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UNMC Graduate School

As we usher in the New Year 2016, we would like to inform all campus community that **Research Training and Academic Development (RTAD)** will now revert to **Graduate School** with effect from 1st January 2016.

The Graduate School is integral in supporting the postgraduate community on campus offering training courses, workshops, conferences, seminars and social events. We are happy to inform that we will still be supporting the Researcher Development Programme (RDP), Postgraduate Student Teachers (PST) Programme, Early Career Researchers Network (ECRN) and Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE).

The RDP provides free training for registered postgraduate researchers at The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC) and taught masters students to develop a range of transferable skills. The PST programme offers a range of workshops for postgraduate research students who are involved in teaching. If you are interested to learn more about the courses offered under the RDP and PST programme, please contact us:

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Future Events

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE)
**for academic staff only*

Conference

- PGCHE Project Presentations

8th January 2016

3pm — 5pm

**Postgraduate Training Room,
H1B13**

Intro Event

- Introduction to PGCHE Course
- Requirements and Getting Started with the Teaching
- Dialogue Module
- Teaching a Diverse Audience
- Interactive and Technology in Teaching

21st January 2016

10am — 5pm

**Postgraduate Training Room,
H1B13**

Graduate School Reward Scheme

The Graduate School Reward Scheme rewards postgraduate students who attend the Graduate School training courses i.e. Researcher Development Programme (RDP) and Postgraduate Student Teachers (PST) courses. Simply:

- Collect a reward card from us
- Ask the trainer to initial and date each Graduate School training course you attend



Once your card is complete you can exchange it for any merchandise available at the Graduate School.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a new merchandise available — Graduate School polo shirt (new design), available in Black and Navy Blue.

Anatomy of a Good Journal Paper Workshop

A workshop entitled *Anatomy of a Good Journal Paper* was conducted by Dr Hon Loong Lam, an Associate Professor from the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering on Tuesday, 8th December 2015. In the workshop, Dr Lam discussed effective ways to write up key parts of a journal paper, with emphasis on the aspects that are common to effective journal publication regardless of discipline.

Rather than being considered as an activity separate from research itself, writing a good paper provides a framework for developing the rationale of meaningful research inquiry. It is an inherent part of research, through which the researcher is able to locate his/her work in the broader context of the literature, identify a goal or hypothesis, develop and describe the necessary methodology, and finally interpret findings in coherent manner. Thus, the anatomy of a good journal paper is a reflection of the researchers thought processes.

The workshop will be offered again in the future as it is part of the Researcher Development Programme (RDP) by the Graduate School.



Past Event

UNMC Graduate School Christmas Party

The Graduate School held its annual Christmas party on Friday, 18th December 2015. The party provided an excellent platform for postgraduate students of the University to mingle with their peers and members of staff in a casual and relaxed environment with refreshments served.

One of the activities organised was writing down season's greetings and new year wishes on paper cups. The artistically designed cups with greetings and wishes written on them by postgraduate students are currently displayed at the Postgraduate Hub, H1B12. We hope that these greetings and wishes can somewhat motivate everyone in achieving their goals in the new year.

A game called the *Candy Guess* was also organised. The postgraduate students were invited to guess how many candies and chocolates were in the jar. The game was featured on the blog of Malaysia Research and Knowledge Transfer where it reminded Professor Graham Kendall, Vice-Provost of Research and Knowledge Transfer, of the Wisdom of the Crowds. The blog post can be viewed following this link: <http://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/malaysiaknowledgetransfer/2015/12/19/wisdom-of-the-crowds-at-the-graduate-school-christmas-party/>.



The person who had the closest guess was Oppong Kyekyeku Appiah (3rd from left), a Masters student from the School of Politics, History and International Relations.

