

School of GeoSciences

Research Training & Development Organisation Induction Programme 2014

Welcome, Orientation, Introduction and Induction Days

These events have been organised to welcome you to the School of GeoSciences. This is a very large School, on several sites in the city of Edinburgh. We would like you to plan to attend all of the activities relevant to your proposed degree, and these will be considered as part of your Generic Skills training, and included in Year 1 assessment. This programme applies to **all research students**, and attendance at events marked with * is compulsory.

*Monday 8 September

*09:00-10:00 (drop-in)	Photographs with Yvonne Cooper, Sir John Murray Labs, Grant Institute
*10:30	All research students see Helena Sim in Grant Institute Hutton Lecture Theatre to collect School Handbook, School registration forms and other information and guidance. Please note that School scholarship stipend cheques are available from Helena but cannot be collected until after matriculation.
*11:00	Welcome and Introduction to GeoSciences Graduate School: 11:00 – Prof Sandy Tudhope, Head of School 11:05 – Dr Kate Heal, Head of Research Training & Development Organisation 11.15 – Rosanna Maccagnano, Manager, Research Training and Development 11:20 – Richard Chalkley, School Health & Safety Adviser 11:30 – Susan Bird, Careers Service 11.45 - Angela Nicholson, Library & Data Library Introduction Venue: Grant Institute Hutton Lecture Theatre
12.00	LUNCH Venue: Grant Institute Museum <i>Informal welcome and introduction from the Gradschool Committee – Claire Allmark</i>
*14.00-17.00	Postgraduate Research Orientation Course Venue: 302 Crew Building Incorporating Principal's Welcome at 14.15: http://www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/students/new-students/events/university-welcome/welcome-ceremony

Tuesday 9 September

09.30	University of Edinburgh Postgraduate Research Students' Welcome 2014 Venue: Assembly Hall, School of Divinity on the Mound: http://www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/students/new-students/events/academic/postgraduates Register for the PGR Welcome Event at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/postgraduate-research-student-welcome-september-2014-tickets-8034624779
17.00	An informal wine reception in Teviot Row House : http://www.ed.ac.uk/maps?building=teviot-row-house

***Wednesday 10 September**

10.00	Introduction to the GeoSciences Computing Environment (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street <i>This is the preferred session for MSc students</i>
11.30	Practical Skills (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street <i>This is the preferred session for MSc students</i>
*14.00	Introduction to the GeoSciences Computing Environment (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street <i>This is the preferred session for research students</i>
*15.30	Practical Skills (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street <i>This is the preferred session for research students</i>
16.30	Drop In Session (for individual problems, connecting from home)

Thursday 11 September

10.00	GeoSciences Computing: Introduction to Linux (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street
14.00	GeoSciences Computing: Linux Advanced Topics Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street
16.30	Welcome drinks for new PhD students starting in Drummond Street Venue: Old Library, Drummond Street <i>A chance for new PhD students at Drummond Street to mix with current PhD students and staff over a glass of wine. Possibility for dinner/pub after.</i>

***Friday 12 September**

*09.00-16.30	Induction Course for Tutors and Demonstrators Venue: Room 4, Crew Annexe, KB
16.30	Cheese & Wine Reception Venue: Grant Institute Museum <i>An informal get together for all new PhD students to meet with current PhD students and staff.</i>

PhD students are strongly encouraged to act as demonstrators or tutors on undergraduate courses. MSc by Research students may also wish to undertake some tutoring/demonstrating if time and opportunities allow, but it is not normally permitted for MSc students on Taught programmes to do so. **Before demonstrating or tutoring you:**

MUST have attended the **Induction Course for Demonstrators and Tutors in GeoSciences (see details below).**

If you intend to demonstrate on Biological Sciences courses (e.g. Origin & Diversity of Life, Environmental & Community Biology, Biometrics but NOT Ecological Science courses, e.g. Principles of Ecology) you should see

<https://www.wiki.ed.ac.uk/display/intranetpublic/Demonstrating+and+Tutoring>

and also attend the Biological Sciences session (email Maria.Chamberlain@ed.ac.uk to register).

The Institute for Academic Development (IAD) also runs courses for demonstrators and tutors during Semesters 1 and 2 (see

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/institute-academic-development/learning-teaching>)

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