Calendar of Events 2023-24

We most of our meetings and training will take place in person and where possible, there will be an opportunity to join online.

Some dates and venues for events and workshops will be confirmed nearer the time.

Events highlighted in bold are open to all cohorts and there is an expectation that Scenario-funded students attend the majority of these during their PhD.

Expectations

Being part of a DTP, we expect you to engage in training activities and events during the year. The Scenario philosophy is that very few events that are "mandatory", but some are "highly recommended", and we do expect you to engage with the majority of events during your time as a Scenario PhD student. The training Scenario provides is not specific to your PhD but is designed to give you transferrable skills that you will need after your PhD.

It is helpful if you can let us know in advance whether you can attend events and there will be instructions in the weekly email with sign up information. Please register within the timeframe provided.

We understand that you may have other commitments and will look at rescheduling if a significant number of you can't attend a particular event.

If you register for an activity and are no longer able to attend, please let the organisers and the Scenario Admin Manager know as soon as possible – with every activity there is a both a financial cost and a time cost for the organisers: the sooner you let us know the more likely we can adjust numbers.

We are most happy to receive your ideas for training or events and any feedback about timings. We'd also be really happy for volunteers to organise the socials.

The *Scenario Training Guidelines 2023-24* contains more information about each event, including whether it is recommended for you based on the year you're in, your interests (industry or policy) and learning outcomes.

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Autumn 2023

19 September	Cohort 10 Induction	10:30 – 16:30	UoR – Maths&Stats 113
22 September	Cohort 10 Induction – Introduction to Scientific Computing (Pathway A)	13:00 – 15:00	UoR - AllenLab-G10-PC
27 September	RACC Basics Course Part of the RACC Academic Computing Drop In series. See the ACT website for more information.	13:00 – 15:00	UoR – Brian Hoskins GL68 (PC Lab)
6 October	**Scenario Calendar for 2023-24**	10:00-11:00	Online Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 314 719 544 847 Passcode: Fkyzah
9 and 10 October	**Tiger Teams (Scenario) Kick Off meeting**	2 days, residential	Sainsbury's HQ, London
19 October	Software Development - Design (Pathway A)	13:00 – 17:00	UoR
25 October	Cohort 10 Catch Up	14:00-15:00	Online
2 November	Software Development – Testing (Pathway A)	13:00 – 17:00	UoR
starts w/c 7 November	Introduction to Programming in R (Pathway B) *Hybrid. 8 modules over 4 weeks with one in-person workshop per week at UoR*	Pre-course introduction: 1 November, 16:00 online Workshops: 14:00 – 16:00 7, 16, 21 and 28 November	UoR
8 November	**Scenario Admin Masterclass**	14:00 – 15:00	Online Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 316 701 579 770 Passcode: i8UhKB
9 November	Software Design – Curation (Pathway A)	13:00 – 17:00	UoR
14 November	**COP28 Climate Action Studio Workshop 1**		UoR
15 November	Cohort 10 Meeting – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	13:00 for lunch 14:00 – 16:00	UoS
22 November	**COP28 Climate Action Studio Workshop 2**		UoR
30 November – 7 December	**COP28 Climate Action Studio**		Walker Institute UoR
4 December	IaleUK workshop: Introduction to using meteorological and hydrological data for ecologists	9:30 – 17:30	UoR Brian Hoskins Building
14 December	**COPCAS Debrief**	11:30 – 13:30	
15 December	**What Really Happened at COP28?** *Open to all*	14:00 – 16:00	
December	Cohort 10 Meeting	14:00 onwards	UoR
6 December	**All Cohort Meeting – Introduction to Great Design (with infohackit)** Followed by Winter Social	14:00 – 17:00	UoR

Spring 2024

18, 19, 25 and 26 January	Software Development Level 1 (Pathway A)	4 days, over 2 weeks 9:00 to 17:00	UoR
February	Software Development Level 2 (Pathway A)	4 days, over 2 weeks 9:00 to 17:00	UoR
February	Cohort 10 Meeting	11:00 – 14:00	tbc
April	Cohort 10 Meeting	14:00 – 16:00	tbc
May	**Climate Resilience Evidence Synthesis Training (CREST)**	5 days	Walker Institute, UoR

Summer 2024

June	University of Reading Doctoral Conference		UoR
June	University of Surrey Doctoral Conference		UoS
June	**Innovating for Sustainable Development**	3 days	Residential, within 1 hour travel from Reading and Guildford
Early July	**All Cohort Meeting – Student Presentations** Followed by Summer Social	14:00 onwards	tbc
Early September	**Joint DTP Conference**	2 days	tbc

2023-24 Academic Year Key Dates

READING Autumn Term: 25 September - 09 December 2023
READING Spring Term: 08 January to 22 March 2024
READING Summer Term: 15 April – 07 June 2024

SURREY Semester 1:   25 September 2023 – 26 January 2024
    Vacation 11 – 29 December 2023
SURREY Semester 2:   5 February – 7 June 2024
    Vacation 25 March - 12 April 2024

Easter Bank Holidays: 29 March -1 April 2024
Spring Bank Holidays: 6 May, 27 May 2023

Scenario Management Dates

For Autumn 2024 recruitment

Monday 4 October 2023	Proposals Deadline
Tuesday 24 October 2023	Selection Board Meeting
Early November 2023	Advise supervisors of project selection & projects advertised
November-December 2023	Video filming
Late January 2024	Applications deadline for Scenario Scholarships for BAME Home students
Late January 2024	Applications deadline for project-based studentships
February 2024	Interview Day for Scenario Scholarship applicants
February 2024	Interview Day for project-based studentship applicants
Early March 2024	Selection Board Meeting
20 March 2024	NERC Acceptance Deadline
May 2024	Selection Board Meeting
June 2024	Advisory Board Meeting