

Introduction to Research and the Research Landscape Research for Non- and New Researchers



A workshop for teaching and professional service staff, and new researchers

Wednesday 12 March 2014, 14:00-16:00 in Owen-942

This workshop aims to introduce research and the mechanisms around it to non- and new researchers. In particular it will:

- Explore at a fundamental level what constitutes research
- Detail what research takes place at SHU and its importance to the University
- Introduce the external research context
- Explain the major sources of research funding
- Discuss research assessment (the REF)
- Highlight the support available to individuals undertaking or looking to undertake research

28% of academic staff in the University are currently regarded as being research-active ('REF-considered'). The University is strongly committed to producing excellent research and believes in developing staff to grow its pool of capable and confident research-active staff.

As part of attempts to support more staff to engage in research and encourage latent research talent, efforts are being made to increase accessibility by providing more guidance on introductory topics.

This session is the first of a 'Focus 2020' series, looking at long-term planning for the 2014-20 REF cycle.

Who should attend?

This session is designed for staff in principally teaching or professional service roles, who are curious to find out more about research and the mechanisms around it. This session is not really aimed at staff with any notable research experience. Postgraduate research students (PhDs/Prof Docs) may though find the research landscape components of interest.

[The workshop's programme is outlined overleaf](#)

PROGRAMME

Time	Item	Lead
14.00	Welcome	
	What is Research?	Keith Fildes
	Why is Research Important to SHU?	Keith Fildes
	Overview of Research at SHU	Keith Fildes
	The External Research Landscape	Michael Trikic
	Areas of Research Funding	Michael Trikic
	Research Assessment	Michael Trikic
	Support for Research at SHU	Michael Trikic
	The Future of UK Research - Challenges and Opportunities	Keith Fildes
	Developing Researchers	Keith Fildes
16.00	Close	

About the speakers

Dr Michael Trikic is a Research Funding Co-ordinator in the Research and Innovation Office. He was previously a Postdoctoral Research Associate in oncology. His research focused on the development of crystallographic techniques to enable structural analysis of kinases, as well as investigation into drug resistance mechanisms in kinase cells through mutations in kinases.

Dr Keith Fildes is Researcher Development Adviser in the Research and Innovation Office. His research background is as a medieval historian and his doctoral thesis was a prosopographical study of the English baronage in the late-fourteenth century.

Booking

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