

DISSERTATION DAY 2026

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DISSERTATION DAY

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Welcome and Guest Presenter

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Research Project Ideas - Presentations

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Ethics Standards, Guidance, Resources & more

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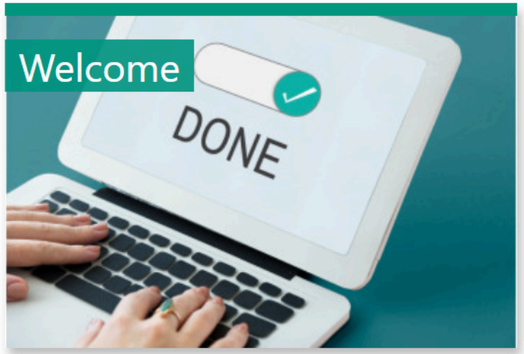
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Guest Presenter


MY
RESEARCH
PROJECT
10-minute pitch



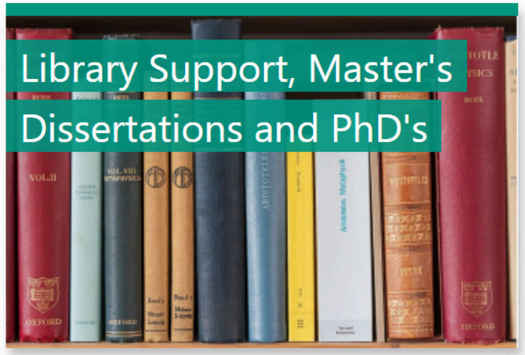


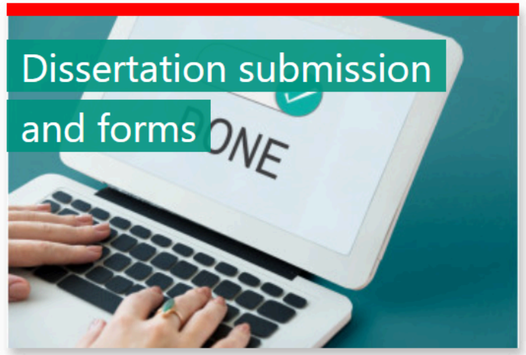


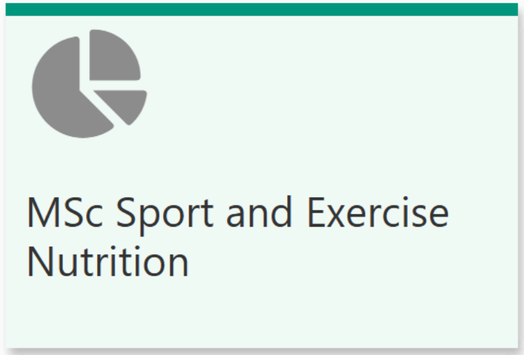












MOODLE SITE & RESOURCES

Ethics



Follow UWTSD, UKRI, BERA Guidelines *(add as appropriate)*

Analyse all Risks and Responsibilities

- to research participants
- to you as individual researcher
- to the School / University
- to our relations with schools
- to the research community
- to your organisation/workplace

How will you address these?

Ethics



You can only collect data AFTER Ethics Approval

Practical Considerations

- Appropriate Consent Forms
- Research information - clear & complete details of the process and aims, clarify GDPR & confidentiality, include your & your supervisor contact details
- Withdrawal - options, confirmation
- If with partner organisations/ workplace - add agreement (email, letter)
- Use safe/approved platforms for gathering data/storing/transcribing/processing
- Appropriate AI usage

Ethical use of AI on Research



Prefer academic platforms

Always explore deeper

Find the bias/gaps on responses

Always use your own words!

AI Acknowledgement

Ethical use of AI on Research



Remember!!

It is designed to agree with you (and will lie)

Water, heat, data centres, private interests

Has terrible referencing skills!