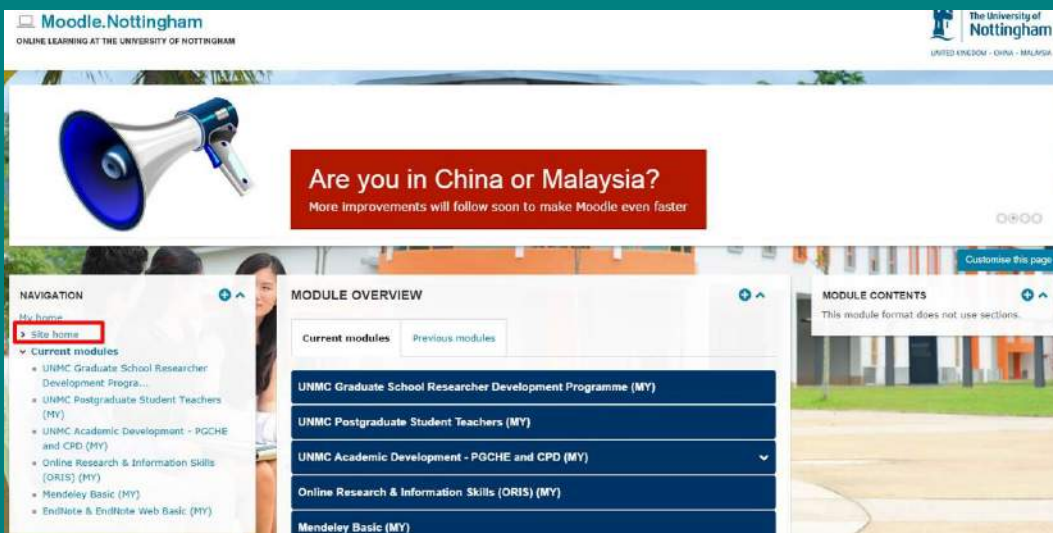


UNMC Graduate School's Researcher Development Programme

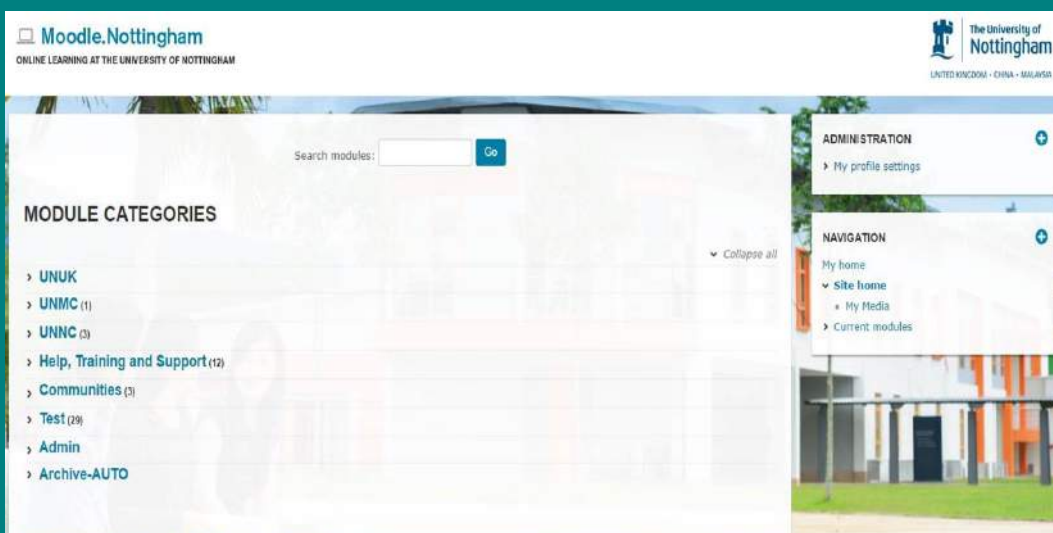
The Graduate School's Researcher Development Programme (RDP) provides free training for University of Nottingham registered postgraduate researchers and some taught Masters students of the University to develop a range of transferable skills.

RDP courses are listed and detailed on Moodle platform. How to subscribe?

1. Log onto <http://moodle.nottingham.ac.uk/login/index.php>.
2. Click on **Site Home**.



3. Key-in **Graduate School Researcher Development Programme** at the **Search modules** section. Then, click **Go**. Once the **Graduate School Researcher Development Programme** page is shown, click on the **Participate in this module** button located at the bottom of the page.



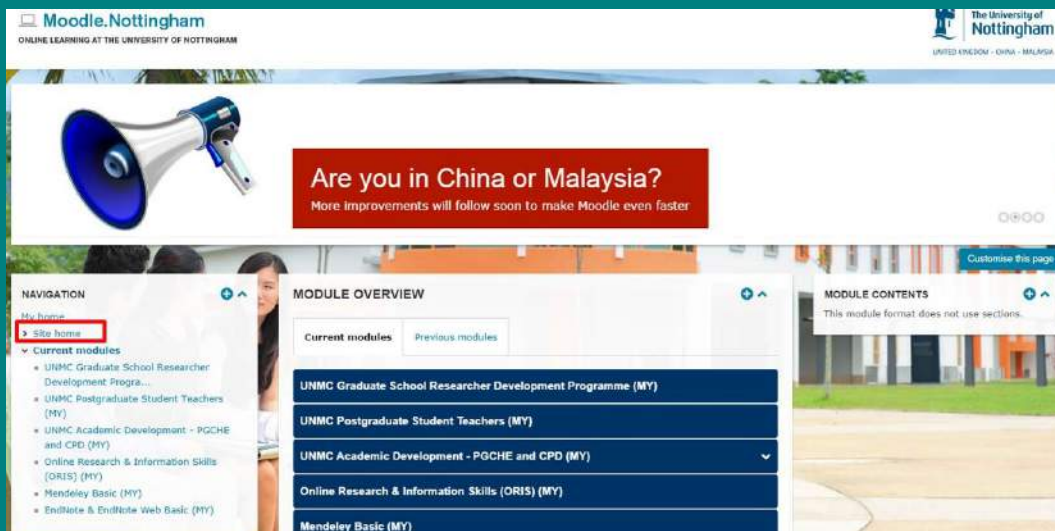
The offering of RDP courses in the new academic semester will commence in February 2016. In the meantime, please get in touch with us via email to graduateschool@nottingham.edu.my if you have any queries.

