Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers Action Plan 2022-25</a> and what this means for researcher development and broader research culture at QMU.		Professor Marietta Van Der Linden Convenor of the <a href="#">Research Culture Group</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
17 October 2024, 14 November 2024 5 December 2024 - 1000 - 1600		<a href="#">Converge</a> (Scottish Universities/Scottish Funding Council (SFC) National Innovation/enterprise Programme) - Converge drop-in and advice sessions offer support to take the next step in your entrepreneurial journey.		Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager <a href="#">Converge</a>	QMU Start-Up Studio
26 May 2024 – 1200-1300		<a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> QMU staff, students and graduates can access free lifelong enterprise support from our partners at <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT), enabling development of enterprise skills that are invaluable for an entrepreneurial career. Come along to this drop-in session to find out more.		Members of Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) <a href="#">Bright Red Triangle</a> (BRT)	QMU Start-Up Studio

29 October 2024 1230-1330 and 25 June 2025 1300 - 1400	<a href="#">The Ventures Labs – Challenges Group</a> provides an inclusive, supportive path for aspiring or early-stage entrepreneurs to bring their purpose-led businesses to life. If you have an idea, product or service that you think may have the potential to make a difference in Scotland and beyond, or you just want to find out more about the resources available, then drop-in and meet members of the <a href="#">Venture Labs – Challenges Group</a> .		Ross Isdale, Business Development Manager, <a href="#">Challenges Group</a>	QMU Start- Up Studio
Last Wednesday each month 0900-1100	<b>Monthly QMU Research and KE Strategy and Culture Drop-in</b> Informal drop in with the Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU) team who will be available to answer any questions or provide you with more information on Research and KE Strategy and Culture including REF 2029.		Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU)	QMU Start- Up Studio
Last Wednesday each month 1400-1500	<b>Monthly QMU Innovation and Enterprise Drop-in</b> Informal drop in with the Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU) team who will be available to answer questions and provide you with information on QMU support and opportunities for innovation and enterprise. Find out more about our <a href="#">QMU Entrepreneurial Sub Strategy and Action Plan</a> .		Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Unit (RKEDU)	QMU Start- Up Studio
<b>Asynchronous Online Courses – contact <a href="mailto:rkedu.ac.uk">rkedu.ac.uk</a> for further information</b>				
Generative AI and the Researcher		An introduction to new Gen AI tools, ethics and responsible use		<a href="#">Electv Train- ing</a>
UKRIO Introduction to Research Integrity		Introduction to Research Integrity and the robustness of research		<a href="#">UK Research Integrity Of- fice UKRIO</a>
<b>Collaborative Opportunities with University of Stirling and Edinburgh Napier University</b>				
In support of our continued collaboration with the University of Edinburgh, University of Stirling, and Edinburgh Napier University we shall open up places for some workshops from our respective training programmes to partner institutions. These opportunities will be promoted when information becomes available – Note spaces will be limited and will therefore be on a first come, first served basis.				




Online resources - QMU memberships and networks				
1	<b>Research data management</b> – on-line training resources  Research Data Management has been identified as a priority area for training and we provide a number of online resources that have been shared collaboratively between Scottish Universities on our <a href="#">Researcher Development Intranet site</a> (these are also detailed at the end of this brochure).	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
2	<b>EURAXESS UK</b>  <a href="#">EURAXESS UK</a> is a British Council managed portal which aids researchers in their career development – including <a href="#">training resources</a> ; supporting mobility; and acting as a support mechanism for researchers moving abroad or moving to the UK. QMU are a partner of EURAXESS and one of the <a href="#">Local Contact Points</a> across the Universities in the UK. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
3	<b>Praxis Auril</b>  QMU is a member of <a href="#">PraxisAuril</a> , the UK's professional association for KE practitioners working in universities, private and public sector research organisations to manage IP commercialisation, collaboration and other types of engagement between researchers and external organisations to deliver social and economic impact through innovation and enhanced productivity and skills. They offer <a href="#">training workshops and seminars</a> on a wide range of topics. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
4	<b>Vitae</b>  <a href="#">Vitae</a> is the main UK body dedicated to realising the potential of researchers through transforming their professional and career development in local and global contexts. QMU is a member of Vitae, allowing all researchers to access a range of networks, resources and expertise for <a href="#">career development</a> . Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
5	<b>Engaging with the UK Parliament Online training for researchers</b>  <a href="#">The UK Parliament offer online training</a> , with sessions tailored for researchers at different career stages. These 30-60-minute-long sessions explore how to use research to engage with the UK Parliament. You can also watch recordings and access slides and useful resources from previous <a href="#">training sessions</a> . Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing



