

## Faculty of Engineering Semester 2, 2017 Graduate Student Academic Support Program

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Month	Courses, Seminars and Workshops
<p><b>Course 1</b> 5 - 20 July</p> <p><b>Course 2</b> 29 Nov - 14 Dec</p>	<p><b><i>Writing Course: Developing Fundamental Research Writing Skills</i></b>  <b>2hrs x 2 classes/ 3 weeks</b>  <b>Wednesday 1 - 3pm &amp; Thursday 1 - 3pm in Room 210/ 14 Alliance Lane</b></p> <p>This course is particularly for 1st year graduate research students for whom English is an additional language. Participants will learn the fundamental concepts underpinning research writing and will also be guided to improve cohesion and coherence in their writing through class exercises and writing tasks. This course will be conducted twice during semester 2.</p>
<p><b>July 18 and 19</b></p> <p><b>Room 133/ 72</b></p>	<p><b><i>Confirmation seminars:</i></b></p> <p>These seminars are for all research students in the faculty who are planning to confirm PhD candidature after the first year of their candidature. We examine the Engineering Faculty requirements, and the structure and argument of successful reports and seminars.</p> <p><b>Tuesday July 18, 10 - 12      Seminar 1: Writing your confirmation report</b>  <b>Wednesday July 19, 10 - 11      Seminar 2: Devising your confirmation seminar presentation</b></p>
<p><b>10 - 31 August</b></p> <p><b>14 Sept - 5 Oct</b></p> <p><b>26 Oct – 16 Nov</b></p>	<p><b><i>Writing groups: 2hrs x 4 weeks</i></b></p> <p>These writing groups are held for 2 hours each week for 4 weeks for students who are writing a literature review, research paper or confirmation report. In group meetings, teaching on different aspects of writing these research reports will be presented, and participants will receive feedback on the language, flow and clarity of argument in their own writing.</p> <p><b>Short Course: Writing a Literature Review</b>  <b>Thursday 12 - 2pm in Room 132/ 14 Alliance Lane</b></p> <p><b>Short Course: Writing a Research Paper</b>  <b>Thursday 12 - 2pm in Room 132/ 14 Alliance Lane</b></p> <p><b>Short Course: Writing the Confirmation Report</b>  <b>Thursday 12 - 2pm in Room 132/ 14 Alliance Lane</b></p>

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<p><b>August - October</b></p> <p><b>Room 132/ 72</b></p> <p><b>3 – 5 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Wednesday Seminars</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 seminars for all new graduate research students</b></p> <p>This a repeat series of seminars offered in semester 1.</p> <p><b>2 August    Writing a literature review</b> What is the best way to write an effective review? We focus on the argument, structure and language of literature reviews.</p> <p><b>9 August    Presenting your work in seminars</b> What makes a memorable presentation? We look at ways to devise and deliver successful presentations.</p> <p><b>16 August   Publishing your work in research papers</b> What do you need to do to get a paper published? We examine how to write successful conference and journal papers.</p> <p><b>23 August   Designing winning posters</b> How do you devise and present a prize-winning poster? We examine the content and form of great poster presentations.</p> <p><b>30 August   Devising effective slides for your presentations</b> What are the features of good slides? We examine principles of visual communication for devising slides that get your message across.</p> <p><b>6 Sept        How to improve your English pronunciation</b> For students who speak English as an additional language. This seminar will outline some strategies for developing English pronunciation and improving the clarity of your spoken English for research presentations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Thesis writing seminars:</i></b></p> <p>In these seminars, we examine how to write a successful thesis in Engineering. Using sample theses, we analyse the overall structure and argument of the different parts of the thesis. We also focus on what is important for examiners.</p> <p><b>11 October    Seminar 1: Structuring your thesis: traditional thesis or thesis with published papers?</b></p> <p><b>18 October    Seminar 2: Writing your Thesis Summary and Introduction</b></p> <p><b>25 October    Seminar 3: Writing your Thesis Literature Review</b></p> <p><b>1 November   Seminar 4: Writing your Thesis Conclusions</b></p>