



Calendar of Events 2024-2025

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 2024-25* 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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Semester 1

24 September 2024	Cohort 11 Induction	10:30 – 16:30	UoR, Mathematics building, 113
26 September 2024	Cohort 11 induction – Introduction to Scientific Computing (Pathway A)	10:00 – 10:30	UoR, Brian Hoskins building, 1L61
27 September 2024	Cohort 11 induction – Introduction to Python Computing (Pathway A)	14:00 – 16:00	UoR, Allen Lab, G10
2 October 2024	Cohort 11 induction - RACC Basics Academic Computing Course	13:00 – 15:00	UoR, Agriculture building, GL20 (PC Lab)
11 October 2024	Scenario Calendar for 2024-25	10:00-11:00 (online)	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 316 553 695 555 Passcode: ppnVSV
23 October 2024	What to expect in your final year?	13:00 – 14:00 (online)	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 360 946 305 692 Passcode: u7tBpg
23 October 2024	Software Development - Design (Pathway A)	13:00 – 17:00	UoR
starts w/c 23 October 2024 –	Introduction to Programming in R (Pathway B) <i>8 modules over 4 weeks with one in-person workshop per week at UoR</i>	Pre-course introduction: 23 October, 14:00 – 15:30 (online) Workshops: 14:00 – 16:00 30 October, 6, 13 and 20 November	UoR, Polly Vacher G45 (PC room)
31 October 2024	COP29 Climate Action Studio Workshop 1	10:00 – 13:00	UoR, Agriculture building, 1L14
1 November 2024	Cohort 11 Catch Up	14:00-15:00 Online	
4 th and 5 th November 2024	Tiger Teams (Scenario) Kick Off meeting	2 days, residential	UoR
6 November 2024	Software Development – Testing (Pathway A)	13:00 – 17:00	UoR
6 November 2024	COP29 Climate Action Studio Workshop 2	10:00 – 13:00	Agriculture building, room 1L14
11 November 2024 – 22 November 2024	COP29 Climate Action Studio	09:00 – 16:30 (students can attend 1 day or more, depending on individual availability)	Walker Conference Room, Agriculture building, room 1L20
13 November 2024	Software Design – Curation (Pathway A)	13:00 – 17:00	UoR
22 November 2024	Scenario Admin Masterclass	11:00 – 12:00 online	Join the meeting now

			Meeting ID: 350 531 939 891 Passcode: B4s5gt
Tbc	Cohort 11 Meeting – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	13:00 for lunch 14:00 – 16:00	UoS
Tbc	What Really Happened at COP29? And Evaluation Workshop <i>Open to all</i>	10:00 – 12:00	
4 December 2024	All Cohort Meeting Followed by Winter Social	13:00 – 17:00	

Semester 2

February	Software Development Level 1 (Pathway A)	4 days 10:00 to 16:00	UoR
March	Cohort 11 Meeting	11:00 – 14:00	
Early May	Cohort 11 Meeting	14:00 – 16:00	
May	Engaging with Decision Makers	4 days	UoR
June	Software Development Level 2 (Pathway A) –	4 days 10:00 to 16:00	UoR
June	University of Reading Doctoral Conference	afternoon	UoR
June	University of Surrey Doctoral Conference		UoS
June	Innovating for Sustainable Development	3 days	TBC
Early July	All Cohort Meeting – Student Presentations Followed by Summer Social	12:00 onwards	UoR
Early September	Joint DTP Conference	2 days	TBC

2024-2025 Academic Year Key Dates

READING Semester 1: 30 September 2024 – 07 February 2025

READING Christmas break: 23 December 2024 – 17 January 2025

READING Semester 2: 10 February – 13 June 2025

READING Easter break: 31 March – 22 April 2025

SURREY Semester 1: 23 September 2024 – 24 January 2025

SURREY Christmas break: 9 December – 27 December 2024, 27 January – 31 January 2025

SURREY Semester 2: 3 February – 6 June 2024

SURREY Spring break: 14 April – 2 May 2025

Easter Bank Holidays: 18 – 21 April 2025

Spring Bank Holidays: 5 May 2025, 26 May 2025

Autumn Bank Holidays: 25 August 2025