**Research Development Checklist for Postgraduate Research Students, 2025-26**

This Checklist is intended to act as a resource to help keep your Research Development Plan on track. It is designed to highlight key milestones and opportunities to help you across the five themes of the Researcher Development Roadmap - to help you to Progress, Reflect, Thrive, Advance & Grow at every stage of your PGR (Postgraduate Research) programme

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| **Have you...?** | **Target Date for completion** | **Who can guide & support me?** |
| Familiarised yourself with the PGR Development Hub and the programme of activities available. |  | * [PGR Development Hub - Researcher Hub - University of Liverpool](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/researcher/pgr-development/) |
| Accessed the Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF) to identify the key skills and domains to target.  *PGRs also have access to LinkedIn Learning (formerly known as Lynda.com, this is a leading online learning platform that helps anyone to learn business, software, technology, and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals), see link in far column.* |  | * [Researcher Development Framework (RDF) - Researcher Hub - University of Liverpool](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/researcher/pgr-development/rdf/) * <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/researcher/development/online/vitae/> |
| Liaised with your supervisor to complete your Development Needs Analysis (DNA) |  | * You can access this via the PGR Development space on Canvas and it will be sent to you by your faculty. You can self-enrol at the link below |
| Make sure you can access the PGR Development module on canvas to gain access to relevant development modules |  | * All PGRs are automatically enrolled on registration, or you can self-enrol using [**this link**](https://canvas.liverpool.ac.uk/enroll/NKL8MY). |
| Browsed, identified and booked a place at any relevant sessions with The Academy’s PGR Development Team |  | * [PGR Development Hub - Researcher Hub - University of Liverpool](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/researcher/pgr-development/) |
| Considered taking an active role in the PGR Development Group (PDG).  *The PDG e-bulletin is sent out regularly with all their activities and networking opportunities available.* |  | * [PGR Development Hub - Researcher Hub - University of Liverpool](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/researcher/pgr-development/) |
| Given thought to participating in the PGR-Postdoc Buddy Scheme |  | * [Buddy Scheme - Researcher Hub - University of Liverpool](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/researcher/pgr-development-network/pgr-rsa-buddy-scheme/) |
| Participated in or supported peers in the Three Minute Thesis Competition |  | * [Three Minute Thesis - Researcher Hub - University of Liverpool](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/researcher/pgr-development/3mt/) |
| Followed PGR Development and the PDG on social media  *An easy way to keep up to date with upcoming events, changes in process and to celebrate your own and one another’s success. Details of accounts to follow are in the end column.* |  | * Follow us on BlueSky @uolpgrdevelopment including the Academy’s LinkedIn page. |