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6	<p><b>Scottish Parliament - academic engagement opportunities</b></p> <p><a href="#">The Scottish Parliament</a> staff regularly access relevant and timely evidence and an awareness of key policy issues. They draw upon many sources, including academic expertise. A range of activities/resources are available to researchers on how to get involved in the work of Parliament. Their programme for Academic Engagement aims to strengthen links with Scotland's universities. It also aims to better understand what is happening in academia and vice versa. QMU is a member of the Scottish Parliament Academic Network (SPAN) and we regularly share <a href="#">opportunities</a> which are available to our researchers. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a></p>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
7	<p><b>British Academy Scottish Early Career Researcher (ECR) Network</b></p> <p>QMU is a collaborator in the <a href="#">British Academy ECR Network – Scottish Hub Pilot</a>. All arts, humanities and social sciences researchers who identify as an ECR are eligible to join, regardless of their funding source or background. The Hub provides high-quality support for careers and skills development via physical and virtual platforms. We are working with the collaborating HEIs on an ongoing programme of researcher development opportunities. This covers topics such as parenting in academia, co-authoring, and developing researcher identity. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a></p>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
8	<p><b>Early Career Researchers (ECRs) – Careers management skills course</b></p> <p>In partnership with the University of Glasgow we are offering an online <a href="#">Early Career Researchers Career Management skills course</a>. Being an early career academic researcher, whether you're a doctoral student or research staff, can be challenging: should you pursue further academic research? What skills will help you progress in an academic career? What other career options are open to you? On this course you will answer these questions and more, considering how to manage your career and reflecting on what you want out of a career. You will be encouraged to consider different career options, both within and outside academic research, and build your confidence in marketing yourself in applications and interviews. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>.</p>	University of Glasgow – online module	Ongoing	Ongoing

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9	<p><b><u>QMU READ programme</u></b></p> <p>Staff and doctoral researchers can benefit from engaging with the <a href="#">READ programme</a>. READ (researcher enhancement and development) aims to support participants to develop and enhance their knowledge, skills and abilities in creating and interpreting new knowledge through conceptualising, designing and undertaking projects and research. The READ programme is suitable for doctoral researchers and staff who wish to develop and enhance their research skills.</p> <p>Contact: <a href="mailto:graduateschool@qmu.ac.uk">graduateschool@qmu.ac.uk</a>.</p>	Contact: <a href="mailto:graduateschool@qmu.ac.uk">graduateschool@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
10	<p><b><u>Researcher wellbeing</u></b></p> <p>Our research culture is underpinned by a commitment to the promotion of researcher mental health and wellbeing, through for example, the effective management of workloads and people, and effective policies and practice for tackling discrimination, bullying and harassment, including providing appropriate support for those reporting issues. A range of training is available to all staff via QMU Develop <a href="#">the e-learning platform</a>.</p> <p><b>Calm</b></p> <p>Calm is not only the number one app in the world for meditation and sleep but has a wide range of resources available to support overcoming negative thinking, grieving, self-talk, how to unplug, and so much more. All staff have access to Calm - <a href="#">Visit this link</a></p> <p><b>Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)</b></p> <p>This free service is provided to all staff and is fully funded by the University. The EAP offers additional professional support and guidance to help support you with any challenges you may be facing at work or home. Ultimately, the EAP is there to help you build better coping techniques with the help of short-term counselling solutions and lifestyle guides and is available for you to use however you feel most comfortable. You can log into the website using the following link: <a href="https://www.mcl-medics.com/queen-margaret-university/">https://www.mcl-medics.com/queen-margaret-university/</a></p> <p>Pass: QUEENMGU_2023. Activation code: 612961</p>	QMU Develop <a href="#">e-learning platform</a> .	Ongoing	Ongoing

