Postgraduate Researcher Development Programme & Skills Points System

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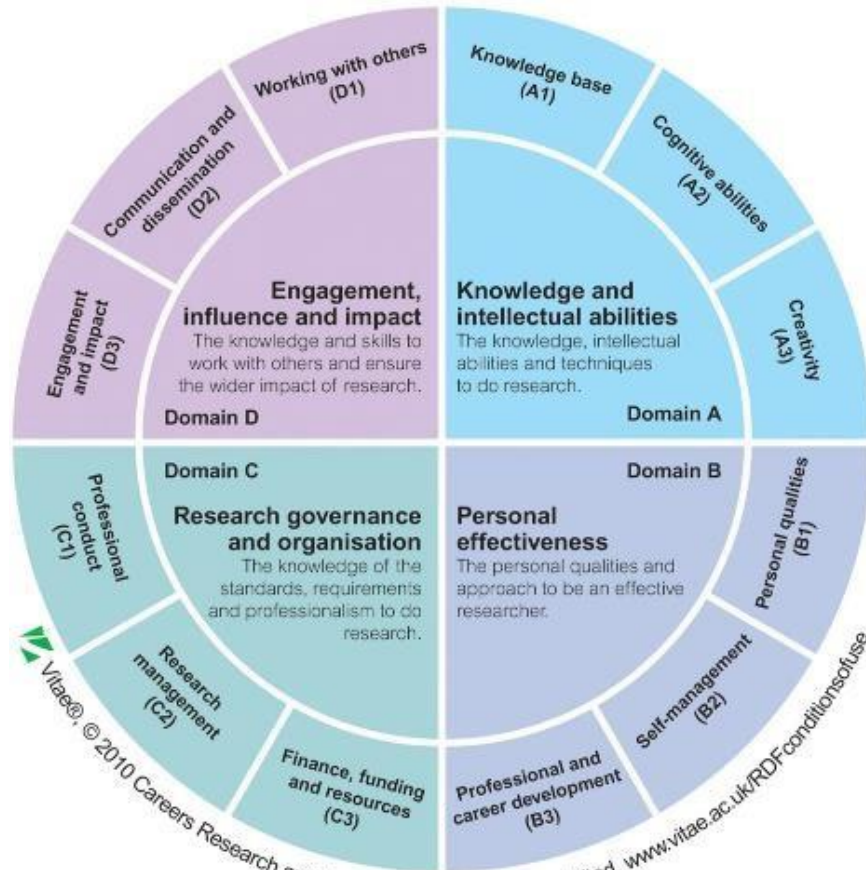Doctoral College Induction

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What kind of development do I need?

- The doctorate is a process – it is more than just research and writing.

- Your development will be unique to you.

- It will focus on skills to help you:

  - ✓ Get your doctorate.

  - ✓ Make you an effective researcher.

  - ✓ In a future research career.

  - ✓ In any other career.

  - ✓ With life in general!

What skills are we talking about?

Researcher
Development
Framework

How do I develop these skills?

- Take advantage of the training and development opportunities available to you!

- Internal training is **free to you.**

- Internal training is **designed for you.**

- There are a number of internal training providers:
  - Doctoral College
  - Queen Mary Academy (for PGRs who teach)
  - Library
  - QMElevate (Language Centre)
  - Careers and Enterprise
  - Centre for Public Engagement
  - LinkedIn Learning
  - And many more!

External events and courses

www.vitae.ac.uk
Create an account with your QM email to access their resources

www.bl.uk

London Interdisciplinary
Social Science
Doctoral Training Partnership

Plus:
- Professional bodies
- Other institutions
- Doctoral Training Partnerships

School of Advanced Study

Bloomsbury Postgraduate Skills Network

Skills development: What's expected?

- 2 weeks (70 hours) per year
  - Research Councils & QM guidelines.

- Be responsible for your own development
  - But talk to your supervisor about it.

- Keep a record of training & development
  - Needs to be included with reports.
  - Online database to help with this (Skills Points System).

The Skills Points System (SPS)

- The SPS is used to help you keep track of your skills development.
- The SPS uses the Vitae RDF skills:
  - Domain A: Knowledge and intellectual abilities
  - Domain B: Personal effectiveness
  - Domain C: Research governance
  - Domain D: Engagement, influence and impact
- You earn points for every development activity you do that isn't directly related to the requirements for your doctorate.
  - **Not:**
    - Writing your thesis.
    - Progression reviews.
    - Supervision meetings.
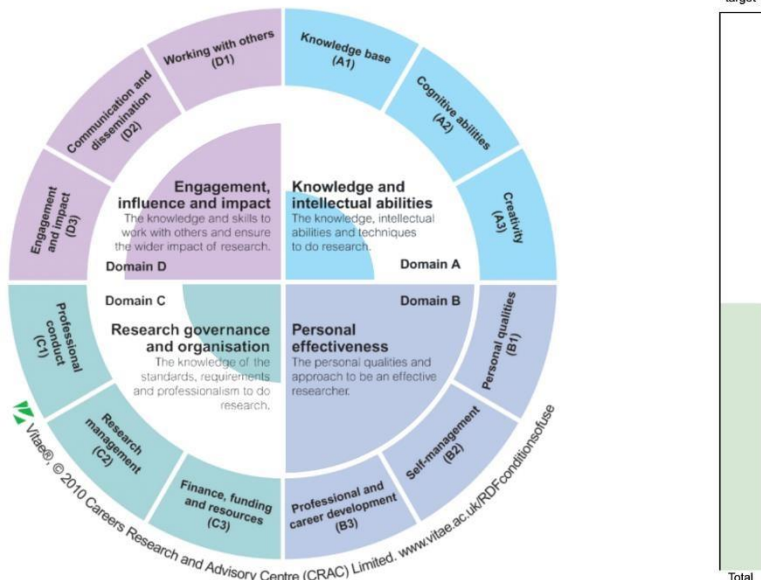   - Viva.

