

Jointly organised by the Postgraduate Teams at The Children's Hospital at Westmead Clinical School, Sydney Medical School – Westmead, & the Children's Medical Research Institute

Research Skills	Seminar / workshop	Description	Target group	Date/Time	Registration essential	Venue
Statistics	Basic medical statistics course	Includes demonstration of SPSS. Five seminars.	All students	15, 22, 29 March & 5, 12 April 2017 9.00am – 10.30am	Naomi.muir@sydney.edu.au	Lecture theatres at Westmead Hospital
Thesis, paper, and writing skills	How to write a literature review	Find out the difference between a narrative & systematic review, purpose of a literature review, strategies for writing, what to include and more... <i>This seminar is repeated in July.</i>	1 st year	3 April 2017, 10.00am -11.00am	https://goo.gl/g39CYz	Conference room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
			1 st year	24 July 2017, 10.00am -11.00am	https://goo.gl/3SYEum	Conference room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
	What's in a thesis? workshop	A Learning Centre workshop covering the traditional chapter thesis, the thesis containing publications & a hybrid thesis. Examples of submitted theses are provided to show the different thesis formats. <i>The workshop is repeated in the afternoon. Attend once only. Limit of 20 students in each workshop.</i>	2 nd & 3 rd + year	5 May 2017, 10.00am -12noon MORNING SESSION	https://goo.gl/Ndak2Z	Tutorial Room 3, level 4, Education Centre, The Children's Hospital at Westmead
			2 nd & 3 rd + year	5 May 2017, 2.00pm – 4.00pm REPEAT OF MORNING SESSION	https://goo.gl/5xrluO	
	Writing skills for postgraduate students	This seminar covers written scientific communication including scientific writing styles, writing a thesis, science documents & emails, conveying your science message, great tips for writing, and more...	1 st year	23 May 2017, 12noon - 1pm	http://bit.ly/2lR8kCr	Doreen Dew Lecture Theatre, level 4, Education Centre, The Children's Hospital at Westmead
	Writing a scientific paper & getting it published	This seminar covers the process of taking your research from the laboratory to the pages of your favourite journal with some tips to make the process less painful.	1 st year	30 August 2017, 12noon – 1pm	https://goo.gl/lj2gVtP	Conference room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
Qualitative Research Methods	<i>Further information to follow.</i>	All students	<i>To be confirmed</i>			
Communication skills	Oral presentation skills	Want to sharpen your presentation skills for an upcoming conference presentation or postgraduate research seminar? Not sure how to take your research from the laboratory to the lectern? Join Dr Cameron Webb as he shares some tips on putting together a presentation; from making great slides to overcoming your nervousness!	All students	21 July 2017, 3pm – 4pm	https://goo.gl/YfFWxj	Conference room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
	Poster presentations & making the most of conferences	If you're not quite sure where to start, this presentation will run you through the basics of poster design and content to ensure that it grabs the attention of conference attendees, and to ensure that your key research findings are communicated in a clear and concise manner.	All students	31 July 2017, 9am – 10am	https://goo.gl/NPzPM5	Conference room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
	Social media skills in medical research	Social media is often perceived as of trivial importance. However, it is emerging as an effective networking tool for researchers and public health advocates. Learn how they can help with your post-graduate studies and why they're fast becoming a critical component of careers in public health.	All students	18 September 2017, 11.30am – 12.30pm	https://goo.gl/yypmL	Conference room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
	Dealing with the media	It is not enough to just publish your research these days, you need to promote it. Dealing with the media has become an increasingly common activity for scientists spreading the word on new research and establishing themselves as a voice of authority within a particular field. This session, will provide an overview of the tricks and pitfalls of dealing with the media.	3 rd + years	6 November 2017, 11.30am – 12.30pm	https://goo.gl/K7bvvn	Conference room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research

