



BGRS Student-led Training Initiatives Call

Your chance to propose your own training initiatives

The BGRS is opening a call for current Birkbeck research students to seek funding and support to pilot training initiatives in 2019/20. This approach offers Birkbeck PhD students the chance to propose training that will benefit themselves and their peers and to develop and deliver them with support from the BGRS.

The process of applying and being awarded funding will provide a valuable way to learn and demonstrate professional skills. In developing their own training initiatives those awarded funding will be able to build professional relationships with other research students and staff, improve their organisational skills and meet the training needs they identified.

This funding will be used to support well-defined initiatives which will deliver training accessible to all Birkbeck PhD students.

Activities which provide training in the following areas are encouraged:

- Training not currently available through the BGRS training timetable or elsewhere at Birkbeck, which are currently scarce, or which you think could be provided in novel or improved ways.
- Student-led activities that demonstrate acquisition of useful skills for researchers
- Training or support for underrepresented groups within the Research Student community e.g. for PhD students within BAME groups
- Collaborative proposals are encouraged.

Format of training

You are invited to think creatively about the kind of training that could be offered but the format of training proposed could involve individual sessions or a series of events and these could take place as workshops, panel discussions, small group sessions or other format that is relevant to the proposal.



An overview of the process

Identify a training need and submit an expression of interest You are invited to submit an expression of interest form briefly outlining your training idea. If you think of a training idea after this date you can still submit an application but we suggest that you contact the BGRS so that we can provide advice where we can.	By 27 September 2019
Attend a workshop in October to explore your idea further A BGRS workshop will guide you through the process of considering your idea in more detail and will provide you with the support needed for you to prepare a more detailed proposal. Attending this workshop will help you establish whether there are any similar proposals, identify potential collaborators at Birkbeck and will provide guidance about your responsibilities if you were to be awarded funding for the training. You will also receive guidance about the application form, costings for your proposal and mapping it to the Vitae Researcher Development Framework.	October 2019
Submit an application If you decide to proceed with an application your student-led proposal will need to describe the training, how it would be of benefit, how it would be organised and delivered and include a proposed budget. An application form will be provided for you to use.	By 15 November 2019
Evaluation All proposals will be considered by the Research Student Sub-Committee (RSSC) and all applicants will be advised of the outcome of their proposal. Feedback will be provided in all cases.	December 2019
Delivery of training Training will be delivered between February to June 2020. Award holders will be asked to provide a brief report on their training and the final expenditure.	February – June 2020

Informal queries

If you have any queries about this call for student-led training proposals please do contact the BGRS in the first instance.