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11	<b>Equality, diversity and inclusion</b>  QMU is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion in researcher careers. A range of training opportunities are available via the QMU Develop <a href="#">the e-learning platform</a> .	QMU Develop the <a href="#">e-learning platform</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
12	<b>Becoming an ethical researcher</b> This <a href="#">free course</a> explores the ethics of planning, carrying out and reporting research which involves human participants. It will sensitise you to issues that a researcher should consider supporting ethical and well-justified decision-making. A wide variety of research scenarios are used to stimulate individual reflection and discussion on the course forum, participation in which, together with successful completion of quizzes, will contribute to gaining a digital badge.	<a href="#">Open University</a>  On-line training (18 hours course)	Ongoing	Ongoing
13	<b>UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)</b>  QMU are members of the <a href="#">UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)</a> who provides a range of services, support and confidential independent advice to researchers on integrity and high ethical standards in research, as well as robust and fair methods to address poor practice and misconduct.  UKRIO offers a range of monthly <a href="#">training sessions</a> to researchers, covering topics including integrity in practice research, data sharing, consent and the responsible use of metrics. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)	Ongoing	Ongoing
14	<b>Safeguarding and research</b>  Safeguarding is a high priority among UK funders and QMU is committed to ensuring that safeguarding implications are properly considered and managed during the lifetime of research projects. A <a href="#">QMU safeguarding training module</a> is available to all staff via the QMU Develop <a href="#">the e-learning platform</a> . The <a href="#">UK Collaboration on Development Research (UKCDR)</a> also has a range of useful training resources.	QMU Develop the <a href="#">e-learning platform</a> .	Ongoing	Ongoing
15	<b>Research Grant and Contract Support at QMU</b>  RGCU provides support for all aspects of applying for and managing research grants and other externally funded project income. This includes utilising the *Research Professional tool to identify funding opportunities, project costing and pricing, funding applications, negotiating funder contracts and collaborative agreements, intellectual property advice in relation to research contracts, and post-award financial management and reporting.	Contact: <a href="mailto:rgcu@qmu.ac.uk">rgcu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing

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16	<p><b>Research Impact Introductory Course – Online</b></p> <p><a href="#">Introductory course for all career stage researchers.</a> This online course from <a href="#">Fast Tract Impact</a> aims to equip you with the skills and confidence you need to make a step change in the impact of your research. It takes around 10-20 minutes to work through the course materials each week over 5 weeks, and anywhere from a couple of minutes to a couple of hours to complete each week's tasks. This gives you time to apply what you learn to your own research.</p>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
17	<p><b>The Beltane Public Engagement Network</b></p> <p><a href="#">The Beltane Public Engagement Network</a> is a partnership between Edinburgh Napier University, Heriot-Watt University, Queen Margaret University and The University of Edinburgh. The mission of the Beltane Network is to support and advance a culture of public engagement with research at its partner universities. The network runs a range of webinars and public engagement training opportunities. There are also opportunities for Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to attend networking sessions which include invited speakers covering different themes. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>.</p>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
18	<p><b>Research, KE and Environmental Sustainability</b></p> <p>Sustainability is at the very core of QMU's vision, taking a joined-up approach to the social, environmental, and economic dimensions of sustainable development. Our holistic approach not only takes account of our immediate campus environment and everyday behaviour but also extends to curriculum development and the impact of our research and KE. QMU supports the sector <b>Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice</b>, representing a shared ambition for the UK to continue delivering cutting-edge research, but in a more environmentally responsible and sustainable way.</p> <p>We encourage all of our researchers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Share carbon counting tools as part of project management or grant writing workshops ( we recommend the use <a href="#">Carbon Footprint Count tool</a> available from the University of Glasgow – <a href="#">Centre for Sustainable Solutions</a> )</li> <li> Encourage options and invite <a href="#">discussion</a> on research travel.</li> <li> Empower Early Career Researchers to build networks, talk about the issues they care about and advocate for behaviour change. Contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a></li> </ul>	Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing

