



### Peer Review Guide

This new guide has been produced by The Research Information Network to provide researchers with an understanding of the peer review process and some of the current issues surrounding the debate about peer review. The guide can be viewed at:

<http://www.rin.ac.uk/peer-review-guide>

### Rising Stars

Rising Stars is a course in public engagement open to University of Cambridge undergraduates, postgraduates, post docs and early career academics from any discipline. The next deadline for applications is 16 April 2010. The course will be of interest to anyone wanting to engage the public in their academic discipline, for example, through outreach to schools, work with the media or adult learning. Full details at:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/communications/community/star/>

### Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference 2010

*'Diverse engagement: Drawing in the margins'*

The 2010 Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on 28th and 29th June 2010 is hosted by University of Cambridge. Now in its third year, it provides graduate researchers an opportunity for discussion, deliberation and networking. The conference is purposefully interdisciplinary to allow graduate students from all fields of study to participate. Abstract submission closes 18 April 2010. Full details at:

<http://www.igc2010.co.uk/index.htm>

### Naked Scientist Prize Internship



Looking to kick-start a career in science media? Cambridge University's Naked Scientists have an opening for an intern to join their award-winning team this summer. "The Naked Scientists" broadcasts on BBC radio stations across the UK, and worldwide as a podcast, which is consistently near the top of the iTunes Science podcast charts

in the UK, US, Canada and Australia. Their unique approach to science communication features a range of presenters who interview renowned scientists and researchers from all over the world and take science questions on any subject live from the listening public. The deadline for applications is April 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. Full details at:

<http://www.thenakedscientists.com/HTML/front/naked-scientists-mrc-prize-internship/>

### National GRADschools

As well as the Cambridge Local GRADschool that is taking place later this month, National GRADschools are also available to 2nd year PhD students. Full details at:

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/15749/National-GRADschools-2009.html>

### Student surveys

There are two current postgraduate surveys that are both offering prizes in a free draw.

(i) A national online survey commissioned by the Government to hear from you about your career aspirations and decision-making. By completing this survey, you can enter a draw for a high-spec digital SLR camera or an iPhone 3GS (your choice) each worth around £500.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/doctoralcareerchoices>

(ii) As part of the Arcadia Programme based at the University Library, postgraduates can complete a 3 minute online survey to answer the questions about where they seek help developing their information search and management strategies and their awareness of online tools. Complete the survey before April 9th and enter a prize draw for an iPod Nano and two runner-up prizes of £20 Amazon vouchers.

[http://www.graduatejunction.net/cambridge\\_postgraduate\\_survey](http://www.graduatejunction.net/cambridge_postgraduate_survey)

### Non-Research Careers in Pharma and Biotech Industries Event.

Aimed at life science PhD students and postdocs, and research assistants. Thursday 15th April 9:30-13:00, Peterhouse, Cambridge. Full details and booking at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yap6jqx>

### Portfolio Careers for Researchers

Tuesday 20th April 12:30-14:00, 17 Mill Lane.

Academic Researchers have many high level skills research, teaching, analysing, report writing, project design, supervision, the list goes on. But long term roles in universities are rare and competitive. One career approach is to bite the bullet and use your skills as a freelancer working with a portfolio of clients and/or roles. During this 90 minute session you'll get to hear what a portfolio career is, how to explore one and the pros and cons from Chris Lyons author of Building a Portfolio Career. You'll also get to hear the stories of three former researchers who are now portfolio careerists

<http://tinyurl.com/yc3xo6v>

If you have not registered with the Careers Service, you need to do this first.

PhD students:

<http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/eReg/Firstform.asp>

Postdocs:

<http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/eReg/PostDocRegForm.asp>

Any questions: please email [anneforde@careers.cam.ac.uk](mailto:anneforde@careers.cam.ac.uk)



## Courses for Easter Term 2010

Skills Area	Course	Dates	Link
<b>Creativity/ Business Skills/ Commercial Awareness</b>	Commerical Awareness	12 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0151.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0151.html</a>
	Moving into Buisness	7 - 11 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0029.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0029.html</a>
	Thinking Outside of the Box	11 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0031.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0031.html</a>
	Selling Skills	6 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0045.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0045.html</a>
	Emotional Resilience	17 May, 8 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0016.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0016.html</a>
	MBTI	3 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0036.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0036.html</a>
<b>PhD Skills</b>	Starting to Present	4 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0079.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0079.html</a>
	Completing your PhD	14 May, 2 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0054.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0054.html</a>
	Time Management	4 May, 19 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0014.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0014.html</a>
	Planning & Managing a Research Project	5 May, 21 May, 7 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0040.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0040.html</a>
	Speed Reading	11 May, 1 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0011.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0011.html</a>
<b>Presentation and Communication</b>	Further Presentation Skills	26 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0084.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0084.html</a>
	Effective Communication	4 - 7 May, 15-18 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0021.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0021.html</a>
	Negotiation Skills	14 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0007.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0007.html</a>
<b>Research skills</b>	The big four literature databases	22 April, 11 May, 26 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-big4.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-big4.html</a>
	Web of Science and Scopus	26 April, 21 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-wos.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-wos.html</a>
	Managing Your Bibliography	28 April, 20 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-bibliography.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-bibliography.html</a>
	PubMed and EndNoteWeb	30 April, 20 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-pubmed.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-pubmed.html</a>
	Google and web tools for organising your literature	5 May, 24 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-google.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/library-google.html</a>
<b>Teaching and learning</b>	Lab Demonstrating	11 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0103.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0103.html</a>
	Supervising & Small Group Teaching	9 June	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0074.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0074.html</a>
<b>Writing Skills</b>	How to write your dissertation	5 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/thesis.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/thesis.html</a>
	Writing your 1st Year Report	25 May	<a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0158.html">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/cppd/graduates/programme/induction/in0158.html</a>
<b>Bioinformatics</b>	Browsing Genes & Genomes with Ensembl	27 - 28 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/ensembl.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/ensembl.html</a>
	Introduction to Condor and CamGrid	20 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/camgrid.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/camgrid.html</a>
	Ensembl developers workshop	28 - 30 April	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/ensembl-api.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/ensembl-api.html</a>
	Genome analysis with Artemis	21 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/artemis.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/artemis.html</a>
	Protein structure modelling	26 - 27 April	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/protein-new.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/protein-new.html</a>
	A beginner's guide to R	17 - 18 May	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/r.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/r.html</a>
	VisualBasic and MRI	19 - 21 April	<a href="http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/visualbasic-stimulus.html">http://www.biomed.cam.ac.uk/gradschool/skills/visualbasic-stimulus.html</a>

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