

UNIVERSITY OF
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Supporting Postgraduate Research at UoB

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The University Graduate School

- Gateway to advice & support for postgraduate researchers (PGRs)
- Provides personal & professional development
- Oversees administrative processes for PGRs
- Guides University strategy on postgraduate researcher matters
- Supports and works with Colleges & Schools in achieving high quality provision in terms of supervision, training and facilities



Who are we?

- ❑ Director of the UGS – Professor Brian Ford-Lloyd
- ❑ UGS Manager – Dr Catherine Mills
- ❑ PGR Development Officer – Erika Hawkes
- ❑ Research Council Studentships Officer – Rachel Patti
- ❑ UGS Data Officer – Katharine D'Souza
- ❑ UGS Administrator – Sophie Pumphrey
- ❑ UGS Projects Officer-Kim Loynes

With a little help from our friends...

- ❑ Colleges
- ❑ Careers Network
- ❑ IT and Library Services
- ❑ International Students Advisory Service (ISAS)
- ❑ Centre for Learning & Academic Development (CLAD)
- ❑ People & Organisational Development (POD)
- ❑ Student Support and Counselling
- ❑ Guild of Students
- ❑ Vitae/Midlands Hub (<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/>)



University Graduate School Events

Some of our events:

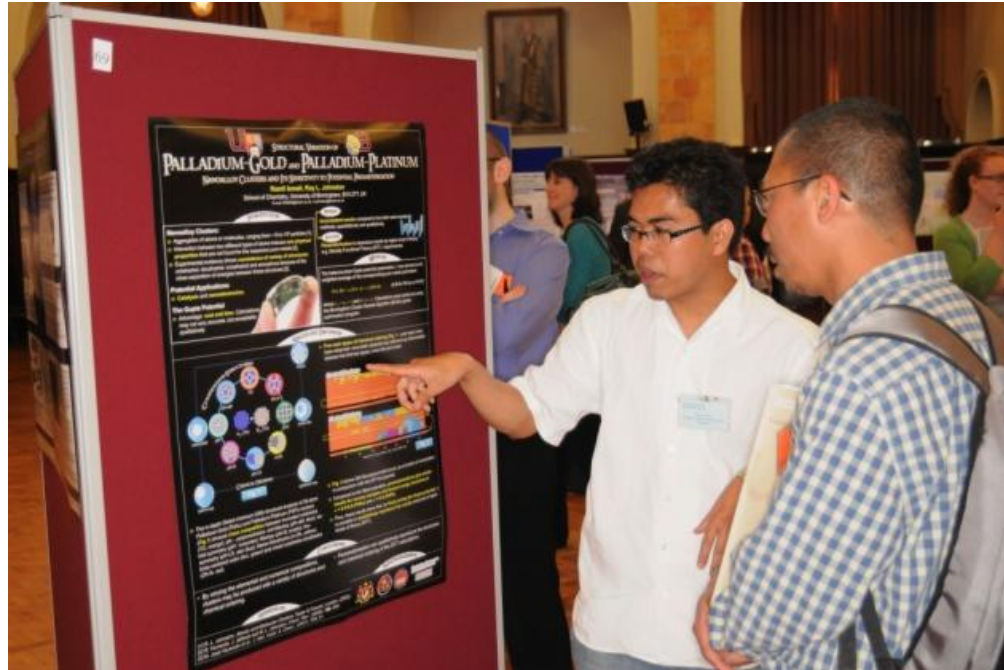
- Welcome and Induction activities
- Think Graduate School (TGS) Fridays
(throughout year)- networking and lunch!
- Images of Research (March 2013)
- Annual Research Poster Conference (June 2013)



Take a closer look



Presenting a poster



Images of Research

Thom Davies (GEES)



Skills Development

- ❑ A standard-length full time PhD is 4 years (3 yrs plus writing up yr) - this goes quicker than you think!
- ❑ Developing a range of skills can help you meet this deadline.
- ❑ Skills development is also vital in helping you demonstrate the impact of your research and in getting consistent results.

Don't worry, we can help with that!

Some of our skills development courses:

- ☐ Time Management
- ☐ Presentation Skills
- ☐ Data Management
- ☐ Speed Reading
- ☐ Starting to Write for your PhD

We also help to fund specific activities in schools



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Over to you

Any Questions?

