



# Researcher Development Hub – News and insights

## Contribution guidelines

We invite researchers, research teams, Early-Mid Career Researcher (EMCR) committees, and researcher development staff from the University of Sydney to share stories and insights on researcher development on the [News and insights](#) section of the [Researcher Development Hub](#).

## Purpose

Contributions strengthen our shared community and support the development of fellow researchers. Each piece is governed by the vision to provide advice and learnings for the University of Sydney research and research support community.

## Audience

The Researcher Development Hub audience are EMCRs and researcher development professionals at the University of Sydney. Although the primary audience is University of Sydney staff, articles will also be visible to readers from outside the University.

## Our approach

**We're looking for human voices and original, unique pieces not written by generative AI.** Real experiences, honest and specific reflections, and distinct University of Sydney perspectives are what make the Researcher Development Hub valuable. It's your own insights derived from your experience and expertise that will help EMCRs as they read your story.

## Types of articles

1. **Personal career stories** reflecting on lessons learned through collaboration, mentorship, or leadership, navigating change, uncertainty, or career milestones, building resilience, research skills and networking strategies, perspectives on researcher development, wellbeing, or purpose. We invite perspectives from diverse research career trajectories and experiences.

2. **Researcher training event or program success stories.** This should be for an event or program that you ran (or helped to run) that built skills or developed the research careers of EMCRs at the University of Sydney. Include details of the initiative, what need it met for researchers, and any lessons learnt from delivery of the program.
3. **EMCR committee profiles** to share insights on building community and engagement. You may choose a member to write on behalf of the network, or we can send you a questions.
4. **Q&As** with other researchers or research professionals – you are welcome to interview a colleague to gain insights on researcher development, such as advice on writing successful grant applications, leading research teams, how to build collaborations and how to develop research community programs. Depending on your idea, we can also send you questions to publish in an interview format.

## Writing guidelines

- Personal career stories, program success stories, and EMCR committee profiles should be between 500 and 800 words. Q&A interviews are up to 1200 words.
- First person is encouraged. Use a conversational, reflective tone in your own voice.
- The articles should not be formal or academic (minimal to no citations and referencing).
- Attach a photo of your event, project, or research network, if applicable (jpeg, 300 DPI).
- Please adhere to the University's [editorial style guide](#).

## How to contribute

Email your idea to [researcher.development@sydney.edu.au](mailto:researcher.development@sydney.edu.au). We will then work with you to determine whether your idea is suitable for publication and help you shape your story, including the angle, the article type and the structure.

## Review process

After initial endorsement to proceed with an article, all drafts will be reviewed for clarity, tone, alignment with the Researcher Development Hub's purpose. We may suggest edits to strengthen flow, tone and readability, while preserving your authentic voice.

We will not publish anything obviously written by AI.