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19	<p><b>Converge</b></p> <p><a href="#">Converge</a> is supported by the Scottish Higher Education Institutions. Our QMU membership gives us access to their company creation programme for researchers, aimed at creating a new generation of entrepreneurs in Scotland. To find out the essentials of starting a business you can access the <a href="#">Converge workshops series</a> tailored specifically for business propositions coming out of academia.</p> <p>Converge supports staff, students and recent graduates from QMU to create innovative new businesses and translate their research. Lissa Herron Enterprise Manager, Converge is available all day for drop-in meetings and advice sessions to help you take the next step in your entrepreneurial journey. You can find her in the Business Innovation Zone here at QMU. Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a></p>	Lissa Herron, Enterprise Manager, <a href="#">Converge</a>	Ongoing	Ongoing
20	<p><b>Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility training courses</b></p> <p>Researchers benefit from the extensive training seminars and events hosted by the Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility (WTCRF) in Edinburgh. The WTCRF provides an extensive multi-professional <a href="#">programme</a> of education in the skills and tools required to carry out clinical research. It delivers over 60 training courses and seminars each year and works to meet the changing needs of clinical researchers locally and across Scotland. Dedicated support is provided to Contract Research Staff (CRS) and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in accessing WTCRF courses – Contact: <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a></p>	Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility courses	Ongoing	RKEDU promotes courses out regularly
21	<p><b>Trusted Research and the New Research Collaboration Advice Team (RCAT)</b></p> <p><b>Trusted Research</b> aims to protect the integrity of the system of international research collaboration. The Trusted Research campaign aims to raise awareness of the risks associated with research collaborations that involve organisations or research partners with links to nations whose democratic and ethical values are different from our own.</p> <p>RCAT offers support to QMU researchers on international laws and regulations supporting research. They also support the sharing of best practices, tools and techniques for managing risks within the research community; and where necessary, engaging with specific academic fields to provide tailored advice and guidance on specific threats they may face.</p> <p>If you have a concern, specific training requirement or require support from the RCAT team, please contact, <a href="mailto:rkedu@gmu.ac.uk">rkedu@gmu.ac.uk</a></p>	Research Collaboration Advice Team (RCAT)	Ongoing	Ongoing

