

# PhD Skills Development at Warwick

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# Career Service Provision for PhDs

- Careers Adviser for research
- One to one guidance
- Mock interviews
- Careers Hub - Library of resources
- Employer presentations/Careers Fairs
- Contributes to Warwick Graduate School programme

# Graduate School Programme

- Range of skills development workshops to support PhD process and to help develop skills, including career management skills
- Two parallel streams
  - Early years
  - Later years
- Range of tutors
- Workshops in all three terms

# First Years

Provision includes:

- IT review and basic training
- Writing
- Using a web-log (blog).
- Managing your supervisor.
- Introduction to Careers for postgraduates
- Communication skills 1
- Teamwork and time-management skills

# Later Years

- Working with the media
- Networking skills
- Planning to complete your thesis.
- Communications Skills 2
- Your work in the public domain
- Teamwork
- Future Focus
- Planning and Writing up a PhD thesis
- Voice training and debating skills

# Intensives

## First Years

- **Being an Effective PhD student** (3 days, Christmas break)
- **Working with others and problem solving** (2 days outdoors, Summer)

## Later years

- **The Conference Experience** (Three days, Easter)
- **Enterprise Skills** (Summer)

# Career Development Workshops in this programme

- Introduction to Careers
- MBTI
- Networking
- Future Focus

# Departmental Workshops

- Physics
- Engineering
- Warwick Business School



# How WDPD help students

- Employability and types of jobs possible
- Employer's views of PhDs
- A life outside academia is possible

# The Student Voice

- Attendance at Staff Student Liaison Committee meetings
  - Feedback from students
  - Making the case to academic staff

# Finally ...

- Careers Service pro-active in provision for PhDs
- Expanding awareness of services by PhDs
- Continuous development