

Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership Annual Conference 2025

Call for Contributions

24th-25th June 2025 | In-person at Oxford



All GUDTP scholars are warmly invited to present their work at our flagship annual event, the GUDTP conference.

A celebration of the excellent and innovative research conducted by our scholars, this two-day conference offers a kaleidoscopic view of your diverse methodological approaches and the wide range of your research interests. Unlike most academic conferences, which bring together experts in one field, or public engagement opportunities that require translating your research for a public audience, our annual conference is a unique opportunity for you to address an interdisciplinary but highly skilled and engaged audience, benefit from the fresh perspective of others, get inspired by their work, and find out how much you have in common (or not). It is an opportunity to connect with your peers across institutions, departments, and research pathways; forge new collaborations and even friendships.

Keynote Speakers:

[Prof Julia Black](#), President of the British Academy and Warden of Nuffield College, University of Oxford

[Prof Lucie Cluver](#), Professor of Child and Family Social Work, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford

You are all strongly encouraged to submit an abstract, regardless of the stage of your research. You might choose to test out your early findings, address the challenges of your fieldwork, or simply practice your presentation skills by engaging others in the intricacies of your research project. To accommodate inclusivity and diversity, we are offering three presentation options and we would be more than happy to guide you in choosing the one that best meets your material and/or your personal preferences. If in doubt, please contact [Dr Paula Sheppard](#), our Research & Training Lead.

Presentation Options

- 12-15 mins talk + 5 min Q&A (250-350-word abstract required)
- 5-7 mins short talk + 3 min Q&A (150-200-word abstract required)
- A1 poster (150-200-word abstract required)

To submit an abstract, please complete [this form](#) by 23rd April 2025.

If you need a boost in confidence, please register to attend our upcoming training session [Preparing for Public Speaking and Presentations](#). Those considering presenting a poster, might find this [Introduction to Designing a Conference Poster](#), by the Bodleian Libraries useful.

If you are still reluctant to present, please do not let this stop you from attending the conference. **We expect all our GUDTP students to be there.**

If you are on fieldwork, in an overseas institutional visit, or on placement at the time of the conference, please consider posting about your experience [in our LinkedIn group](#) during the conference.

Registration for attendance: **8th May – 1st June 2025**

To socialise in good spirit and collectively enjoy the unique historic environment of Oxford, we have booked three different venues for this event, featuring lovely gardens and architectural masterpieces from gothic revival to brutalism. Lunches and refreshments will be provided on both days and all attendees are welcome to join us for dinner on Tuesday evening. To avoid waste, we have a strict policy of registration with commitment to attend for the dinner. Cancellations within the last 48 hours will be charged at £50.

The GUDTP will provide accommodation for attendees from the Open University and Brunel University of London upon request. Free accommodation is not available for Oxford students.