



Our Commitment to Postgraduate Research for 2026

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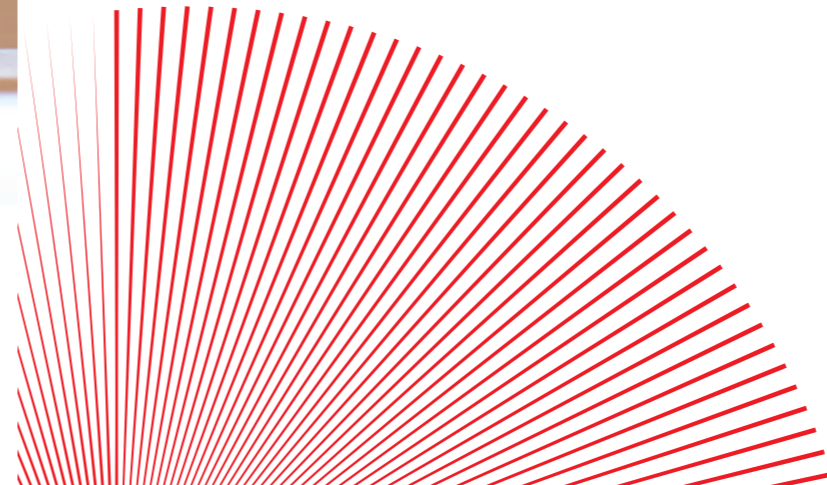
Research Office



Our commitment to PGR for 2026

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.



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We will **grow our PGR community and the diversity of people and ideas within it** in every area of our university.

- We will **increase pathways** to becoming a PGR, recognising that needs and circumstances differ and the types of support we provide must be equitable.
- We will retain outstanding students by **embedding research opportunities** for those on taught degrees, and offering a range of PGR Scholarships for graduates and alumni.
- We will **create collaborative partnerships and PGR programmes** to attract outstanding students, and increase PGR opportunities for access, training and employment.
- We will **diversify our PGR community** by attracting more students from underrepresented groups and overseas.

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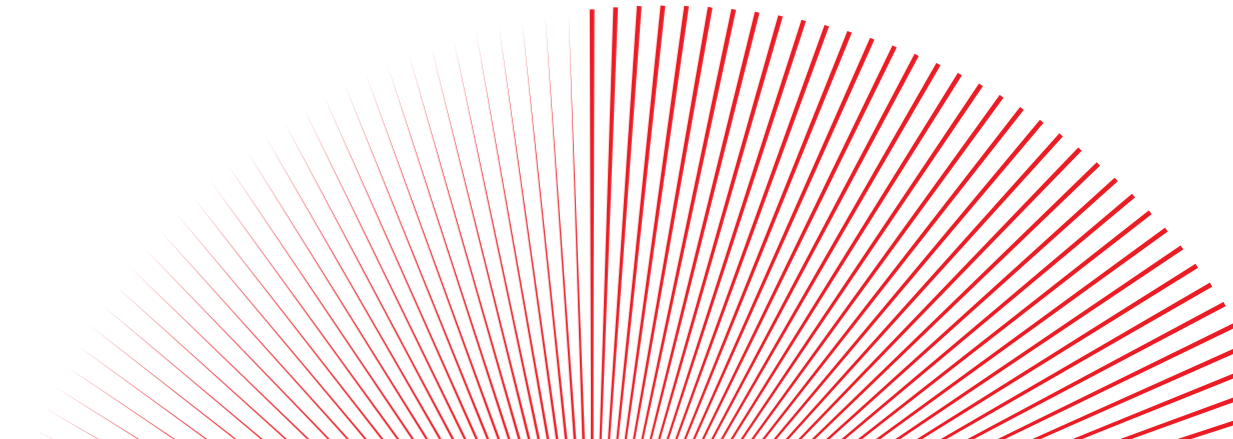
We will **create a positive, exciting and inclusive research environment** for our PGR community.

- All of our PGR community will be valued, and their successes **celebrated and rewarded**.
- Our PGR community will have an **influential voice**, be decision-makers, and co-create our research environment.
- We will provide **opportunities for creativity, collaboration and leadership** for our PGR community.
- We will **promote and reward** PGR contribution to outstanding, open, and impactful research that benefits society.

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

- We will place PGR **personal, professional, and research development** at the centre of their experience with us.
- 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 necessary skills to complete their research, and prepare for a research career and beyond.
- We will ensure **access to research, professional, and employer networks** to inform and champion their research, plan their careers, and increase employment options.

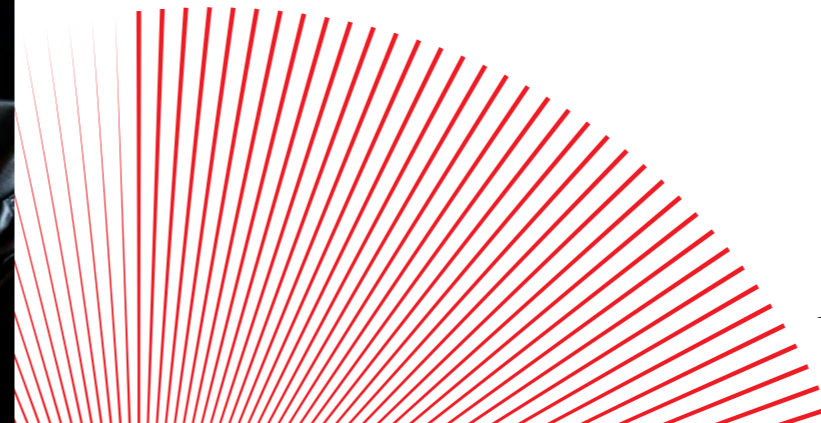




KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS BY 2026

By 2026 we will have:

- Almost double the number of PGRs.
- 50% of PGRs from underrepresented groups.
- 85% overall satisfaction in Postgraduate Research Experience Survey.
- 95% PGR continuation (year-to-year).
- 80% PGR completion (cohort-to-cohort).
- 85% PGR employment in skilled jobs after 12 months of completion.



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