

CAWCS TRAINING PROGRAMME 2015–2018

1. Introduction to the formalities, processes, regulations, expectations and demands of the programme and the importance of the PDP (HoGS, AO; Induction Day)
2. Introduction to the research environment and facilities at CAWCS and its library, CAWCS projects and the resources available at the National Library of Wales (HoGS, AO, Heads of Projects; Induction Day)
3. Identifying your research questions, finding and choosing relevant source material and structuring your research. Developing your PDP (Senior staff, HoGS; November 2015)
4. Writing and editing your PhD thesis and other academic publications (Editorial Officer, HoGS; 2016)
5. Writing reviews, creating texts for blogs, websites and social media to further your work, and giving successful oral presentations using ppt and other resources. Creating impact (Senior staff, HoGS, students; 2016)
6. Preparing and teaching modules and courses for undergraduates (optional) (Senior staff)
7. Identifying funding opportunities and writing applications for grants and jobs (Senior staff; HoGS, students; 2017)

- In addition students will meet with the HoGS at least twice per academic year for discussion of their work, their PDPs, for peer discussion and for identification of any problems arising. Students are expected to contribute to the Centre's series of lunchtime seminars.
- Generic training in Research Methods is provided by an agreement with Trinity Saint David, and students will normally be expected to attend a series of core training sessions in Lampeter. In addition, further courses offered by Trinity Saint David may be relevant to particular students, and the DoS will provide guidance on what is available. For Welsh-language students training is also provided by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol, mostly through video link.
- Subject-specific training, often tailored to the needs of individual research projects and students, will be provided by CAWCS staff. The details of this will be co-ordinated by the Head of Graduate Studies, acting on suggestions arising from discussions between students and supervisory teams.
- In some circumstances – particularly where a student has already completed a substantial amount of training in research methods at Masters level – it is possible that an exemption will be granted from elements of the Research Methods training. In order to assess this, and establish other requirements, a skills audit and needs analysis will be conducted with the help of the DoS soon after enrolment.