

Vitae Researcher Development International Conference

8 - 9 September 2015 The Midland, Manchester



Administrative details

Registration

Registration will take place in The Midland foyer from 09.00 on Tuesday 8 September. You will be issued with a participant pack and name badge. Please wear your name badge at all times during the conference.

Conference app

Following the success of last year we are condensing the hard copy conference guide by using the conference 'app' for use on your smart devices. The app will enable participants to network amongst each other, select workshops prior to the conference, view the latest conference information such as the programme and plenaries and see workshop outlines and presenter details. If you are attending the dinner on the evening of the 8 September, the app will also allow you to take part in voting for the 3MT 'people's choice' winner.

For those who will not be using a smart device and wish to be involved, there will be a limited number of iPads available from Vitae. Please contact: events@vitae.ac.uk if you wish to reserve an iPad for this purpose. Devices will be provided on a first come first served basis. Workshops can be selected via the [conference website](#) until the 31st of August, after which you will receive an email with login details to the conference app where you will be able to select your workshops.

Unconscious bias test

All conference participants will have the opportunity to take a free on-line unconscious bias test prior to the conference taking place. This is in conjunction with Dr Peter Jones of Shire Professional Chartered Psychologists who will be providing a plenary presentation exploring unconscious bias and the implications for researcher development on day two. To read more about this unique and insightful opportunity and for details on how to take the test please see the unconscious bias taster invitation attached. To get the most from the associated plenary session, **please take the test before you arrive at the conference** – your results will be emailed shortly after the conference has concluded.

International Journal for Researcher Development

As a Vitae conference participant you will receive exclusive access to papers from the International Journal for Researcher Development for the month of September. Details on how to access the content will be in your conference pack and on the conference app.

Networking and exhibition

As well as networking with over 350 participants from the UK and abroad, we are delighted to confirm a select [group of exhibitors](#) for you to visit over the two days. This includes the Vitae Zone where you will get a chance to see many of our key resources and get a chance to meet our Vitae Membership regional representatives who will host a networking session during lunch on day two.

Twitter

Please use the conference hashtag **#vitae15**.

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Meals and refreshments

Breakfast

For residents of The Midland, this is served in Mr Coopers House and Garden, and the Wyvern from 06:00.

Lunch

Buffet lunch will be served in the Octagon Lounge and the Trafford Room at the times indicated on the programme.

Drinks reception

We would like to thank Elsevier for sponsoring the pre-dinner drinks reception which is being held from 19.00 on Tuesday 8 September in the Octagon Lounge.

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Conference dinner and Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition

The drinks reception will be followed by the final of the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition at 19.45 sponsored by RCUK, NCCPE and ThinkWrite and the conference dinner at 20.20, both in the Alexandra Suite. The dress code for the conference dinner is smart.



Special diets

Dietary requirements will be catered for during the conference. **Please note that the vegetarian menu must be pre-ordered and any special dietary requirements must be communicated in advance to the Vitae events team (01223 460277) unless already stated on your booking form.** Please find below the dinner menu:

Menu



Roasted Plum Tomato, Buffalo Mozzarella, Balsamic Glaze, Toasted Pine Nuts, Olive Toast



Roast Breast of Chicken, Dauphinoise Potato, Fine Beans, Chantenay Carrots

Vegetarian option: Portobella Mushroom Brioche Pudding, Cavolo Nero, Tarragon Cream and Chantenay Carrots



