

The 'Effective Researcher' development programme

20th & 21st March at the University of Sunderland.



This course is offered to staff who do research across 5 North East Universities. It uses group activities to consider what makes an effective researcher. It includes challenges linked with developing an interdisciplinary research portfolio and scoping 'big research project' ideas, as well as a focusing on working with others.

Previous participants have valued meeting research staff from across 5 North East Universities, the blue sky group thinking, and the discussions about working effectively with others.

University of Sunderland, City Campus, Chester Road, Sunderland, SR1 3SD.
(Starting at 10am in Fleming Building, Rm B14).

<https://docushare.sunderland.ac.uk/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-5026/Uni+of+Sunderland+MAP.pdf>

The programme is the second in a series of staff development programmes run by Academic Development which support researchers throughout their career. It is aimed at early career research staff (whether having a doctorate, experience, or other qualifications) within the first 3–15 months of a research contract with project management responsibility, including those on an academic contract who do research.

Programme outline (10am-4pm)

Day 1 - Fleming Building, Rm B14

10:00	Introductions
10:15	Effective Researcher [poster exercise]
10:45	Presentations
11:15	Break
11:30	Project Management: Part 1 [tuning into a new project] -GW Rm 4 from 12:00
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Project Management: Part 2 [organising time, prioritising, tasks and risk assessment]
14:00	Break
14:30	Designing your research environment
15:15	Presentations + review
15:45	Group review of day 1
16:00	End of day 1

Day 2 - Gateway Building, Floor G2, Rm 4

10:00	Recap of day 1 / Introduction to day 2
10:15	Collaboration challenge
11:00	Break
11:15	Collaboration challenge (continued)
12:00	Presentation + Review
12:30	Lunch
13:00	Non-verbal communication
14:00	Break
14:30	Managing others and being managed + review
15:15	Review of day 1 and 2 + action planning
15:45	Evaluation
16:00	End of day 2

Programme format: Facilitator led group activities and discussions.

FAQ

1. There is no charge for this programme. It is delivered by the University of Sunderland and opened up to the other universities in the region as part of a regional programme.
2. Refreshments (Tea/Coffee) will be provided.
3. You are encouraged to bring their own packed lunch.
4. Greggs, the Murray library and City Space are nearby food outlets, if you wish to purchase your lunch.
5. The Gateway Building is 5 minutes walk from the Metro's 'University' Stop and a local multi-storey public car park at the end of Chester Road.

Booking requests

Eight places are offered to each university on a first come first served basis.

Please email academic.development@sunderland.ac.uk
for more information or to book a place.

