Library Workshop Programme for School of Health Sciences Postgraduate students; researchers and academics: 2019/20

The following workshops are aimed at Postgraduate students, researchers and academics who are performing dissertations or other research projects.

The workshops follow the steps involved in retrieving relevant studies for your research and complement the guidance provided in the *Doing Postgraduate Research* guide.

Workshops will run throughout the 2019/20 academic year. Dates and times can be viewed, and places booked, via the Library Training section on the Library website [https://libcal.city.ac.uk/calendar/workshops/](https://libcal.city.ac.uk/calendar/workshops/)

---

**Formulating your research question**

Aimed at those about to begin a dissertation or research paper.

In this session we will be examining ways in which you can turn a topic you are interested in, into a valid and answerable question.

Contents:

- Things to consider when formulating your question
- Using frameworks to structure your question
- Establishing your inclusion and exclusion criteria

Running time: 45 mins approx.
Performing a scoping search to validate your proposed question

Aimed at those who have decided on a research question but have yet to create a research proposal or protocol.

A scoping search is needed to:

(if performing a Systematic Review) - check a review has not already been performed on the question you are proposing.

- test the depth of research available on your topic and determine if you need to broaden or narrow your question.

In this session we will be demonstrating a number of resources which can be used for this purpose.

Contents:
• PROSPERO
• The Cochrane Library
• NICE Evidence Search
• Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP)
• Databases in EBSCOhost & Ovid Online

Running time: 60 mins approx.
Developing your search strategy

Aimed at those who have a valid question in place but have yet to create a research proposal or protocol.

In this session we shall examine the tasks necessary to plan an effective literature search.

Contents:
• Structuring your search
• Finding relevant search terms
• Selecting resources to search

Running time: 45 mins approx.

Advanced literature searching using health databases

Aimed at those who have completed their research proposal/protocol and are ready to perform a literature search.

In this session we will cover how to perform an advanced literature search using databases available in the EBSCOhost and Ovid Online platforms.

Contents:
• Subject Heading (MeSH) searching
• Keyword (free text) search techniques
• Using the Search History function to combine your searches

Running time: 90 mins approx.
Using resources other than EBSCOhost & Ovid Online for literature searching

Aimed at those who have completed their research proposal/protocol and are ready to perform a literature search.

In this session we will examine other resources which can be used to find research studies.

Contents:
• Other databases (outside EBSCOhost and Ovid Online)
• Citation and Reference tracking
• Grey Literature
• Using websites
• Browsing key journals
• Contacting authors/experts

Running time: 60 mins approx.