



Good News

This month's news is a bit shorter, as we haven't heard from many people.

Also, a quick note that there will be **no issue** of the PGR Newsletter in August or September, but we will prepare for an extended issue for the new academic year releasing **Monday 1st October**.

Publications

- **James Bartlett** was quoted in the book '[Building Experiments in PsychoPy](#)', published in June

Conferences

- **Jenny MacKay** and **Danielle Labhardt** presented at the [Centre for Violence Prevention annual conference](#) at the University of Worcester
- **Sahar Shahid** will be presenting at the [ISRA World Conference](#) in Paris this month.

If you want to have your good news in future issues, please contact Jenny at:
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REP UPDATES

A longer this month:

Research Allowance

Just a reminder that this fund (£250FT, £125 PT) expires on **31st July**.

It is important that we take advantage of these funds, as the university may end up **taking it away** if we aren't using it.

To access this fund please see the [Funding opportunities](#) page on the Doctoral College CU Student portal.

For HLS specific funding, contact Andy Davis, by emailing
hls.ro@coventry.ac.uk

Payment of write-up Fees

The paying system has not been updated to reflect the changes in write up year fees for 2018/19 etc.

Any student concerned who needs to pay the fees should wait until they get confirmation from the Doctoral college/or their account has been credited with the balance before they do so.

There has been issues with those who have paid the initial amount and are now claiming a refund. It was acknowledged it is a very frustrating experience so students should consult the Doctoral college before making any payment.

Working hours post-viva

The PGR working hours pre- and post-viva will remain the same.

Sadly, the changes students had proposed to extend the number of post-viva work hours allowed was rejected by URC and there is nothing the Doctoral College can do at this time.

Research Student Forum

Minutes are being confirmed at the moment, with actions to be completed waiting to be confirmed. REPS will let you know once the actions are confirmed.



Reflection: The Importance of Taking Breaks and Annual Leave

In this Reflection, **Becky Seymour** writes about why it is important to take breaks from work, and to actually take your annual leave.

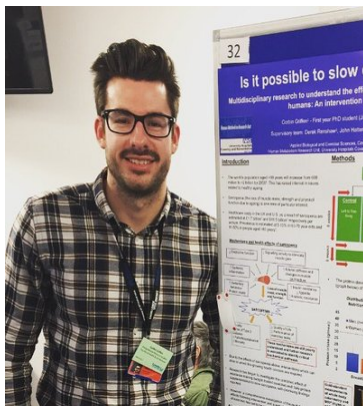
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Health & Wellbeing: Healthy Eating Whilst on a Budget

In this piece, **Danii Chippett** provides some advice on how to eat healthily whilst still on a student's budget.

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Researcher Spotlight: Corbin Griffen

This month we are putting the spotlight on [Corbin Griffen](#), who's doing a PhD in age-related muscle-loss.



Research Participation

Please click the picture above to be taken to the list of available research.



Opportunities

Journal clubs, PhD studentships, conferences and funding... Click the picture to see more opportunities that might be of interest.

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To get the word out about this newsletter, you can spread a link to this month's issue on social media using [this link](#).

That way, if your work ever appears on here, or if you volunteer for the spotlight, you will reach a wider audience.

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