Academic Misconduct



STANDARDS FOR SUCCEEDING

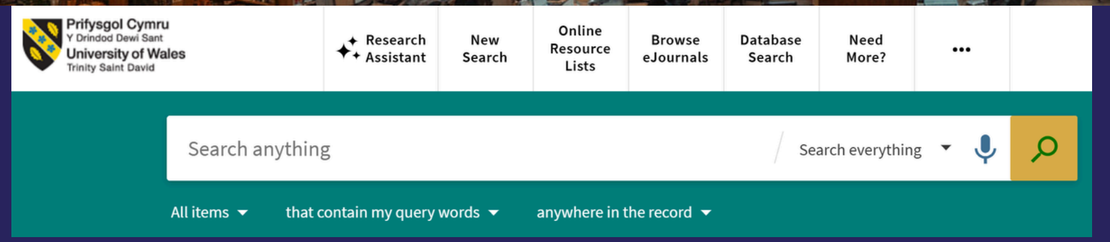


Succeed with these allies

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- Deep exploration of resources
- Find gaps and counterarguments
- Support your arguments/ method/ analysis/limitations

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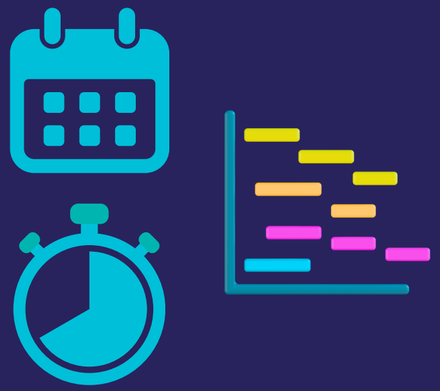


Litmaps®

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- Plan & track
- Own the process



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Ask for support



Connie Davage

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Use different tools



ProQuest RefWorks



Recommendations - research topic

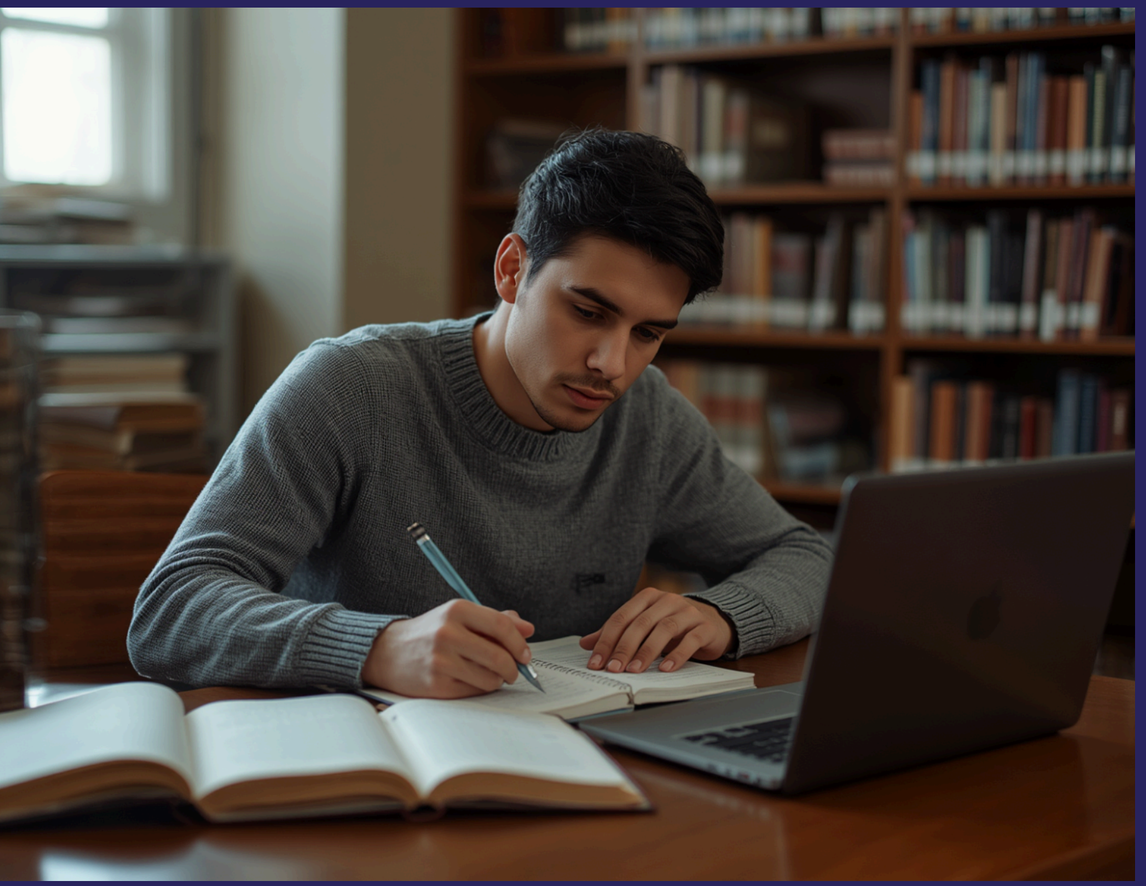
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Align your dissertation topic with your academic interests and long-term career goals. Ensure the topic is researchable and appropriately focused — avoid subjects that are too broad or too narrow. A well-scoped topic sets a strong foundation for your entire research journey.

