



Our Commitment to Postgraduate Research 2030



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Our commitment to PGR for 2030

Postgraduate Researchers (PGRs) make a vital contribution to York St John University's academic community. The diversity, experience and energy they bring to campus is fundamental to our research environment and research aspirations.

We are seeking to recruit, retain, and influence PGRs as future research leaders, to foster meaningful collaboration, and prepare them as distinctive YSJU graduates to produce impactful research that benefits society.





We will grow our PGR community and the diversity of people and ideas within it.

- We will increase opportunities for PGR study, recognising that the needs and circumstances of prospective PGRs differ, and that opportunities must be equitable if they are to address disparities in access and widen participation.
- We will attract and retain outstanding PGRs by offering a range of scholarships and funding for graduates and alumni.
- We will create collaborative partnerships and PGR programmes to attract outstanding PGRs, and increase PGR opportunities for access, training, and employment.
- We will diversify our PGR community by attracting more international students and students from underrepresented groups.



We will foster an inclusive and responsible research environment for our PGR community.

- All members of our PGR community will be valued, their successes celebrated, and their contribution to outstanding, responsible, and impactful research recognised and rewarded.
- Our PGRs will be influential in co-creating and shaping our research environment, with their perspectives informing the decisions we make.
- There will be opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and leadership for our PGR community.
- Our PGRs will be a key part of a research culture that champions integrity and openness, as well as responsible and sustainable research practices.



We will provide an exceptional and transformative experience for our PGR community.

- We will place the personal and professional development of PGRs at the centre of their experience, ensuring strong alignment between training and future careers, and positioning our PGRs to be the next generation of research leaders and research informed-leaders.
- We will provide outstanding, knowledgeable, and empathetic research supervision from academics who are recognised for the quality of their research and the support they provide.
- Our research training and dedicated support services will provide the opportunities needed for our PGRs to develop the necessary skills to complete their research, supporting all students to succeed, and preparing them for a wide range of careers within and beyond academia.
- We will ensure access to research, professional, and employer networks to inform and champion PGR research, support career planning, and increase employment opportunities.





Main performance indicators

- Year-on-year growth in PGRs.
- 50% of PGRs from underrepresented groups.
- 85% overall satisfaction in Postgraduate Research Experience Survey.
- 95% (FT) and 80% (PT) PGR continuation (year-to-year).
- 90% (FT) and 80% (PT) PGR completion (cohort-to-cohort).
- 90% PGR progression to employment in skilled jobs after 12 months of completion.



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