

'Lots of networking, very informative - demonstrates the huge progressive/enhancement of the researcher development agenda in the past five years'

Conference participant 2009



Plenary speakers include

- **Professor Sir Ivor Crewe**, Chair, Concordat Strategy Group, Master of University College, University of Oxford
- **Professor Barbara Evans**, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Professor of Zoology, University of British Columbia
- **Professor Rick Rylance**, Chief Executive, Arts and Humanities Research Council

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Vitae researcher development conference 2010:

6-7 September 2010,
Manchester

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The Vitae researcher development conference is the UK's largest event for people with a commitment to the personal, professional and career development of researchers.

This conference is for everyone with a strategic or practical role in the development of researchers, and will focus on meeting the emerging needs defined by the new global context. It has never been more important to focus on the effective development of researchers or to ensure that researchers are able to make a valuable contribution to the wider community and economy.

Vitae is supported by Research Councils UK (RCUK) and managed by CRAC: The Career Development Organisation



'HEIs need to be more pro-active in providing postgraduates with the opportunity to develop the core competencies they need to succeed in a competitive job market... [and] should ensure that transferable skills training is embedded as standard in the funding and design of all post-graduate research programmes' -- One Step Beyond: Making the most of postgraduate education, March 2010

'Activity is required to broaden support for the Concordat and embed good practice in institutions... to maintain momentum and ensure that practice becomes permanent' -- Report from the Concordat Strategy Group to the Funders Forum, December 2009

Eight years after the Roberts review, institutions are providing a broad range of opportunities to enhance researchers' skills and careers. A growing body of evidence highlights the importance and impact of researcher careers. This conference brings together people and expertise to build on this to strengthen the academic base, economic and cultural prosperity and our place in the global research environment.

The conference will address:

- researching and evaluating the impact of researcher development and of researcher careers, including a major update on the evaluation activities across the sector mapped against the Rugby Team Impact Framework
- implementing the Concordat, including major updates on progress and the announcement of the outcomes of the survey of HEI responses to the Concordat
- the latest developments in policy relating to postgraduate researchers, including the initial outcomes of the RCUK independent review of the Roberts transferable skills and career development agenda
- evolving practice to support cost-effective researcher skills and career development; including the announcement of the winners of Vitae Innovate funding 2010

Participants will:

- explore the political context for researcher development
- discuss strategic and practical ways of sustaining professional and career development for research staff and postgraduate researchers
- have access to the latest policy, information and research related to this field
- share ideas and practice with a network of all those who have a stake in developing the UK's researchers.

Who should attend:

This conference is for everyone with a strategic or practical role in the development of researchers, including:

- senior managers in research organisations, with responsibility for strategy, recruitment, training and management of postgraduate researchers or research staff
- professional associations and institutions including the research councils, government representatives and policy advisors
- research managers and administrators
- careers and HR professionals working with postgraduate researchers or research staff
- training co-ordinators, staff developers and trainers working with researchers.

The Vitae researcher development conference 2010 is delivered by the CRAC Events Team.

Discounts

If three members from the same HEI want to book residential places for the conference one place out of three will be free of charge.

This offer is only available where all three places are booked online on the same booking form.

All bookings for the full conference (i.e. not day rates) are eligible for a discount if booked online by 16 July 2010.

Online bookings can be made at www.vitae.ac.uk/conference10

Workshop sessions include:

- Taking charge: researcher-led skills development
- Developing international competencies in research postgraduate skills training programmes
- Reviewing doctoral induction programmes
- Win-win: developing the transferable skills of research staff through mentoring
- Future leaders and managers for the knowledge society: the key role of supervisors
- The engaging researcher
- The part-time researchers' conference: a model for collaboration
- Facilitating research as a creative process
- The creative facilitator
- Learning to lead on leadership
- Research as an international career
- Social enterprise for early career researchers
- Retaining and supporting women in academic careers
- Building and maintaining research capacities in UK universities
- Achieving sustainability through culture change
- Assessing the impact and value of career management provisions for early career researchers
- Encouraging enterprise and entrepreneurship in early career researchers

Conference will also feature:

- Announcement of projects being funded by Vitae innovate 2010; updates from 2009 innovate projects
- Launch of the sector-wide 'Impact Framework: Two years on' report by the Impact and Evaluation Group (formerly known as the Rugby Team)
- Launch of the What do researchers do? 3.5 year longitudinal study
- Conference exhibition
- Specialist sessions allowing discussion of topics of interest to participants, exploration of early stage projects and development of new ideas
- Research Development Framework: developing resources for researchers

Conference programme 2010

Day one: Monday 6 September

09.00	Conference registration opens
09.45	Optional: Workshops for participants new to researcher development
11.00	Welcome, introduction and opening plenary
13.00	Lunch, networking and exhibition
14.00	Workshop session A
15.00	Workshop session B
16.00	Exhibition and refreshments
16.30	Special interest sessions
17.05	Special interest sessions
18.00	Exhibition closes
19.15	Drinks reception
20.00	Dinner

Day two: Tuesday 7 September

09.00	Two parallel plenary sessions: postgraduate researcher and research staff issues
10.30	Refreshments
11.00	Workshop session C
12.30	Lunch with optional networking groups
13.45	Workshop session D
15.15	Closing plenary
16.00	Tea and end of conference

For the purposes of arranging travel, start and finish times will remain the same. Updates to the programme and additional information will be made available at www.vitae.ac.uk/conference10

For more information or help with your booking, please contact us:

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Booking form

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Vitae researcher development conference 2010:

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6-7 September 2010, Manchester

Participant details:

Name:	
Job title:	
Company name:	
Company address:	
	Country:
Company postcode:	Telephone:
Email:	
Dietary needs:	
Other needs:	
How did you hear about the event?:	

Rates:

- Full residential £495 +VAT
- Full residential CRAC member £440 +VAT
- Non-residential £385 +VAT
- Non-residential member £330 +VAT
- Day rate, dinner and accommodation £352 + VAT
- Day rate + dinner £291.50 +VAT
- Day rate £232 +VAT: Please indicate which day(s):
 6 September 7 September

Attendance to the conference dinner

- Yes No
- Accommodation 5 September £81 + VAT

■ Residential places includes accommodation on 6 September 2010, breakfast, lunches, conference dinner and refreshments

■ Non-residential places includes refreshments, lunches and conference dinner on 6 September 2010

■ NOTE: Residential places at the Vitae researcher development conference 2010 include accommodation in the Midland Hotel

Discount:

Bookings made online no later than Friday 16 July are eligible for an early booking discount. If three members of the same HEI book for the conference, one place out of three will be FREE of charge. If you are entitled to this option, please book using the ONLINE BOOKING FORM. Please note that this option can only apply to residential places and only if ALL participants book within the same online booking form.

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Notification of change of privacy policy

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Booking conditions

No reservation can be accepted unless the full amount has been collected. The balance must be received at least four weeks before the conference. In the event of a cancellation, if **written** notice reaches CRAC:

- four weeks before the conference a full refund will be made
- between four and two weeks before the conference, a refund will be made less 20% of your participant fee + VAT
- less than two weeks before the conference, no refund will be made but a substitute may be accepted.

Full details and joining instructions will be sent to participants four weeks in advance. If you have not received details within a week of the conference, please telephone CRAC Events on (01223) 448513.