

Researcher Development Framework

Vitae is the UK organisation dedicated to the professional and career development of researchers. The [Researcher Development Framework](#) (RDF) identifies the knowledge, behaviour and attributes of successful researchers.

Here you can find guidance on [how you can use the Vitae Researcher Development Framework](#) to support your career. [RDF Lenses](#) provide a focus on the knowledge, behaviours and attributes required in a particular context, such as leadership, teaching, enterprise, employability outside academia, information literacy or public engagement.

The [Vitae website](#) has a wealth of resources and advice designed specifically for researchers, whether your ambition is to stay within or move outside academia. Vitae is dedicated to realising the potential of researchers by transforming their professional and career development through the provision of online information, advice and resources for higher education institutions and researchers on professional development and careers. These resources are available at www.vitae.ac.uk and focus on [becoming a researcher](#); [developing as a researcher](#); [supervising / managing researchers](#) and [employing researchers](#). A series of [Vitae researcher booklets](#) are available to download.

Many of these resources can be accessed only by registering on the Vitae website. [Register](#) using your @lse.ac.uk email address for full access to the resources.

Vitae resources that might be most relevant to you



Becoming a researcher

Information for those considering a career in research and postgraduate qualifications.



Developing as a researcher

Resources to help you be a more effective researcher and develop your career in or outside academia.



Supervising and managing

Resources to support you in your role as a leader and manager of researchers (including links to advice and resources to recommend to your researchers).



Employing researchers

Supports key strategic and practical aspects for employers.

Supporting researchers' professional development

If your role includes supporting researchers' professional development in whatever way Vitae provide [resources](#) that can help. You may also find these [pages](#) helpful.