RDC sessions play a crucial role in helping graduate students develop the skills they need to successfully complete their PhD and prepare them for their future careers. These sessions are a vital opportunity for students to learn about the research of others in related fields and thus gain an awareness of the activities in their own research group and the wider Department. They also play a critical role in improving the students’ ability to write and present their research in English which is essential to success at their first year assessment.

All first year students in Div D are expected to participate in all sessions, unless they are attending an RDC run by another division in agreement with their supervisor. Attendance for each session will be logged and recorded as part of students’ individual training records.

In addition to the schedule below, there are many high-quality workshops organised by the University which students are encouraged to sign up for. The full list & sign-up instructions are here: [https://training.csx.cam.ac.uk/gdp/Theme](https://training.csx.cam.ac.uk/gdp/Theme)

**All sessions are compulsory**

**All sessions will take part in the New Civil Engineering Building, West Cambridge, unless otherwise stated**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Session Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 11 October</td>
<td>12:30-1:30pm</td>
<td>Lunch included Welcome and Introductions by Professor Abir Al-Tabbaa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 21 October</td>
<td>2:00-3:30</td>
<td>Finding what you need by Kirsten Lamb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 4 November</td>
<td>2:00-3:30</td>
<td>Each student to present for 5 min. on a technical topic of interest to them. The presentations will be recorded and 121 feedback sessions arranged individually with Dr Sue Jackson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 18 November</td>
<td>2:00-3:30</td>
<td>The Seven Secrets of Highly Successful PhD Students by Dr Sue Jackson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 25 November</td>
<td>3:00-4:00</td>
<td>Being an Ethical Researcher by Charlotte Smith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 2 December</td>
<td>2:00-3:30</td>
<td>Introduction to Pecha Kucha Presentations (+presentations from experienced researchers) by Dr Sue Jackson</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Div D: Civil Engineering

Researcher Development Course
2019-2020
RDC Leader: Professor Abir Al-Tabbaa

PROGRAMME
Lent & Easter 2020

Wednesday 15 January
Jenny Wade

10:00-16:30pm
LR4
How to be an effective researcher
Register on-line

Monday 20 January
Ryan Cronin

14:00-15.30pm
Managing your data

Monday 3 February
Cambridge Enterprise

14:00 15:30
Intellectual Property

Monday 24 February
Dr Sue Jackson
and
Professor Abir Al-Tabbaa

13:00-16:00 (including lunch)
Pecha Kucha presentations (each student to give a
presentation on their PhD project)
(Professor Abir Al-Tabbaa will arrange separate training for those
selected to present at the Science Festival)

Date tbc
Prof. Tim Wilkinson

Time tbc
Getting Published (register on-line)

Monday 2 March
Dr Sue Jackson &
Prof. Abir Al-Tabbaa

14:00-16:00
Writing your first year report (register on-line)

Date tbc
Katarzyna Lanucha

Time tbc
Intercultural Competence
Register on-line

Saturday 21 March

Science Festival (not compulsory)
Department of Engineering (IfM) Selected Pecha
Kucha presentations from RDC

Tuesday 5 May
Ryan Cronin

14.00-15.00pm
Poster Presentations: Examples

Tuesday 12 May
Ryan Cronin

14:30-15:30pm
Communicating and Sharing your Research

Wednesday 20 May
Ryan Cronin

14:00-15:30pm
Student Poster Presentations (each student to present
an A1 poster on their PhD work)