

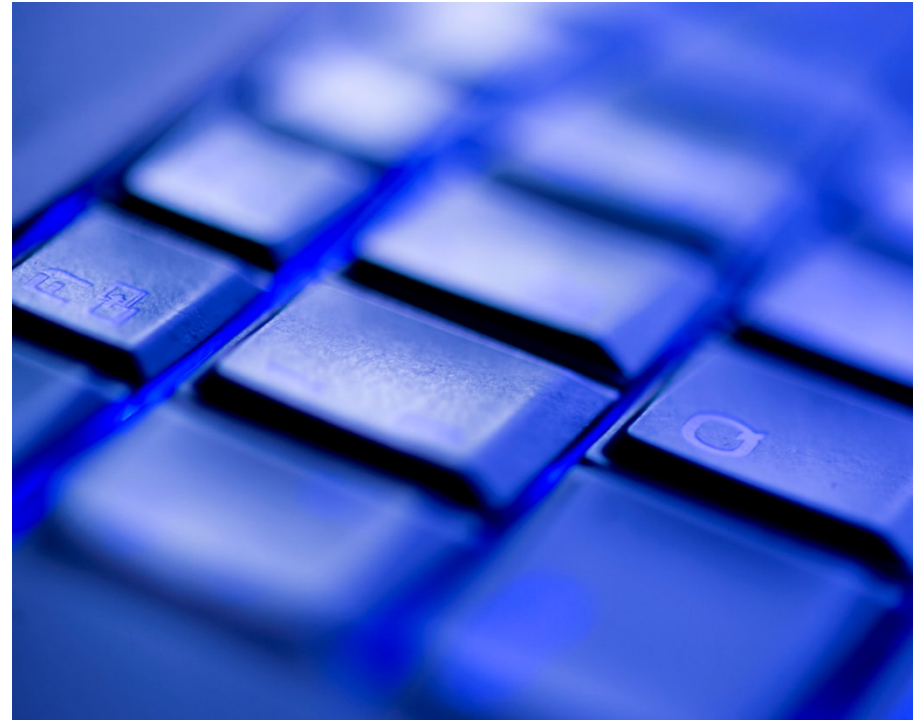
Online resources to support researcher skills development

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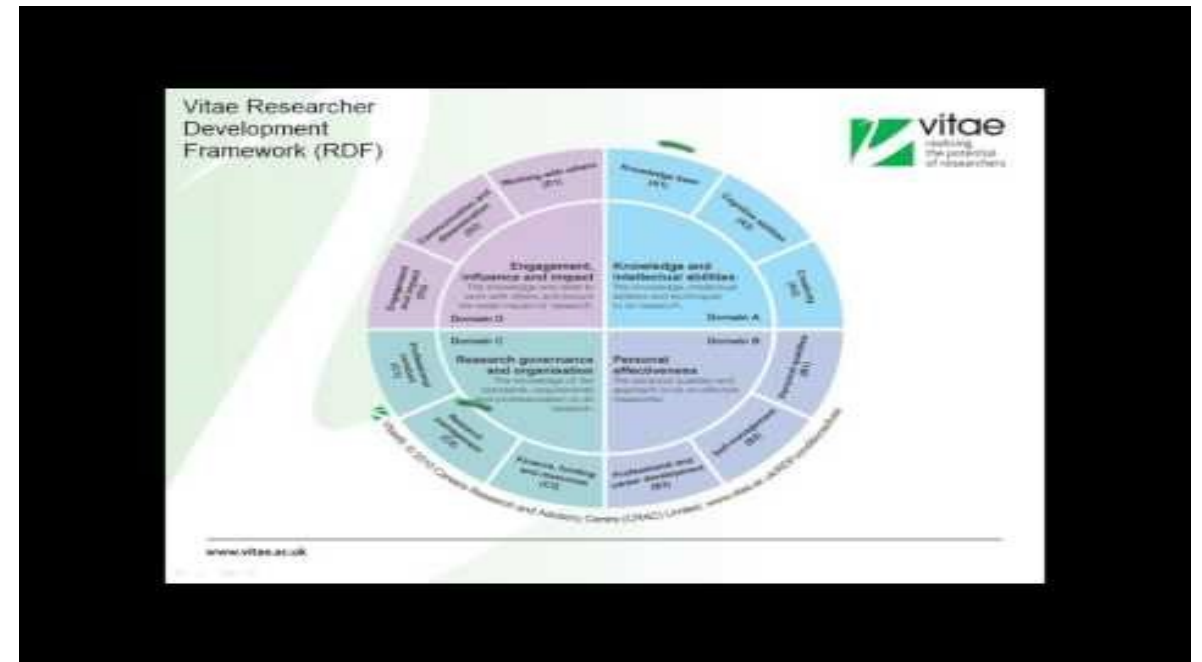
Skills development

