MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER - Welcome to Liverpool

❖ 1.30pm  Arrival and Refreshments

❖ 2.30pm  The University of Liverpool  Paul Redmond
Paul is the Director of Student Experience and Enhancement for the University. He will welcome you to the University and tell you about the services we offer that you may want to take advantage of during your stay. This will include how to get help with careers advice, financial help and health matters.

❖ 3.00pm  The Research Environment  Simeon Yates
Simeon is the Director of the Liverpool Doctoral College. He will describe the research environment at Liverpool and the amenities on offer to facilitate your research at Liverpool.

❖ 3.30pm  The Liverpool Doctoral College  Steve Bickerstaff
Steve is the Manager of the Liverpool Doctoral College and someone you will see a lot of during this event! He will talk about the LDC and what its role is. The LDC will play a significant role during your stay here in relation to looking after your registration and thesis submission, mostly in the background but sometimes you may need to get our advice; Steve will tell you how we can help.

❖ 4.00pm  Campus Tours
Join current students in small groups as they guide you round the campus showing all the points of interest and importance of your home from home for the next few years. Learn where all the departments, libraries and cafes are as well as some of the history of the university.

❖ 4.30pm  PGR Social – Afternoon Tea
Come and enjoy afternoon tea to round off the day - cakes and pastries accompanied by steaming cups of hot tea. Get to know some of your PhD colleagues at the same time!
TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

 9.30am    Arrival and Refreshments

 10.00am   Wellbeing and mental health for researchers    Tom Price & Maizy Jenner (*Institute of Integrative Biology*)

Tom and Maizy are part of a project taking place in the University aimed at improving research student wellbeing. We know how difficult it can be to relocate (often far from your family or friends) and set up home somewhere unfamiliar whilst also working on a new research project. Tom and Maizy will offer insights into how to look after your wellbeing while you are here.

 11.00am   Liverpool Guild of Students - Visit to Roof Terrace and Beehives

 12.00noon LDC Development Team Session Introduction    Shirley Cooper & Aimee Blackledge (*LDC Development Team*)

 12.30pm   Lunch Break (lunch provided)

 1.30pm    The Elephant in the Room – Starting out in the Research Environment    Mate Subasic (*HLC*) & Jo-Hannah Plug (*HLC*)

How do you get peers interested in your research? How many peers do you know outside your discipline? This workshop gives students an opportunity to meet other students and communicate freely about their projects. Researchers will also have the opportunity to discuss their view on their place in the university, their expectations and fears as new researchers.

 3.30pm    Social Media for Researchers    Joao Pedro de Magalhaes

Joao Pedro will offer some useful tips and advice for making the best use of social media to aid your research, as a good way to find other people looking into the same areas to promoting your own research as well as social media sites which may offer help and support whilst you are studying.

 4.30pm    PGR Social – Bus Tour

Open-top bus tour of Liverpool - places on this tour are limited so it will be on a ‘first come, first served' basis, with tickets being given out from 9.30am.
During your time at the University of Liverpool you will have a range of opportunities available to you – through your research activities and beyond – to gain valuable experience which can enhance your skill set and employability. During this session we will consider the 21st century skills employers seek when recruiting new talent for roles in industry and academia. We’ll discuss techniques for identifying which of these skills you currently possess and how to recognise any skills gaps and areas for development. You will be provided with an insight into some of the opportunities you may wish to get involved in and the support available to you via the Career Studio to address the gaps, enhance your employability and effectively market your PhD to potential employers.

When you start researching your subject area it is easy to feel inundated with all the data and information you have to absorb and access. There is no magic wand to help you but in this session Judith (Research Data Manager, Liverpool Research Data www.liverpool.ac.uk/rdm ) will suggest strategies and tools that might help.

The Faculty Directors for PGR will watch over your registration at the university and have the ultimate decision about almost everything related to that registration. This is a chance to informally meet the current people in that role and get some words of wisdom. They are especially knowledgeable about the processes related to PGR’s in the faculty as well.

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WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER - CONTINUED

 12.45pm Supervisor Question Time – Supervisor Q&A
   Chaired by Steve Bickerstaff
   Supervisors: Professor Robin Flynn HLS, Professor Alan Greaves HSS and Professor Clare Dixon, SE

One of the major elements of your time at Liverpool will be the relationship you develop with your supervisor. It is probably the most important relationship you will have in Liverpool (there may be others, with luck!) and certainly the most important for your research. We hope this question and answer session will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and also offer clear and sound advice about how to manage expectations within that relationship, often highlighted as the biggest problem. It should help you understand what your expectations should be and help you know what to expect and then how to cope if things take a different turn. It may even help you manage the supervisor’s expectations too!

 3.00pm Research Café hosted by Sarah Roughley and Judith Carr

Join us for the first Research Café of the academic year. Research Cafés give Postgraduate students and Early Career Researchers the opportunity to share their research and develop their presenting skills in an informal, encouraging environment. It also gives researchers the chance to meet other people from across the University.

 5.30pm PGR Quiz (separate booking*) hosted by the Postgraduate Society

Have a drink on us whilst taking part in that great British tradition, the pub quiz; with question master extraordinaire Steve Smitten and in the care of the UoL PGR Society, find out what they have to offer you during your time in Liverpool. There will be a small prize for the winning team but it’s the taking part that counts (please remember this when you get the prize...if you win!)

*Please note: to attend the quiz you will need to book separately and you will be given a ticket to get a drink.
The drinks tickets will be handed out during the day’s proceedings to anyone who has booked to attend the quiz.

Any queries? Contact ldc@liverpool.ac.uk