Dark Chocolate Mousse, Honeycomb Caramel Ice Cream



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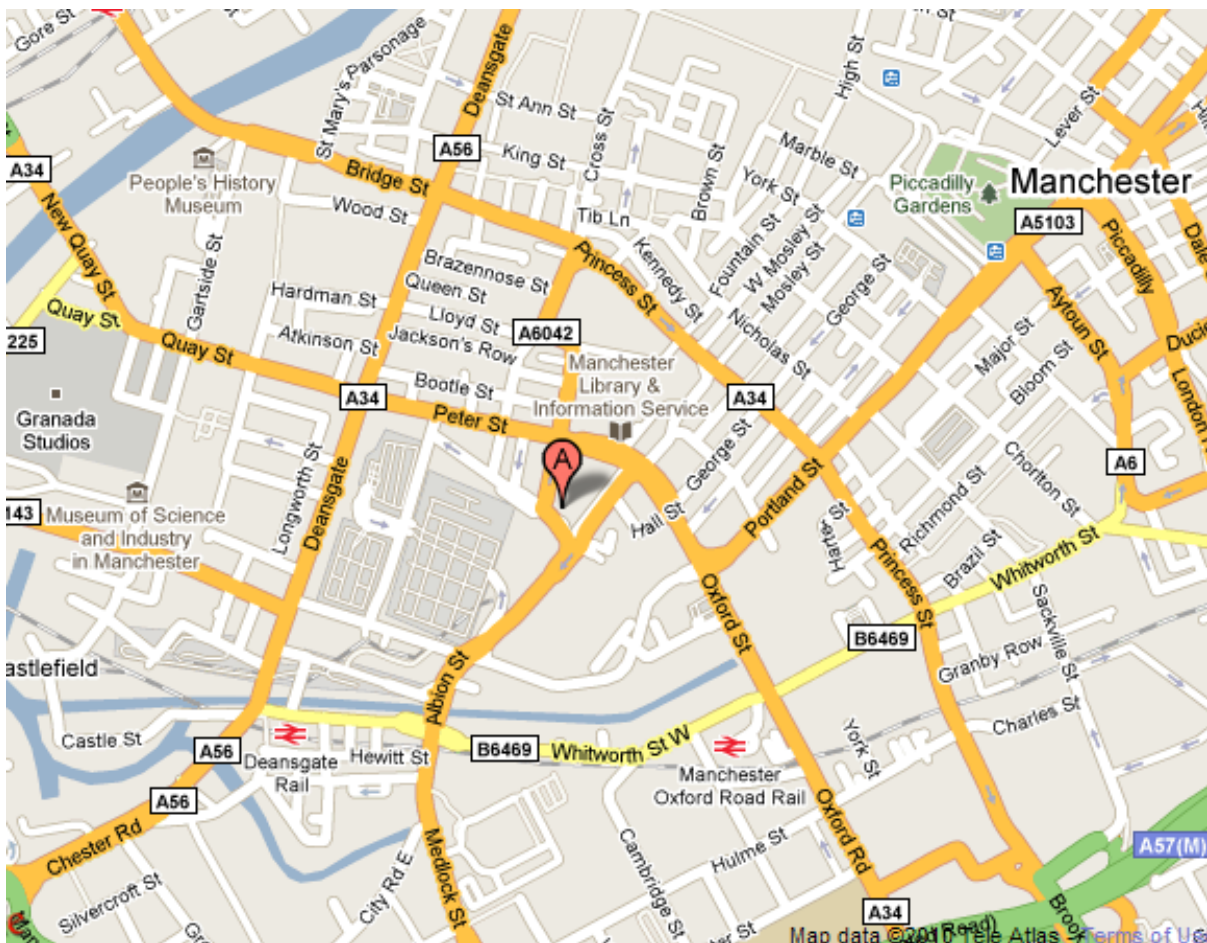


Travel

The Midland is located in the centre of Manchester and is easily accessible via public transport.

[The Midland](#)

Peter Street
Manchester
M60 2DS
Tel: 0161 236 3333



Rail: The nearest stations are Manchester Oxford Road and Manchester Piccadilly which are approximately 10 minutes from the venue by taxi.

Information on all rail routes can be found at [National Rail Enquiries](#)

Air: Manchester International Airport is the nearest airport to the venue. Up to 9 trains per hour link the airport with Manchester Piccadilly Station.

<https://www.airporttaxi-uk.co.uk>

Car:

From the south

From the M6 Junction 19 join the M56. Follow signs for the city centre (A5103). Then follow signs for the Manchester Central Convention Complex/Bridgewater Hall onto Medlock

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Street. Go through the lights onto Lower Mosley Street. Pass Bridgewater Hall on your right and the hotel is facing you.

From the north

From the M6, join the M61 at Preston. Follow signs for M60 south and west towards the Trafford Centre. Follow signs for the city centre and Manchester Central Convention Complex (A57). Turn left into Water Street and left onto the A56 Deansgate. Turn right onto Peter Street and the hotel is 300 metres on the right hand side.

The hotel does not have its own car park but parking is available at the NCP Manchester Central to the rear of the hotel. At the time of going to press prices were as follows:

2 hours	£6.10
2 - 4 hours	£9.50
4 - 6 hours	£10.50
6 - 12 hours	£14.50
12 - 24 hours	£18.40

Facilities

Accessibility

<http://www.qhotels.co.uk/our-locations/the-midland-manchester/access-statement/>

Assistance

If you need any assistance concerning your arrival or booking immediately before or during the conference please call Rachel Kerr on 07545 204685 or Sarah Nalden on 07590 961358.

Leisure facilities

All Midland residential guests have use of the leisure facilities

Internet access

All bedrooms and public areas have wifi access. This is free of charge for all conference participants.

Accommodation

All bedrooms are en-suite and are supplied with desk area, TV with Sky channels, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, towels and toiletries

Room keys

Rooms will be available from 14.00, and rooms must be vacated by 11.00 on your day of departure.

Luggage storage

Luggage storage is available at concierge. Bags left with concierge will be taken directly to your room, you will not have to collect your bags after checking in.

Cloakroom facilities

Coats can be stored at concierge.

Please note that CRAC, Vitae and The Midland are unable to accept responsibility for loss of or damage to personal property.