UNMC Graduate School's Postgraduate Student Teachers Programme

The Graduate School offers postgraduate research students, who are involved in teaching, a range of workshops. The workshops cover different methods of teaching, including giving feedback when assessing undergraduates' work. Schools identify which of the workshops are relevant to the style of teaching that the postgraduate student teachers (PSTs) will be doing. PSTs must complete the specified workshops before they can take on their teaching duties.

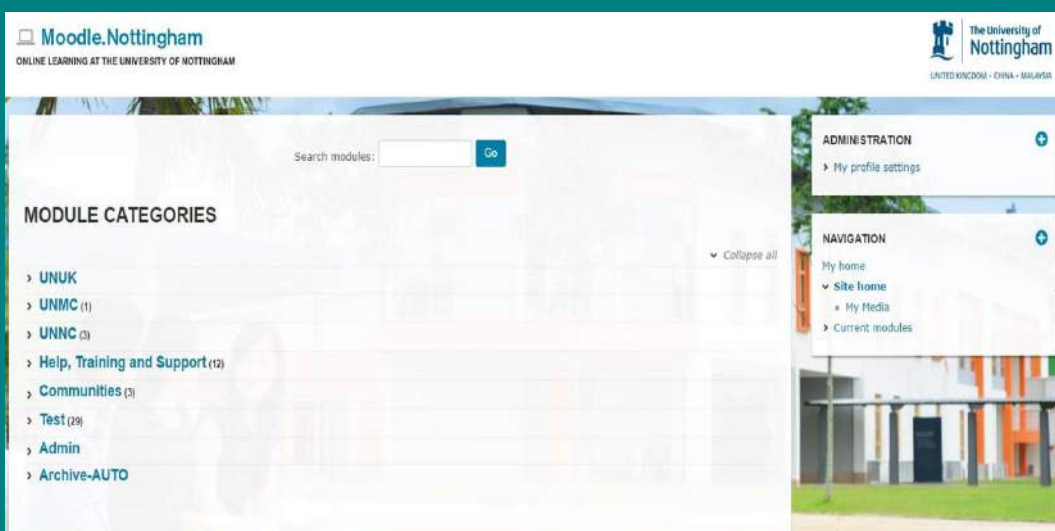
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2. Click on **Site Home**.



The screenshot shows the Moodle Nottingham website interface. At the top, there is a banner with a megaphone icon and the text "Are you in China or Malaysia? More improvements will follow soon to make Moodle even faster". Below the banner, there is a navigation menu on the left with "Site Home" highlighted in a red box. The main content area shows a "MODULE OVERVIEW" section with a list of modules, including "UNMC Graduate School Researcher Development Programme (MY)", "UNMC Postgraduate Student Teachers (MY)", "UNMC Academic Development - PGCHE and CPD (MY)", "Online Research & Information Skills (ORIS) (MY)", and "Mendeley Basic (MY)".

3. Key-in **UNMC Postgraduate Student Teachers** at the **Search modules** section. Then, click **Go**. Once the **UNMC Postgraduate Student Teachers** page is shown, click on the **Participate in this module** button located at the bottom of the page.



The screenshot shows the Moodle Nottingham website interface with the search module page. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search modules:" and a "Go" button. Below the search bar, there is a "MODULE CATEGORIES" section with a list of categories, including "UNUK", "UNMC (1)", "UNNC (3)", "Help, Training and Support (12)", "Communities (3)", "Test (28)", "Admin", and "Archive-AUTO". On the right side, there is an "ADMINISTRATION" section with "My profile settings" and a "NAVIGATION" section with "My home", "Site home", "My Media", and "Current modules".

The offering of PST courses in the new academic semester will commence in February 2016. In the meantime, please get in touch with us via email to graduateschool@nottingham.edu.my if you have any queries.

How to sign up for RDP and PST courses?

Below are step-by-step guidelines on how to sign up for RDP and PST courses:

1. On the Moodle page of RDP or PST, click on the course you wish to attend. For example, **Understanding how to use Endnote**.

