

School of GeoSciences

Research Training & Development Organisation Induction Programme 2011

Welcome, Orientation, Introduction and Induction Days

These events have been organised to welcome you to the School of GeoSciences. This is a very large School, on several sites in the city of Edinburgh. We would like you to plan to attend all of the activities relevant to your proposed degree, and these will be considered as part of your Generic Skills training, and included in Year 1 assessment. This programme applies to **all research students**, and attendance at events marked with * is compulsory. All postgraduate students are warmly invited to attend the Graduate School Ceilidh, a social evening organised for Friday 16th September.

*Monday 12 September

*09:00-11:00 (drop-in)	Photographs with Yvonne Cooper, Sir John Murray Labs, Grant Institute
*11:00	All research students see Helena Sim in Grant Institute Hutton Lecture Theatre to collect School Handbook, School registration forms and other information and guidance. Please note that School scholarship stipend cheques are available from Helena but cannot be collected until after matriculation.
*11:30	Welcome and Introduction to GeoSciences Graduate School: 11:30 – Prof Sandy Tudhope, Head of School 11:35 – Prof Pete Nienow, Head of Research Training & Development Organisation 11:50 – Helen Pearson, School Health & Safety Adviser 12:00 – Library & Data Library Introduction, Angela Nicholson Venue: Grant Institute Hutton Lecture Theatre
*12:30-14:00	Lunch Venue: Grant Institute Museum
*14:00-16:30	Postgraduate Research Orientation Course Venue: Room 302, Crew Building

*Tuesday 13 September

*10.00-12.15	Introduction to Postgraduate Study at the University of Edinburgh Postgraduate administration at Edinburgh (Prof Wyn Williams) Studying in Scotland (Sarah Purves) Support Services (Craig Stewart) Postgraduate Student Representation (Sophie McCallum) Transferable Skills Training at Edinburgh (Louisa Lawes) Venue: Assembly Hall, Faculty of Divinity
16.30-18.30	Informal Reception for Research Students Venue: Dining Room, Teviot Row House

*Wednesday 14 September

*10.00-13.00	First Steps: Introduction to the GeoSciences Computing Environment (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street
*14.00-17.00	GeoSciences Computing: Vital PC and Web Applications (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street

Thursday 15 September

10.00-12.00	GeoSciences Computing: Introduction to UNIX (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street
14.30-16.00	GeoSciences Computing: UNIX Advanced Topics Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street
16:00 (drop-in session)	GeoSciences Computing: Connecting from Home and Tie-Up Session (Bruce Gittings) Venue: Room 2.02, Geography Building, Drummond Street

PhD students are strongly encouraged to act as demonstrators or tutors on undergraduate courses. MSc by Research students may also wish to undertake some tutoring/demonstrating if time and opportunities allow, but it is not normally permitted for MSc students on Taught programmes to do so. **Before demonstrating or tutoring you must:**

- 1) You **MUST** have attended the **Induction Course for Demonstrators and Tutors in GeoSciences (see details below).**

If you intend to demonstrate on Biological Sciences courses (e.g. Origin & Diversity of Life, Environmental & Community Biology, Biometrics but NOT Ecological Science courses, e.g. Principles of Ecology) you should see http://staff.biology.ed.ac.uk/teaching/demon_tut/ and also attend the Biological Sciences session (email Maria.Chamberlain@ed.ac.uk to register).

If you cannot attend the Induction Course, The Institute for Academic Development (IAD) also runs courses for demonstrators and tutors during Semesters 1 and 2 (see <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/institute-academic-development/learning-teaching>).

Friday 16 September

10.00-12.30	Induction Course for Tutors and Demonstrators Venue: Room 2.01, Geography Building, Drummond Street
19.30-00.00	Ceilidh (Scottish music and dancing + bar) Venue: South Hall Complex, Pollock Halls To welcome new postgraduate students, the Research Training & Development Organisation has purchased a limited number of tickets to a Ceilidh (Scottish music and dancing) which will be held in South Hall, Pollock Halls on Friday 16 September, 7.30pm-midnight. Discounted tickets will be available on a first come first served basis for £3, and a limited number of tickets will also be available to purchase at the door on the night at normal prices (£8 or £6 concession) Discounted tickets in advance from Helena or Nicki (Grant), Christine (Crew) and Caroline (Drummond)