

## Editorial

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Doctoral research within the Faculty is world leading. This is evidenced in the latest Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (2021), where 98 percent of our doctoral researchers, both PhD and DBA, said they are satisfied overall with their doctoral programme. This is 19 percent above the global average and 15 percent above the University average at LJMU.

We want to build on this fantastic result by continuing to create a thriving research culture, where you feel part of a wider research community that you can access, and a culture where you feel you can frequently and confidently discuss your research.

This is why we feel so passionately about providing an annual conference that celebrates the diversity and richness of doctoral research within the Faculty. Last year we held a fantastic conference at Egerton Court, Rodney Street. The conference achieved exactly what it was intended to do: to provide our doctoral researchers with a supportive and engaging environment to develop research ideas, potential contributions and future personal career goals.

This year, we want to achieve the same goal, but make it bigger and better, where everyone involved has access to the widest research community possible. We are delighted that we have more contributors than last year, with 18 thoughtful and creative extended abstracts submitted. These extended abstracts are published through our Open Journals platform and can be accessed [here](#). We will also be hosting the event at a landmark location in the city: the Maritime Museum at the Royal Albert Dock.

On the day, we will hear from each doctoral researcher, who will deliver a ten-minute poster presentation, followed by a five minute Q&A. We will also have some special events taking place, including a video presentation from Professor Mark Saunders on research impact and a Q&A with some of the Faculty's esteemed Professors. Finally, whilst attendees network during the breaks and lunch, A1-size posters from each doctoral researcher presentation will be exhibited.

The day will be concluded with a prize giving ceremony, presented by Professor Keith George, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange at LJMU. The prizes will be awarded for Best Poster, Best Presenter and Best Abstract.

Thank you to everyone involved: our doctoral researchers, supervisors, cross-faculty attendees, friends of LJMU, and our doctoral administrators who have worked extremely hard to ensure the day runs as successfully as it possibly can.