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22	<b>QMU Enterprise and Innovation Network</b> In QMU's Student Experience Strategy, "Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship" is one of the priority areas and one of the actions for this area is to "Support and encourage development of enterprise skills to foster employability and entrepreneurship in graduates". This also aligns very closely with our Research and Knowledge Exchange Strategy and exciting new opportunities emerging from the new QMU Innovation Hub and SFC's Entrepreneurial Campus Strategy. Our informal Enterprise and Innovation Network offers opportunities to learn with others about what enterprise is and ways of embedding it in our programmes and research. To join contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	QMU Enterprise and Innovation Network	Ongoing	Ongoing
23	<b>Scottish University Network for Social Innovation</b> QMU is part of the Social Innovation Network being led by Glasgow Caledonian University and linked to the <a href="#">Social Innovation Connect</a> initiative. The aim is to share and accelerate new ways of working in order to tackle the underlying causes of our shared social challenges, which have become increasingly prevalent in recent years. If you are interested in the network, contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Scottish University Network for Social Innovation	Ongoing	Ongoing
24	<b>Local Government Ask the Expert Directory</b> Strong relationships with East Lothian Council and other Local Government partners are an important part of our research and KE culture. All researchers are encouraged to join our Ask the Expert Directory which allows you to set up an expertise profile in the Local Government procurement system. This opens up a range of consultancy and tendering opportunities – all great pathways to research impact. For more information contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Local Government Ask the Expert Directory	Ongoing	Ongoing
25	<b>UK Parliament Knowledge Exchange (KE) Network</b> QMU is part of the <a href="#">UK Parliament Knowledge Exchange (KE) Unit</a> network. The network delivers training sessions for researchers, and those working in higher education, on engaging with Parliament and has a <a href="#">online hub of resources</a> for researchers and knowledge exchange professionals. They provide information about how research is used in Parliament; how they work to support researcher engagement; and how engaging with UK Parliament can be used to demonstrate impact. As a member of the network, we receive <a href="#">opportunities for researchers to engage with Parliament</a> along with a weekly round-up email to share opportunities for researchers to engage with UK Parliament. Contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	UK Parliament Knowledge Exchange (KE) Network	Ongoing	Ongoing
26	<b>Universities Policy Engagement Network</b> QMU are members of the <a href="#">Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN)</a> who champion academic policy engagement to strengthen evidence-informed policymaking in the UK. As UPEN members, we have access to their events programme, weekly newsletters, and dedicated bespoke support and knowledge from a network of experts leading UPEN. For more information contact <a href="mailto:rkedu@qmu.ac.uk">rkedu@qmu.ac.uk</a>	Universities Policy Engagement Network (UPEN)	Ongoing	Ongoing

Online resources - QMU memberships and networks				
27	<b>Ethics and Integrity Training Resources</b>  The University of Edinburgh have shared <a href="#">Open Access</a> adaptations of their internal <a href="#">Introduction to Research Ethics</a> and <a href="#">Introduction to Research Integrity</a> Training Resources developed with the support of academics and the Research Ethics and Integrity Review Group (REIRG) at the University of Edinburgh.	University of Edinburgh	Ongoing	Ongoing

## Research Data Management Training for Researchers

There are a variety of online research data management resources that have been shared collaboratively between Scottish Universities, including:

- [CESSDA](#) - free online expert tour guide to data management
  - [MANTRA](#) – free online course on the fundamentals of good research data management
  - [DCC Data management education and training list](#)
  - [Coursera](#) – research data management and sharing course
- [Essentials 4 Data Support](#) – course on storing, managing, archiving and sharing research data

## Research Data Management and Sharing – MOOC

This free five-week Coursera MOOC - created by the Universities of Edinburgh and North Carolina - is designed to reach learners across disciplines and continents. Subjects covered in the 5-week course follow the stages of any research project. They are:

- Understanding Research Data
- Data Management Planning
- Working with Data
- Sharing Data
- Archiving Data

The MOOC (The Massive Open Online Course) uses the Coursera on-demand format to provide short, video-based lessons and assessments across a five-week period, but learners can proceed at their own pace. Although no formal credit is assigned for the MOOC, Statements of Accomplishment will be available to any learner who completes a course for a small fee. <https://www.coursera.org/learn/data-management>.

## Research Data MANTRA

MANTRA is a free, non-credit, self-paced course designed for postgraduate students and early career researchers which provides guidelines for good practice in research data management. Find out how well you manage your data. Learn how to create a data management plan, securely store and share your data. MANTRA also includes practical exercises on using SPSS, NVivo, R, or ArcGIS for data handling. [MANTRA](#).

## [DATATREE](#)

A free [online course](#) for researchers, scientists and anyone working with data, containing all you need to know for research data management, along with ways to engage and share data with business, policymakers, media and the wider public.

The self-paced training course will take 15 to 20 hours to complete in eight structured modules. The course is packed with video, quizzes and real-life examples of data management, along with valuable tips from experts in data management, data sharing and science communication. Data Tree is funded by the [Natural Environment Research Council \(NERC\)](#) through the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF), delivered by the [Institute for Environmental Analytics](#) and [Stats4SD](#) and supported by the [Institute of Physics](#).