- An introduction to Vitae's RDF
 - Online planner
- Moodle courses for researchers
- Webex and Videos



Vitae's Researcher Development framework (RDF)

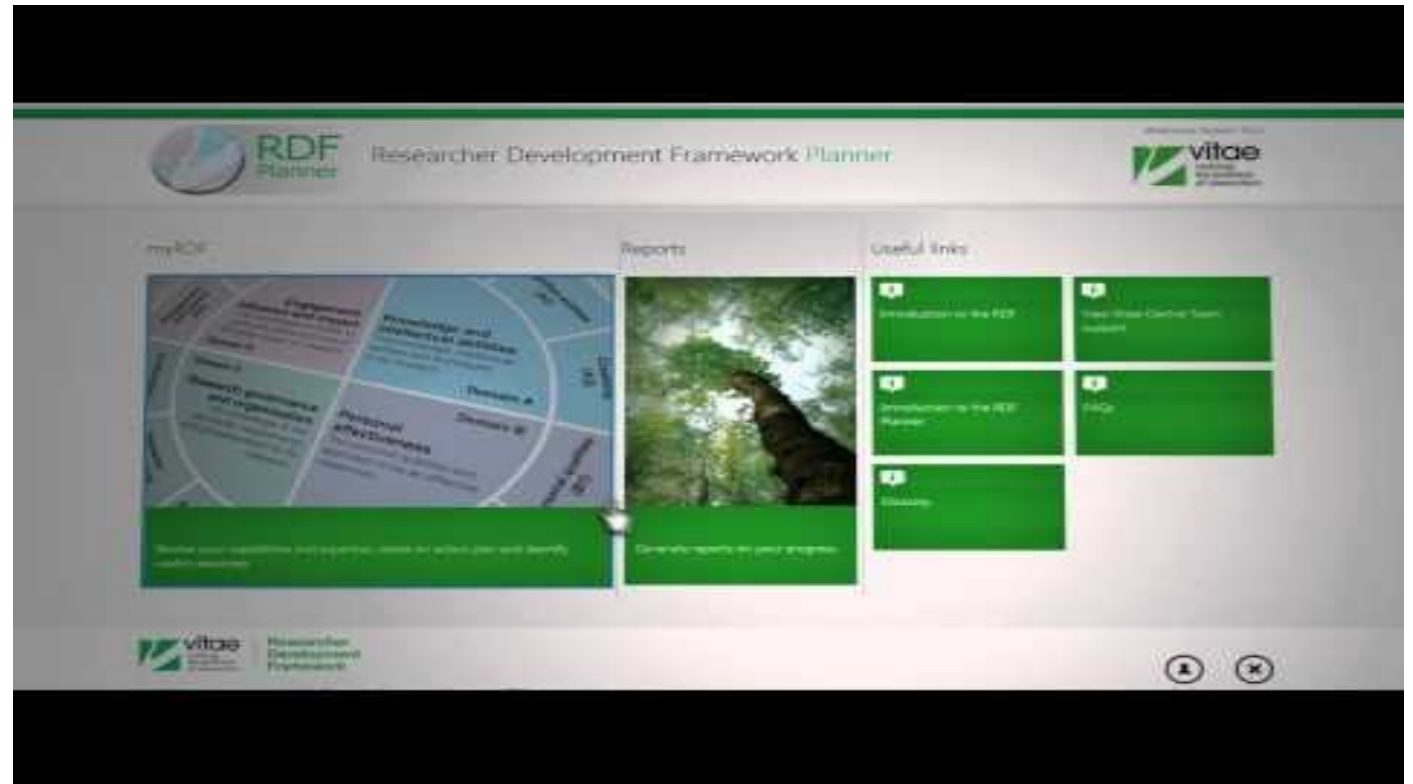
- Helps you develop as a researcher
- Used across the UK
- Career development – action planning



Let's have a look at the RDF.....

