

St George's Library / Researchers' Support Programme



The Library can support researchers in many different ways throughout the research lifecycle, from funding application through to open access deposit. To help researchers benefit from the full range of resources and services that the Library offers we have developed a support programme of skills sessions.

About the Programme

The programme consists of a series of bookable courses that can be attended either as stand-alone sessions or as part of a comprehensive programme.

The sessions are designed to help you:

- Find and access published research
- Evaluate and manage the research
- Stay current with research in your area
- Assess and improve your research visibility
- Understand Open Access
- Plan and implement Data Management

Booking

Sessions will run throughout the academic year and can be booked by emailing: liaison@sgul.ac.uk

Programme

Finding and accessing the research

Searching databases using
OvidSP /
Medline, Embase and PsycInfo

Mon 9th April 11:00 – 12:30
Tue 8th May 14:00 – 15:30
Mon 11th June 11:00 – 12:30

Searching databases using
EbscoHost /
CINAHL Plus, AMED and Medline

Tue 24th April 11:00-12:30
Thu 24th May 11:00-12:30
Wed 20th June 13:00-14:30

Hands on sessions that will guide you through planning and executing a search strategy using these specialist search tools to find research in health databases such as Medline or CINAHL.

Evaluating and managing the research

Systematic reviews /
Finding and managing the
evidence

Thu 12th April 10:00 – 13:00
Tue 22nd May 13.00 – 16.00
Thu 21st June 10.00 – 13.00

This course will focus on in-depth literature searching for systematic reviewers and how to manage your results.

An Introduction to Critical Appraisal

Available on request: please email liaison@sgul.ac.uk to book

This course will introduce the concepts of critical appraisal and give an overview of the tools and techniques which can be used in this process.

Managing your references using
RefWorks

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RefWorks is a web-based reference management application. Learn how to use this tool to save and manage your bibliographic references, create and share bibliographies, and insert citations and generate reference lists in Word documents. (Please note it is not available to NHS staff).

IT Training

See the IT training pages on the Library website

Find out how to use the features of the different software programmes available via SGUL to help manage, analyse and communicate your research.

Staying current

Keeping up-to-date

Monday 16th April 14:00 – 15:30

This training course covers a range of services that will help you keep up to date, from the traditional (search alerts, table of contents services), to using new social media to stay current.

Research visibility

Citation Metrics – an overview

Tuesday 12th June 12:00 -13:00

This session will provide an overview of the more traditional citation metrics, such as the journal impact factor and h-index, together with the more recent alternative metrics, for example: those provided by Altmetrics.

Understanding Open Access

Open Access

For more information please email:
openaccess@sgul.ac.uk

With open access increasingly mandated by major research funders and our institution, we are here to help you understand your open access publishing options, and how to meet your funder's open access requirements. This includes guidance to ensure your publications are eligible for REF2021.

CRIS and SORA

For further assistance please e-mail the
SGUL Repository Team: sora@sgul.ac.uk

If you need guidance using the SGUL's Current Research Information System (CRIS) or on how to make your research papers available via St George's Online Research Archive (SORA – the institutional repository), get in touch. The copyright conditions are checked before your papers are made available. Papers in SORA are publicly accessible, and indexed by search engines including Google, allowing greater visibility and reuse of your research.

Research Data Management

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For more information please
e-mail researchdata@sgul.ac.uk

The Research Data Management Service provides support and guidance for researchers writing data management plans as part of grant applications. We also provide guidance and training on documenting, storing, sharing and preserving research data in accordance with best practice and funder/publisher requirements.

Further information

To check the dates of future sessions, visit the Training pages on the Library website:

<http://library.sgul.ac.uk/training>

If you would like more information about the programme please contact: kjohn@sgul.ac.uk