Library	Database searching for health literature	Looking for evidence-based health literature? Learn how to formulate your research question, develop your search strategy, combined your search concept, limit your search and search key resources such as MEDLINE for your systematic review / literature review. <i>Bring your fully-charged laptop which MUST have Endnote X7 or x8 installed prior to session</i>	1 st year	7 March 2017, 10am-12noon	https://goo.gl/RrHLq0	Lecture Theatre 2, Education Block, Westmead Hospital
	Citing & referencing using EndNote	Use EndNote to store and manage your references, easily insert citations into a paper and change citation styles at the click of a button. <i>Bring your fully-charged laptop which MUST have Endnote X7 or x8 installed prior to session</i>	1 st year	9 March 2017, 10am-12noon	https://goo.gl/1pMkPs	Auditorium (John Lowenthal), Education Block, Westmead Hospital
	Getting started with a Systematic Review: Interactive Workshop	A hands-on opportunity to practice: asking answerable, searchable questions; selecting relevant databases; and learning a handful of useful tricks to get the most out of the Medline, Cinahl and Scopus databases. The librarians will also cover how to maximise the use of Endnote for systematic reviews. There will be time to ask questions and work with a librarian on your individual topic/project and/or get help with searching databases or troubleshooting Endnote. <i>Bring your fully-charged laptop which MUST have Endnote X7 or X8 installed prior to session</i>	All students	28 April 2017, 9.30am – 3.00pm <i>(includes morning tea & lunch breaks with the final hour (2-3pm) for participants to work on individual projects with assistance from the librarians)</i>	https://goo.gl/y6v4ls	Lecture Theatre 2, Education Block, Westmead Hospital
	Open Access Publishing	<i>Further information to follow.</i>	All students	<i>To be confirmed</i>		
Candidature	Research Data Management 101	Covers what research data management is & why it is necessary, best practices, & tools available at the University. Opportunity to ask lots of questions.	All students	30 March 2017, 11.15am – 12.15pm	https://goo.gl/6Gjl2m	Conference Room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
	Progress Plan & Project Management Skills PART A	Practical workshop to develop your own Progress Plan using Project Management skills - Deliverables; Milestones; Timings & Resources; Tools of the trade. <i>Bring your fully-charged laptop</i>	All students	8 August 2017, 12.15pm – 1.45pm	https://goo.gl/171JTDk	Doreen Dew Lecture Theatre, level 4, Education Centre, The Children's Hospital at Westmead
	Progress Plan & Project Management Skills PART B	Focuses on making your plan happen - Working with your supervisor; When things go pear shaped; Turning pears into pies; Usyd requirements. <i>Bring your fully-charged laptop & draft Progress Plan</i>	All students	15 August 2017, 12noon – 1.00pm	https://goo.gl/1J4GLOV	Conference Room 1, Westmead Institute for Medical Research
Careers	Careers after your PhD	<i>Further information to follow.</i>		<i>To be confirmed</i>		

Also offered by the University

Learning Centre Workshops	Including: working with your supervisor; overview of a thesis; oral presentation skills; functional grammar for academic writing; writing in an academic style; writing a critical review; writing a literature review plus workshops for non-English speaking background HDR students and more. Resources Help yourself guides	http://sydney.edu.au/stuserv/learning_centre/ http://sydney.edu.au/stuserv/learning_centre/resour.shtml http://sydney.edu.au/stuserv/learning_centre/help/helpYourselfSplash.shtml
Library's interactive learning tools, video screencasts, elearning, tutorials etc	Topics include writing, citing and referencing; the WriteSite, plagiarism & academic integrity and more.	http://www.library.usyd.edu.au/skills/
The University through its partnership with Intersect also offers free courses	Courses are offered in Introduction to Linux, High Performance Computing, Python and MATLAB	http://sydney.edu.au/research_support/hpc/training/index.shtml
Individual sessions with the Academic Liaison Librarians	For CHW & CMRI students at CHW	Book a time directly with the Librarian kanchana.ekanayake@sydney.edu.au
	For SMS-Westmead students.	Book a time directly with the Librarian phillippa.bourke@sydney.edu.au
Statisticians	For CHW Clinical School students.	Book a time directly with Liz Barnes through an outlook invitation SCHN-ResearchStatistics@health.nsw.gov.au
	For SMS-Westmead students.	Book a time directly with Karen Byth karen.byth@sydney.edu.au
Counselling & Psychological Services workshops, videos and guides	Topics including building relationships; managing stress; mindfulness; perfectionism, time management; managing low mood; postgraduate success; winning attitudes; sidekicks...	http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/counselling/workshops/index.shtml
Careers Centre workshops, sessions, events & individual consultations	Includes workshops specifically for HDR students including resumes, cover letters, interview skills, and more.	http://sydney.edu.au/careers/