

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

### Object

As part of the UOC Research Week that we are holding at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) from 18 to 22 April, three parallel sessions have been scheduled for the 18th in the afternoon designed to foster the exchange of experiences and knowledge between our doctoral students, while providing a discussion forum for the research that we are carrying out. There will be a session for each of the three doctoral programmes and each will be led by an expert in the relevant field:

- ✚ Information and Knowledge Society (Susan Frekko).
- ✚ Education and ICT (Michael Power and Martha Burkle).
- ✚ Network and Information Technologies (pending confirmation).

The aim of these sessions is to:

1. Create a community for intellectual exchange and support among doctoral students.
2. Give and receive practical feedback on specific problems or concerns about their research among their peers.
3. Receive feedback on their problems and concerns from an expert on academic writing.
4. Discuss research and writing strategies offered by the instructor.

### Structure of the PhD Research workshop

UOC doctoral students are encouraged to submit short abstracts to present an overview of their research at the PhD Research workshop, held as part of the UOC Research Week. The abstract should be in English, a 250-300 word description of the state of their work and the problem they would like to address in the workshop. It should include the research title, research objectives, questions and methodology.

Each of the three sessions will have a maximum of ten participants, who will be selected in strict order of receipt of their application using the [call form](#), on which they should include all that described above.

The selected students will have to give a brief presentation (maximum of five slides) for the PhD Research workshop, which they can do face-to-face or by videoconferencing and can include one or two questions to the expert and/or other classmates. This presentation must be designed to last a maximum of five minutes.

At the end of each presentation, there will be group discussion, approximately 10 minutes per presentation, the aim of which is to answer the questions asked by each participant or offer research and writing strategies.

All selected participants will receive the submission materials from the other 8 participants by 4 April 2016. Before the workshop, each participant will read the other participants' materials and prepare one question or suggestion for each person.

### Who is the event for?

The PhD Research workshop is an internal event. It is aimed at all doctoral students enrolled on any of the UOC's programmes, both grant holders and students studying for their doctoral degree online.

The tutors and thesis supervisors of the selected doctoral students may also attend the three parallel sessions.

**Submission of applications**

All applications must be sent via this [form](#) by the 18 March deadline. The list of successful applicants will be made public after 31 March.

**Date and place of the event**

The PhD Research workshop will take place on 18 April 2016 in Castelldefels.

**Contact details**

If you have any queries, please write to [osrt@uoc.edu](mailto:osrt@uoc.edu).