

The University Doctoral School

2025-2026



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Westmere House



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Home to the University Doctoral School.
Hub for postgraduate researcher workshops and events.

Westmere includes:

- Bookable event and meeting spaces
- Study space with computers and printer
- Lounge/social space with boardgames and books
- Kitchen and shower facilities
- Free period products
- Large gardens with accessible picnic tables

All postgraduate researchers welcome!

G15 on campus map (next to Winterbourne House).



3MT – Three Minute Thesis



Opportunity to present your research and its significance
– with one slide, and in just 3 minutes!

Why participate?

- Winning entry represents the University at national Vitae and International U21 3MT Competitions!
- Improve your communication and presentation skills
- Share your enthusiasm for your research
- Raise your research profile within and beyond the University
- Public engagement opportunity
- Distance PGRs can compete virtually

Postgraduate Research Festival

A multidisciplinary one-day festival to celebrate Postgraduate Research, including a Research Poster Competition.

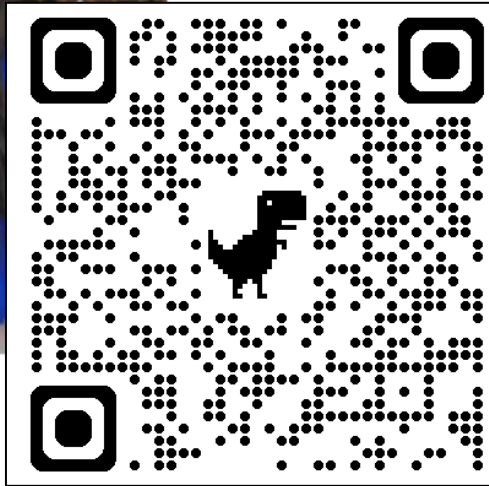
Why participate?

- Raise your research profile
- Share your research with the other researchers, academic staff, and the public
- Network and connect with other PGRs
- Improve public speaking and presentation skills
- You do not need to be on campus to participate





Working with your Careers Network



As a PGR, you have access to:

- **1-to-1 support** from Holly, our dedicated PGR Careers adviser
- **Specialised workshops and webinar series**, highlighting advice and next steps for careers both within and beyond academia
- **Support from the B-Enterprising team**, to help set up your own business or consultancy
- **PGR Career mentoring**: apply to be mentored by a professional working in a sector you're interested in

Find out more by scanning the QR code or visit
www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers/pgr



Online Coaching and Co-Working



Partnership with The PhD Life Coach Dr Vikki Burns - building your skills, confidence, and support network through expert-led online group coaching and co-working sessions.

Online coaching workshops provide practical support, tools, and techniques to help with:

- Procrastination
- Imposter syndrome
- Feeling overwhelmed or lack of motivation

Online co-working sessions provide a space for to work and write alongside your PGR peers and colleagues.

Postgraduate researchers also have access to self-paced and interactive online courses, for those who can't make the live sessions.

Stay Updated



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Newsletters and Brum Bulletin



PGR Community Newsletter: Spring Term 2025

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) – Apply Now!

Present your doctoral research in just three minutes to a non-specialist audience in this exciting competition. You can develop your public

We share the latest updates and events via:

- **PG Corner in Brum Bulletin** (your regular student newsletter)
- Our own **Doctoral School newsletter**, sent to your student inbox throughout the academic year

PG Corner

Have you got your tickets to **Postgraduate Research Festival?**
Tuesday 18 - Wednesday 19 June
On campus and online

Join the University Graduate School's Postgraduate Research Festival, the biggest celebration of postgraduate research here at UoB, for a range of fantastic events. From a keynote speech by Professor Alice Roberts to workshops on open research, public engagement, and what it's like to do a PhD.

