

# Vitae programme 2010 for research staff

We are dedicated to providing you with resources, advice, information and fora on managing your personal, professional and career development. Our latest activities for research staff are provided in this news update.



## Vitae website

A comprehensive section '**Research staff**' on the Vitae website provides information and advice on everything from managing your busy life as a researcher to equality and diversity information. Visit us at [www.vitae.ac.uk/researchstaff](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchstaff) to find out more.

There is a separate section exploring career development: [www.vitae.ac.uk/careers](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/careers)

**Research staff blog:** In autumn 2009 Vitae launched a successful blog to discuss topics relevant to personal, professional and career development for research staff. If you are interested in getting involved or learning more about it, please visit [www.vitae.ac.uk/rsblog](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/rsblog) or contact Tennie Videler at [tennie.videler@vitae.ac.uk](mailto:tennie.videler@vitae.ac.uk)

**Research staff communities,** a list of research staff associations, fora and websites formed around skills training, socialising and peer support: [www.vitae.ac.uk/rscommunities](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/rscommunities)

## To help you get the most out of your work and career

- **The balanced researcher**, information to help you tackle and juggle the many demands of research: [www.vitae.ac.uk/balanced](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/balanced)
- **The creative researcher**, practical information and advice on creativity in research environment. [www.vitae.ac.uk/creative](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/creative)
- **The Concordat: briefing for research staff:** 'The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers' sets out the responsibilities of researchers and their employers and aims to increase the attractiveness and sustainability of researcher careers in the UK. A practical briefing for research staff is available at [www.vitae.ac.uk/concordat](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/concordat)

## Diary dates

Here are the dates for Vitae research staff events in 2010. We will be announcing more courses as they become confirmed so please keep checking our website for any updates. [www.vitae.ac.uk/courses](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/courses)

- **Leadership in action**, 8-11 June 2010, Bournemouth. Following from the success of the event last year, we are running a three-day residential course exploring and developing researchers' leadership skills through experiential learning.
- **Advancing in academia**, 22 September 2010, a flagship workshop which enables participants to understand more about career pathways in academia and how to get ahead in the competitive environment.
- **Research staff conference**, 4 November 2010: building on the success of 2009 event, this is a one-day national conference to explore some of the key issues faced by research staff in the current climate and explore how researchers can make their voice heard more effectively within institutions and by national policymakers.
- **Digital researcher**, TBC, a one-day event exploring the use of Web 2.0 in research, networks and building researchers own profiles.

## Opportunities at your institution for professional and career development

Vitae champions the professional and career development of both postgraduate researchers and research staff in the UK and aims to enhance higher education provision to train and develop researchers.

Find out if your local institution has plans to run a Vitae programme for research staff in the near future, eg '**Broadening horizons: career management for researchers**' course. For more information about both national and regional events for research staff, please contact your institution, check the diary of events at [www.vitae.ac.uk/events](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/events) or contact the Vitae Hub in your region.

For more information about Vitae research staff activities, please email [courses@vitae.ac.uk](mailto:courses@vitae.ac.uk)



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Vitae works with UK higher education institutions (HEIs) to embed professional and career development in the research environment. Vitae plays a major role in innovating, sharing practice and enhancing the capability of the higher education sector to provide professional development and training for researchers.

Our vision is for the UK to be world-class in supporting the personal, professional and career development of researchers. Our aims:

- **building human capital** by influencing the development and implementation of effective policy relating to researcher development
- **enhancing higher education provision** to train and develop researchers
- **empowering researchers** to make an impact in their careers
- **evidencing the impact** of professional and career development support for researchers



### Vitae regional Hubs

- East of England Hub - [eehub@vitae.ac.uk](mailto:eehub@vitae.ac.uk)
- London Hub - [londonhub@vitae.ac.uk](mailto:londonhub@vitae.ac.uk)
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