The Skills Points System (SPS)

- If you earn 210 points **before you submit your thesis for viva**, you will be awarded the Queen Mary Diploma of Research Development (QDip) **when you pass your doctorate.**

- Doctoral College training and development will be processed onto your SPS record for you.

- For any other activities you complete, you can claim via the SPS portal.

| Progress Summary | Personal Details | Activities |

Progress

Click on each quadrant to find out how to develop your skills in that area

Points Summary

⊞ Show Yearly Totals

Year	Type	Pts:	A	B	C	D	Total	Cap:	A	B	C	D	Total
Total	*Conference Attendance (Four days)*		36.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	60.0						
	Conference attendance sub-total		**18.0**	**12.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**30.0**		18.0	12.0			30.0
	Doctoral College event/course		0.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	7.0						
	Course/event attendance sub-total		**0.0**	**2.0**	**3.0**	**2.0**	**7.0**						
	Teaching/demonstrating/marking/preparation		0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	30.0			15.0		15.0	30.0
	Teaching sub-total		**0.0**	**15.0**	**0.0**	**15.0**	**30.0**						
	Work placement		10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	30.0						
	Work Placement sub-total		**10.0**	**10.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**30.0**						
	Publication - review paper		1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	4.0		3.0			9.0	12.0
	Written publications sub-total		**1.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3.0**	**4.0**						
	Total (with caps applied)		**29.0**	**39.0**	**8.0**	**25.0**	**101.0**						
	Target		60.0	20.0	15.0	30.0	210.0						

Domain A
Knowledge and intellectual abilities: **60**

Domain B
Personal effectiveness: **20**

Domain C
Research governance and organisation: **15**

Domain D
Engagement, influence and impact: **30**

Total target: **210**
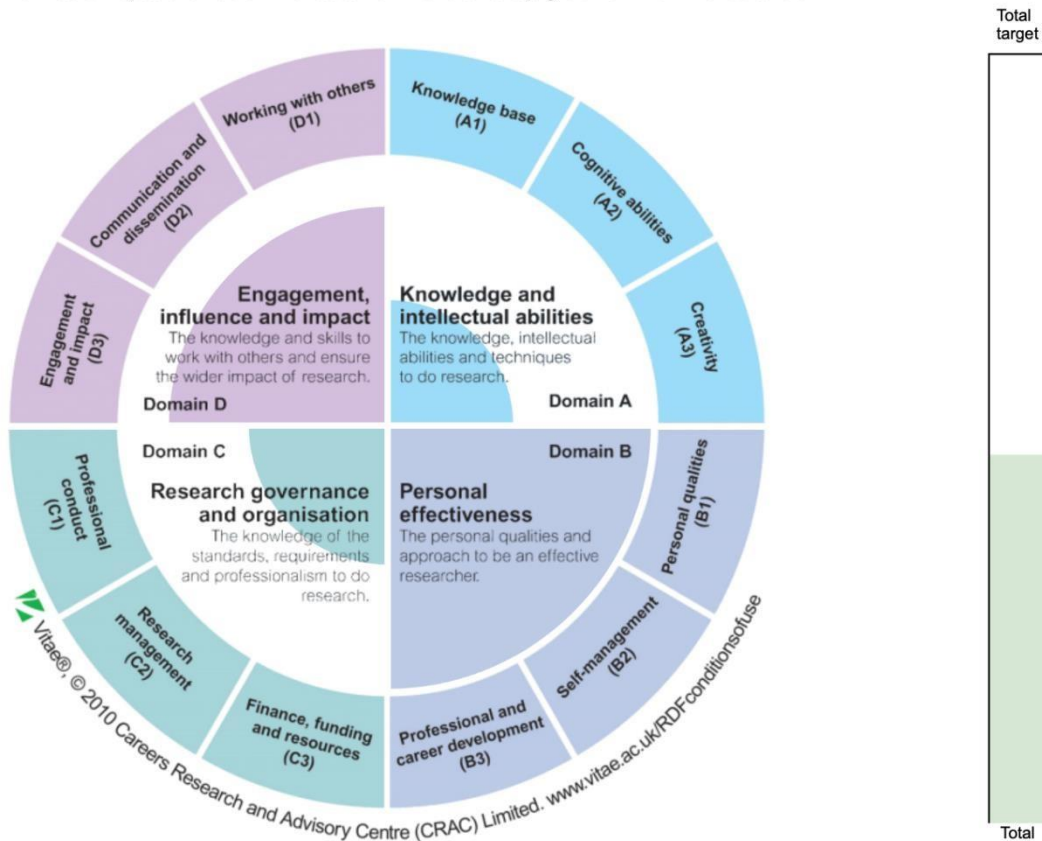
Claim new activity

Print your record

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Total target

Working with others (D1)

Knowledge base (A1)

Communication and dissemination (D2)

Cognitive abilities (A2)

Engagement and impact (D3)

Creativity (A3)

Engagement, influence and impact
The knowledge and skills to work with others and ensure the wider impact of research.

Domain D

Knowledge and intellectual abilities
The knowledge, intellectual abilities and techniques to do research.

Domain A

Professional conduct (C1)

Domain C

Domain B

Personal qualities (B1)

Research governance and organisation
The knowledge of the standards, requirements and professionalism to do research.

Personal effectiveness
The personal qualities and approach to be an effective researcher.

Research management (C2)

Self-management (B2)

Finance, funding and resources (C3)

Professional and career development (B3)

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Total

Demo video

- Login with your QM credentials

- (Click on 'self-enroll' if prompted)

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