Online RDF planner

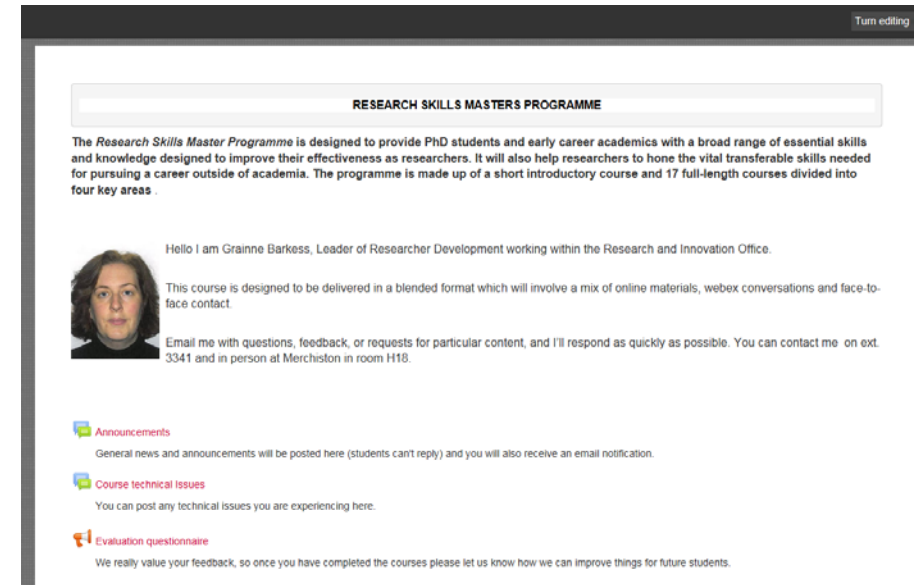
- <https://rdfplanner.vitae.ac.uk/>
- Captures actions / evidence
- Helps build a CV
- Bring to supervision meetings
- Available to all PhDs (and ECRs on request)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwu1nnSh6bU>

Research Skills Master programme - Moodle

- <http://moodlecommunity.napier.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=222>
- Enrolment key: GBNP1
- Covers a variety of research skills from methods, ethics, presenting, working with others, career planning
- Videos, activities, interactive quizzes



The screenshot shows the Moodle course page for the Research Skills Masters Programme. At the top right, there is a "Turn editing" button. Below it, the course title "RESEARCH SKILLS MASTERS PROGRAMME" is displayed in a grey box. The main content area contains a paragraph describing the programme: "The Research Skills Master Programme is designed to provide PhD students and early career academics with a broad range of essential skills and knowledge designed to improve their effectiveness as researchers. It will also help researchers to hone the vital transferable skills needed for pursuing a career outside of academia. The programme is made up of a short introductory course and 17 full-length courses divided into four key areas." Below this is a profile picture of Grainne Barkess, followed by her name and title: "Hello I am Grainne Barkess, Leader of Researcher Development working within the Research and Innovation Office." A second paragraph explains the course format: "This course is designed to be delivered in a blended format which will involve a mix of online materials, webex conversations and face-to-face contact." A third paragraph provides contact information: "Email me with questions, feedback, or requests for particular content, and I'll respond as quickly as possible. You can contact me on ext. 3341 and in person at Merchiston in room H18." Below the text are three sections: "Announcements" (General news and announcements will be posted here (students can't reply) and you will also receive an email notification.), "Course technical Issues" (You can post any technical issues you are experiencing here.), and "Evaluation questionnaire" (We really value your feedback, so once you have completed the courses please let us know how we can improve things for future students.).

Webex – online discussions

- Running a variety of monthly WebEx sessions
 - Usually an hour long over lunch
 - Join in from any computer
 - Project management, career planning, poster design
 - Connects into the Moodle courses and face to face sessions
- **What topics would you like to see covered?**

Videos

- Adding videos from live events to online server:
 - <http://onlinevideo.napier.ac.uk/>
 - Sessions from Leap into Research – literature review, visualising data
- Videos on presentation skills, working with supervisors, ‘what’s next after PhD’
- Interactive viva video
 - Videos your answers to common viva questions
 - Email RIOevents@napier.ac.uk to request a loan ahead of your viva

Resources

Vitae's Online RDF planner

<https://rdfplanner.vitae.ac.uk/>

Search Moodle for 'research'

<http://moodle.napier.ac.uk>

Vitae's Career section

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/1270/Careers.html>

The Career-wise Researcher booklet:

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/CMS/files/upload/Vitae-The-career-wise-researcher-2013.pdf>