

Thrive and Survive Coordinator Role

The [‘How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD’ workshop series](#) is a peer-led initiative designed for students to share information and advice between year groups and across departments. It is widely regarded in the sector as an exemplar for building PGR communities and promoting wellbeing through peer-to-peer support. You can read more detail about the background to the initiative [here](#). Previously the coordination of this series has been organised by the PGR Liaison Officer. We are now looking to formalise this position and to recruit a PGR student (or York postdoc who has recently completed their PhD) on a fixed term contract to undertake the organisation, facilitation and evaluation of the series. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the PGR community, to gain a greater understanding of the University and to showcase your skills and commitment to collaboration and citizenship.

Key responsibilities:

- Recruitment of panel speakers, development of resources, coordination and chairing of 8 x 90-minute ‘Thrive and Survive’ sessions throughout 2021*
- Evaluation of the sessions and identification of improvements based on feedback
- Communication and production of YGRS blogs about the ‘Thrive and Survive’ series
- Contribution to relevant discussions about student life and wellbeing along with the GSA and College reps

*The sessions will be online for the foreseeable future but may move back to campus in due course.

Experience and Skills:

- Organisation, Communication, Relationship Building & Enthusiasm
- Experience of facilitating student learning
- A commitment and enthusiasm to supporting a thriving researcher community

Terms and Conditions

This is a fixed term appointment for 12 months (with a possibility to extend to the remainder of the academic year).

The appointed coordinator will work with the YGRS and the RET Team and be paid at the rate of £13.45 per hour up to a maximum of 8 hours per session.

The ‘How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD’ workshop series currently includes open fora on:

How to Thrive and Survive in your PhD x 2 (aimed mainly at new PGRs).

How to Thrive and Survive as an International student

How to Thrive and Survive in Public Engagement

How to Thrive and Survive focus on Health and Wellbeing

How to Thrive and Survive Fieldwork

How to Thrive and Survive your Viva

To apply:

Interested applicants should first speak to their supervisor/line manager about the opportunity and secure their support. As part of the application process, we require written support from PGR supervisors/line managers. Supervisors should provide their support in an email to rett@york.ac.uk with the subject header '*Thrive and Survive Coordinator*'.

To apply please complete the [Application Form](#). Informal enquiries can be made to karen.clegg@york.ac.uk

The deadline for applications is **Friday 12th February**. All applicants will be contacted by 19th February. Successful applicants will be invited for an interview, via Zoom during the week commencing 22nd February.

The University is committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive community – a place where we can all be ourselves and succeed on merit. We offer a range of family friendly, inclusive employment policies, flexible working arrangements, staff engagement forums, campus facilities and services to support staff from different backgrounds.

We particularly welcome applications from black, Asian and minority ethnic candidates as they are under-represented within our PGR community & YGRS support functions and we would like to support individuals to become positive visible role models within the University of York.