USEFUL PHD TIPS
• Reading Researcher Development Programme (RRDP)

• The RRDP comprises a wide range of sessions, workshops and activities that address your needs in the following areas:
  • knowledge and intellectual abilities
  • personal effectiveness
  • research governance and organisation
  • engagement, influence and impact
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HOW THE RRDP WORKS

The RRDP is a compulsory part of your doctoral research programme. The minimum requirement for participation, depending on whether you are registered on a full-time or part-time programme, is set out below.

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- How to?
  - Go to https://www.risisweb.reading.ac.uk/
  - Log in using your credentials and password
  - Go to Actions
  - …
  - Ask your office mates if you’re confused
  - Apply as soon as you get the email telling you to! - all of the PhD students from all of the departments from all of the schools have to do these courses so places on the good ones are very competitive!
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Welcome to the RISIS portal

Latest news

**RISIS OFFICE** The RISIS team is receiving an unprecedented number of enquiries. There may be a delay before you receive a response to any enquiries sent to that team.

Portal information

You have reached the login page for the RISISweb portal. This gives appropriate access to University of Reading student data for staff, students, applicants and past students.

**Students** - use your University username and password to log in, plus your RISIS security password.
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• What are RRDPs?
  • https://www.reading.ac.uk/graduateschool/training-and-development/gs-reading-researcher-development-programme.aspx

• RRDPs Brochure
  • https://www.reading.ac.uk/web/files/graduateschool/Graduate_School_RRDP_Brochure_2018_2019_v2.pdf
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• On the RISIS portal there is a list of RRDP’s with suggestions of the years they should be completed in DO NOT IGNORE THIS
• You are also able to see which members of staff lead RRDP’s
• Notable mentions:
  • Bob Rastall
  • Adam Squires
  • Meteorology staff: Ed Hawkins, Ellie Highwood, Tom Frame.
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IF YOU WANT TO TEACH:

• Preparing to Teach: It is recommended if you wish to do any demonstrating in your (1st), 2nd or 3rd years. You do not have to complete it anymore to be able to demonstrate.

• Note that it is a big time commitment!
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For 1st years:

- Your Supervisor and You
- Imposter Syndrome
- Self Management: increasing concentration
- Presentation skills
- Introduction to LaTeX
- An introverts guide to influence and impact
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For 2nd years:

- Making posters
- How to write a paper
- Presentation skills
- A guide to critical academic writing
For 3rd years:

- Surviving the viva
- How to write a thesis
- How to write a paper
- Dealing with writers block
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• Check the length of the RRDP when you apply
• Try to book RRDP’s for the most relevant time to do them.
• You will get the most out of courses you know nothing about
• There is nothing wrong with doing the fun ones!
• Don’t expect them to do your PhD for you :)

LIMITLESS POTENTIAL | LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES | LIMITLESS IMPACT
• In Meteorology the person to contact is Maria Broadbridge (3L45)
• NCAS-specific computing support is provided by Andy Heaps (2L45 – might have moved to Harry Pitt office!)
• Emailing IT – it@reading.ac.uk
• By phone – ext. 6262
• Self service portal - https://www.reading.ac.uk/internal/its/help/
• Ask buddies in your office! They probably have done it!
Self service portal

The Software Store provides information on software that is available to you, both on University machines and on your own devices.

FILE STORAGE
The University also provides options for storing files.

BUYING COMPUTER HARDWARE
The University has contracted suppliers for desktop PCs, laptops, Apple computers and peripherals.

HELP WITH MICROSOFT OFFICE
The free tutorials and videos available from GCFLearnFree.org are useful for learning how to use Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access).

SECURITY
Information on keeping your digital information secure online.

Data access request
If you are making a Data Access Request relating to obtaining access to an individual’s email or personal IT account, please fill out this form and send it to your HR Partner who is able to authorise the request. Should there be legitimate reasons for the request, the relevant HR Partner will liaise directly with IT to clarify the required access levels and to provide authorisation.

Contact us
If you do not find answers to your questions, or need more detailed advice and support, contact IT Help.

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• Personal website
  • Your N drive (dfs.rdg.ac.uk\homes)
  • Folder named “public html”
  • An html file called “userdetails” inside
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Add information where relevant to you

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<li>Remote sensing of thermal plumes (spatial characteristics)</li>  
<li>Landsat 8, ASTER products</li>  
<li>Water detection in satellite imagery</li>  
<li>What are the controlling factors that influence the variability of the thermal plume dispersal?</li>
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<h4>Using:</h4>

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<li><a href="http://www.met.reading.ac.uk/userpages/nn904972.php">Prof. Chris Merchant</a>, Professor in Ocean and Earth Observation</li>
<li><a href="http://www.met.reading.ac.uk/userpages/rg906695.php">Dr. Claire Bulgin</a>, Postdoctoral Research Assistant</li>
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Useful links

• On this page, you will find information that is relevant to your work, but that used to be hard to find anywhere else, such as conference and workshop feedbacks, useful contacts, publishing caveats etc…

• [https://research.reading.ac.uk/meteorology/Intranet/for-students/phd-information-hub/](https://research.reading.ac.uk/meteorology/Intranet/for-students/phd-information-hub/)

• On using cluster etc…

• [https://research.reading.ac.uk/act/](https://research.reading.ac.uk/act/)
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- Thesis Writing
- RRDP Courses
- PhD Milestones
- Datasets
- Conferences, Workshops, and Summer Schools
- Computing Stuff
THANK YOU!