

Vitae resources for those who support researcher development

Vitae supports the aspirations of all who work in the professional area of researcher development. Our materials will help you towards succeeding in your role.

Vitae Career Framework for Researcher Developers



Vitae Career Framework for Researcher Developers (CFRD)

The Vitae Career Framework for Researcher Developers (CFRD) is a framework intended to support the aspirations of all who work in the emerging professional area of researcher development.

It can be used in a number of different ways, and at different stages of a researcher development career to identify and assess the relevant knowledge, skills and expertise that have been brought to the role, are being developed now, or are desired in the future.

Interest in a framework to support the career development of researcher developers was first identified at the Vitae Researcher Development International Conference in 2011. Researcher development was recognised as an emerging profession and included a rich mix of full and partial roles, varied responsibilities and staff at all levels. In 2012 a working group was set up and the framework evolved from this through a process of iteration, feedback and review involving a large number of researcher developers.

- CFRD is relevant for all staff working in researcher development, whether full-time, on secondment, or part-time within a broader role www.vitae.ac.uk/cfrd-profiles
- CFRD helps to identify and articulate knowledge and expertise
- CFRD helps to gain greater insight into capabilities and opportunities in the context of a researcher development role

www.vitae.ac.uk/cfrd

Vitae Connections

The Vitae Connections series of events is designed to provide insights, tools and tactics to be more effective in a researcher development role and to support the continuing professional development of staff supporting researchers.

These one-day professional development events focus on developing knowledge and understanding through theory and practice. They're designed to provide opportunities for networking, practice-sharing and discussion around a variety of resonant themes such as: leadership, open research, writing and publishing, getting to grips with the job and more. The content is delivered through expert panel Q&As, round table discussions, and interactive workshop sessions and includes Vitae CPD certification. www.vitae.ac.uk/events

Vitae library of resources

Vitae has developed a number of high-quality, well-used professional and career development packages and resources.

Vitae researcher development programmes:

- have been developed, piloted and evaluated in collaboration with the researcher development community and our network of experienced professional trainers
- have been tried and tested internationally
- contain all the information for 'off the shelf' use by experienced facilitators
- can be adapted into shorter programmes or individual sessions to complement existing institutional provision, match the local context and participant needs
- are mapped to the Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF)
- are available to support researchers from the very beginning of a doctorate through to developing as a principal investigator or supervisor

www.vitae.ac.uk/resource-library



Practical resources for staff supporting researchers

- Vitae RDF Development Cards www.vitae.ac.uk/rdfcards
- Presentations and other outcomes from past Vitae events www.vitae.ac.uk/presentations
- HR Excellence in Research Award: Vitae support for institutions www.vitae.ac.uk/hr-excellence-support
- Vitae publications to build researcher development knowledge www.vitae.ac.uk/publications
- Researcher developers at member organisations www.vitae.ac.uk/RDmembers
- Vitae Membership Directory. Share your profile, find other members www.vitae.ac.uk/directory
- Vitae Online Member Community www.vitae.ac.uk/community
- Three Minute Thesis (3MT®). Member institutions running their own competition can enter the winner into the Vitae competition www.vitae.ac.uk/3MT

For more information about Vitae resources for those who support researcher development, please visit www.vitae.ac.uk/RD

Some resources are only available to those from Vitae member organisations