

PhD Training

Department of Economics, Royal Holloway

The following document outlines the training that students in each cohort are asked to undertake. The training portfolio has been designed to provide the relevant skills at the relevant phase of studies.

All PhD students

There is compulsory attendance to a weekly seminar. All students will have to present at least once, starting from 4th year + students and moving on until all 1st year PhDs students have presented. If number of presenters is greater than the number of seminars (20), then pairs of students in the first year should split one seminar. The date and time for the PhD seminar series will be announced.

First Year PhDs

The following table outlines the training to be taken by first year PhD students. Further training may be requested on an individual basis in order to meet individual training needs.

Subject-Specific Training	Course Leader	Further information
Macroeconomics	Pedro Gomes, Yunus Aksoy, Anne Silbert, Gylfi Zoega (Birkbeck College)	Full unit (40 hours), Autumn and Spring term
Microeconomics	Klaus Ritzberger	Full unit (30 hours), Spring term
Econometrics	Fulvio Corsi (City University)	Full unit (30 hours), Autumn term
Internal, Applied/Theory External and PhD Seminar attendance		Attendance to seminars is very important, even if in a different field. A minimum of 40 seminars in the department over the year; keep a log for the annual review. Attendance at seminars will be taken into account when you apply for a travel bursary to attend a conference.
Annual PhD Conference		Prepare a poster with current research and attend our annual PhD conference. (April/May)
Teacher Training	Course Leader	Further Information
InSTIL	Mark Crompton, Lynne Francis	https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/staff/teaching/professional-development/capital-instil-and-talent.aspx
Researcher Development Programme	Various	https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/doctors-school/researcher-development/educational-development/researcher-development-programme.aspx book via Moodle
Introduction to Library Services		As above
Academic Writing		As above
Royal Holloway IT Essentials		https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/it/essentials/home.aspx

Second Year PhDs

The following table outlines the training to be taken by second year PhD students. This required training is mainly focused on increasing your efficiency in research and presentation. In addition to this training, students are strongly encouraged to participate in as much as possible of the subject-specific training provided to the first year students that is new compared to the previous year. Other external courses or summer schools can be applied to and funded by the department.

Subject-Specific Training	Course Leader	Further information
Other courses/workshops		Funds permitting, additional external courses (summer school/workshops) aimed at enhancing students' research skills can be financed by the department.
Internal and External Seminar attendance		Attendance to seminars is very important, even if in a different field. A minimum of 40 seminars in the department over the year; keep a log for the annual review. Attendance at seminars will be taken into account when you apply for a travel bursary to attend a conference.
PhD Seminar		Present at least once during the year and attend PhD seminars
Annual PhD Conference		Prepare a presentation (a requirement for the upgrade) and attend the annual PhD conference. (April/May)
Conferences		Students are encouraged to apply for academic conference in your field. The department has a travel budget for PhD students. The annual RES conference is free for students and everyone is encouraged to attend.
Teacher Training	Course Leader	Further Information
InSTIL	Mark Crompton, Lynne Francis	https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/staff/teaching/professional-development/capital-instil-and-talent.aspx
Researcher Development Programme	Various	https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/doctorsal-school/researcher-development/educational-development/researcher-development-programme.aspx book via Moodle
Effective Presentation Skills		As above
Academic Writing		As above
Matlab Training		Students are encouraged to attend MSc Finance Econometrics class for an introduction to Matlab. A more sophisticated programming class can be offered if there is sufficient demand.

Third and Fourth Year PhDs

The following table outlines the training to be taken by third year PhD students. The training is mainly focused on preparing you for you completion and your future careers. At this stage of your studies you are expected to be able to fully participate in department academic life.

Subject-Specific Training	Course Leader	Further information
A referee report	Academic staff	Submit a referee report of a paper of a job market student in your field (Spring)
Other courses/workshops		Funds permitting, additional external courses (summer school/workshops) aimed at enhancing students' research skills can be financed by the department.
Internal and External Seminar attendance		Attendance to seminars is very important, even if in a different field. A minimum of 40 seminars in the department over the year; keep a log for the annual review.
PhD Seminar		Present at least once during the year and attend PhD seminars
Annual PhD Conference		Attend the annual PhD conference. Finalists prepare a presentation. (April/May)
Conferences		Students are encouraged to apply for academic conference in your field. The department has a travel budget for PhD students. Attendance at seminars will be taken into account when applying for a travel bursary. The annual RES conference is free for students and everyone is encouraged to attend.
Researcher Development Programme	Various	https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/doctoral-school/researcher-development/educational-development/researcher-development-programme.aspx book via Moodle
Preparing for your Viva		As above
Career Workshops		As above
University Careers outside academia	External Speaker	The Department invites one or two speakers a year to give a talk on careers outside academia, to talk about tips for going on the market, etc.
Job Market preparation talk	Economics PGR Lead	Students going on the market are required to attend a JM preparation talk held in October.

In addition to the above training, you are all required to participate in the **Annual PhD conference** which takes place in April/May, in conjunction with the Annual Review process. At this conference, first year students are asked to make a poster presentation. Second and fourth year students are required to make an oral presentation.