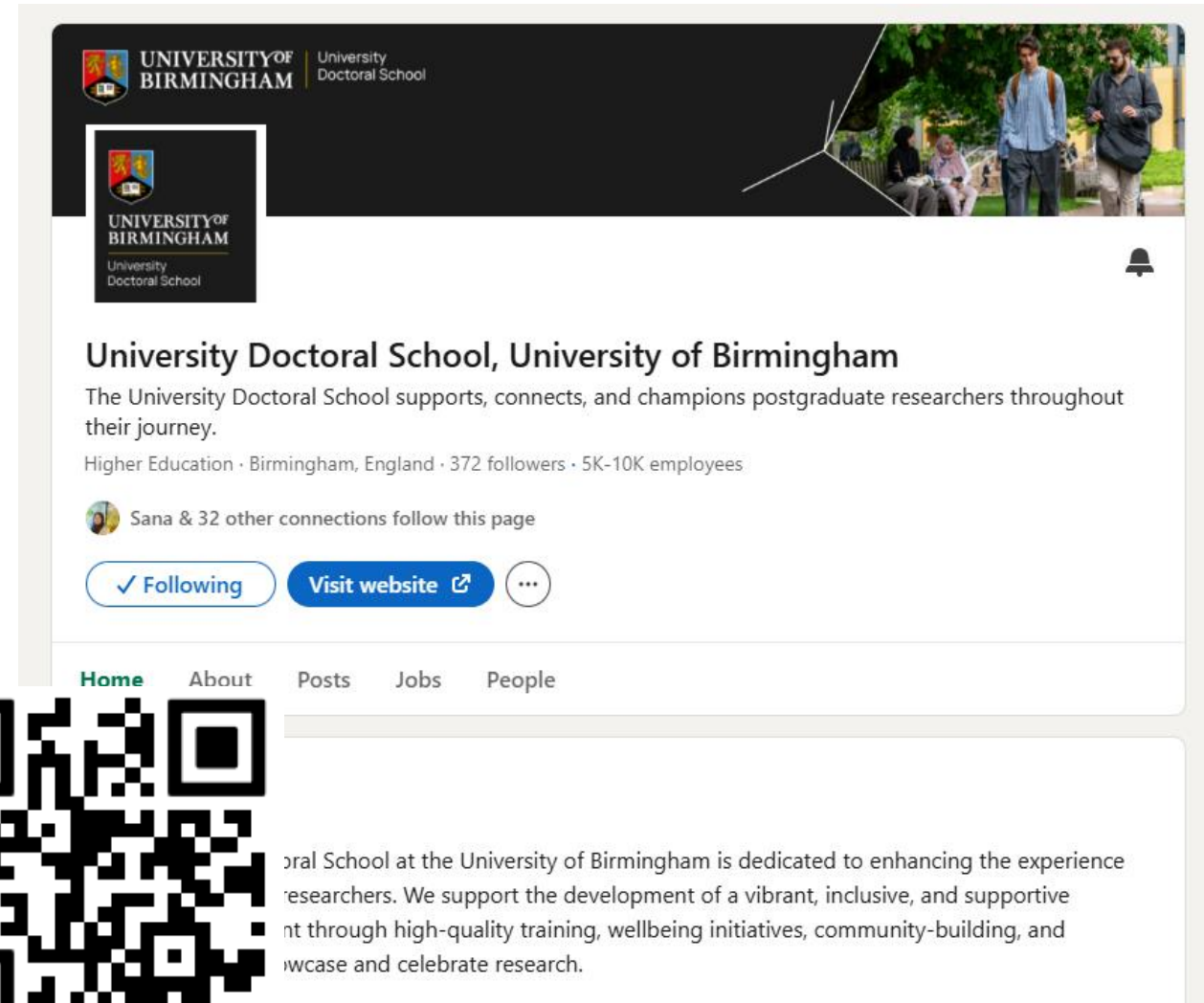
LinkedIn

We're also on LinkedIn!

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/universitydoctoralschool>

LinkedIn is where we:

- Share some of our fantastic events and opportunities happening across campus
- Help connect our PGR community with employers and external partners
- Champion our PGRs and your innovative research



Have a question but not sure where to go?

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