02

Discuss your ideas with your supervisor as early as possible to get valuable guidance and refine your focus. Consider the feasibility of your topic in terms of available data, resources, and time. Early conversations can save months of rework later.

Analyse and polish- Research Questions, Aims, Objectives



“Research questions can be developed from theoretical knowledge, previous research or experience, or a practical need at work (Parahoo 2014). They have numerous roles, such as identifying the importance of the research, providing a framework, direction and cohesion, and setting the limits by revealing the boundaries of the study and highlighting the type of data to be collected (White 2009)” (Doody & Bailey, 2016, p.20).

Question

Aim

Objectives

OBJECTIVES CONCLUSIONS

Conclusion statements should clearly respond to the presented objectives and the discussed findings - then explain why this matters and the implications for the future (theory, practice, research)



Planning Your Timeline

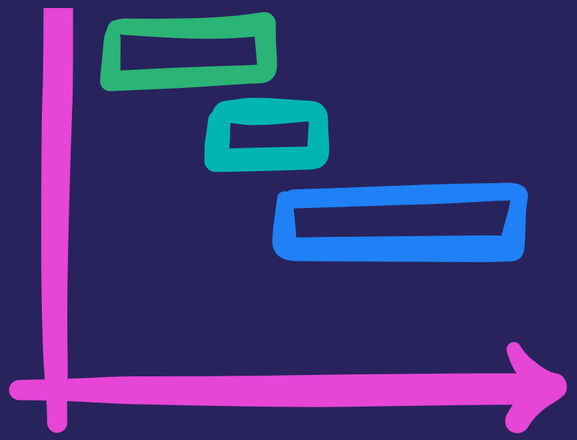


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- Plan Backwards:

from Submission date to today.

- Give room to the unexpected.



02

- Select key dates for chapter submission & supervision meetings
- Map potential hurdles and strategies to overcome them

Timeline [Example]

July
August
September
October
November
December
January
February

Submit Ethics form & Timeline, Get approval

Invite, consent forms, instruments, start data collection

Methodology (Ch)

Lit Review (Ch)

March
April
May
June
July
August
September

Results/Findings (Ch)

Discussion (Ch)

Conclusions (Ch)

Intro + Abstract (Ch)

Final version with Appendices (Feedback)

Final corrections, Submit

Timeline Considerations

Ethics Approval / Proposal ASAP Summer 2026

This will give you a full year to collect data, support your arguments and write up.

Several sections/chapters evolve simultaneously



NEXT STEPS