Courses	Description
Effective Literature Searching (UNUK Information Services course)	This is a moderated online course.
Global Research Ethics and Integrity	This is a self-study online course.
Introduction to the Literature Review Process	This is a moderated online course.
Nature of the PhD and the Supervision Process	Introduce students to what is expected of a PhD candidate. Provide an understanding of the role of both supervisors and research students. Provide information about the possible difficulties of the PhD journey and offer advice on how to overcome them.
Online Research & Information Skills (ORIS) (UNMC Library course)	This is an online resource. Face to face sessions are also offered by library staff.
Project Managing your Research	This is a moderated online course.
Understanding your Research Degree	This is a self-study online course.
Planning Research and Time Management	This course will support the development of research management and enable students to plan their development more efficiently.
Understanding how to use Endnote	Support and inform students on how to use and use Endnote, a bibliography management software, to manage their literature reviews as well as integrate them into Microsoft Word.

2. Click on **Sign me up for this slot** for the session you wish to attend.

Course Title: Understanding how to use Endnote

Course Duration: 2 hours

Day, Date and Time: Wednesday, 8th October 2014, 2 pm - 4 pm

Location: GD 14 (Library Computer Room 3)

Convenor: IS Library

26 places available in total (3 taken, 23 free)

[Sign me up for this slot](#)

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Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE)

**for academic staff only*

The PGCHE is a professional qualification for lecturers at the University of Nottingham. The PGCHE focuses on the teaching role of the academic in Higher Education, with reference to the diverse ways in which students learn. The PGCHE provides a practical and theoretical grounding in learning and teaching in Higher Education and emphasises the links between conceptual frameworks and your professional practice. The PGCHE aims to encourage you to develop a scholarly, reflective enquiry base to inform your teaching and its development. The PGCHE course has been designed with the UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF) for teaching and learning in mind and the course is accredited by the [Higher Education Academy](#).

Upcoming programmes in January 2016 are outlined below:

Date	Time	Programme
8 th January 2016	3pm — 5pm	PGCHE Conference
13 th January 2016	1pm — 2pm	Progress Check Session: PGCHE Project Module
21 st January 2016	10am — 5pm	PGCHE Intro Event
27 th January 2016	10am — 12pm	Introduction to Reflective Writing

The offering of PGCHE Individual Pathway (IP) workshops in the new academic semester will commence in February 2016.

Key Dates

- PGCHE Coursework Submission
**for Individual Pathway, Teaching Dialogue and Portfolio modules*
 - 20th January 2016
 - 5th April 2016
 - 22nd June 2016
- PGCHE Project (Proposal or Abstract) Submission
**for Project module*
 - 16th February 2016
 - 2nd June 2016

If you are a new academic staff or existing academic staff who has yet to start your PGCHE course, please contact us via email at pgche@nottingham.edu.my.

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So What's It Really Like?

Find out about life at UNMC from current postgraduate students!

This post is contributed by Wei Ling Chow,
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It was really an exciting experience participating in last year's photography competition. This is because I am neither a professional photographer nor do I have a deep passion for photography. However, I do love to casually capture photos as I think that a photo can convey emotion, mood, narrative, ideas and messages. These are the elements that make a statement and tell a story. This competition had encouraged me to foster my creativity and ultimately enrich my enjoyment of my PhD experiences. The submission of entry was relatively straight-forward where participants captured a single photographic image accompanied by an abstract that expressed how the image relates to the postgraduate experience, easy peasy! Obviously, the procedure was very hassle-free and almost minimal efforts were required. The photo entry can be anything and it can vary widely, hence came the challenging part — brainstorming for ideas.

If one image summarises my postgraduate experience, what would it be? Would it be sipping a coffee and spending endless nights behind the computer or enjoying the conferences held in beautiful cities or counting the days of the thesis submission? Everything and anything around seems to be very representative. I allowed my mind to wander for a day or two to gather a collective ideas. In the end, I chose a colourful theme where I portrayed how I enjoy being a researcher and how my research has impacted the world. I rearranged a few symbolic props with a good mixture of colours in the most attractive and interesting way as possible. When the photo was taken, I was consciously thinking "I want this photo to tell a story" and there you go! A standout candid photo was produced.

I was certainly very grateful to receive both overall winner and people's choice awards and the whole event had been an inspiring experience for me. For this, I sincerely thank Dr Tissa Chandesa for his patience, guidance and endless encouragement which helped me to make the best use of my talents, and to my other half, Daryl for his digital single-lens reflex camera that gave a plus point to the excellent pixels and his constant supports. I also truly appreciate every moment I had and every experiences I gained in UNMC. I am constantly inspired by this quote: "A good snapshot keeps a moment from running away." — Eudora Welty.



SWIRL @ Nucleus is a sharing column featuring the life of postgraduate students at UNMC. There is no limit to what can be included in this column e.g. sharing of experience and knowledge, university life, social or educational activities, internal or external engagement, social awareness, etc.

If you are a postgraduate student, we welcome you to send in a brief write-up and picture (if any) via email to graduateschool@nottingham.edu.my or rtad@nottingham.edu.my.



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