

The AHRC funds and supports the work and activities of Vitae, a national programme supporting the personal, professional and career development of researchers.

By working together with the Research Councils UK, higher education institutions and research institutes, Vitae provides specific support for both doctoral researchers and research staff.

For postgraduate researchers

A comprehensive section ‘**Postgraduate researchers**’ on the Vitae website provides information and advice on everything from managing yourself and your research, to marketing yourself to potential employers www.vitae.ac.uk/pgr.

To find out about **events** of interest to you, visit www.vitae.ac.uk/events. The website also lists events run by other organisations that relate to researcher careers.

Subscribe to **GRADBritain**, Vitae’s free online magazine written by and for postgraduate researchers www.vitae.ac.uk/gradbritain.

PGR tips is Vitae’s monthly email, which offers tips and advice to help you through your PhD. To register go to www.vitae.ac.uk/pgrtips.

Vitae also runs a small programme of one-day **Careers in Focus events** www.vitae.ac.uk/cifinfo and national **GRADschools** (three day career development courses). National GRADschools are designed for researchers in their second year or above and are free to attend whilst you are still receiving research council funding for your PhD. In addition, your own institution may also run a local GRADschool. For more information visit www.vitae.ac.uk/gradschoolsinfo.

For postdoctoral researchers and research staff

A comprehensive section on the Vitae website specifically for research staff provides information about working in HE, exploring your wider career options, developing your skills as a researcher, and keeping your life in balance www.vitae.ac.uk/researchstaff

Vitae continues to develop a programme of events and activities for research staff. To find out about **events** of interest to you, visit www.vitae.ac.uk/events.

Vitae also has developed a series of briefing documents for stakeholders (including research staff) with a role to play in the implementation of the ‘**Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers**’. The **Concordat**, launched in 2008, aims to increase the attractiveness and sustainability of research careers in the UK and to improve the quantity, quality and impact of research for the benefit of UK society and the economy. As a researcher the Concordat should have a direct impact on your life and working conditions. For more information and to view the full briefing series visit www.vitae.ac.uk/concordat.

For staff supporting researchers

Visit the **Policy and Practice** portal of the Vitae website for a comprehensive overview of organisations, initiatives and reports that impact on the personal and career development of researchers. Also find details of a range of tools and resources designed to support the training and development of researchers www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice.

Vitae also provides tailored information for supervisors and managers of researchers www.vitae.ac.uk/supervisorsmanagers.

For more information about Vitae and its activities, please visit www.vitae.ac.uk or email enquiries@vitae.ac.uk

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