Research Bites: researcher training programme

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Research Support Context

► Approximately 575 academic staff, researchers and research students

► 4.5 FTE Information Specialists - no dedicated research support specialist

► 2 Open Access Repository Specialists based in another team within the Library

► Prior to 2011 research support was reactive not proactive except for PhD workshops in their first year

► No one in the library has overview of researcher training
Research Bites Programme

- Takes place each Wednesday lunchtime in July and August in the Library
- Focus on current areas of interest e.g. Research Data Management, Open Access Publishing, Increasing Your Citations
- Map sessions to the Researcher Development Framework
- Record session using Panopto so people can refer back to it or catch up if they missed it
- Use Eventbrite for bookings and keep statistics
Publicity & Promotion

- University twice weekly news bulletin
- Screens in the Library and around the university
- Flyers
- Posters sent to departments to display in offices and staff rooms
- Posters around the Library
- Link on Library webpage
- Emails
- Blogpost
- Information Specialists email signatures
- Social media
- New for 2014 [Research Bites LibGuide](#)
Research Bites 2014

Wednesdays July - August, 1pm
Library 2nd Floor Workshop A

Programme:
2nd July  Level Up: enhance your literature searching
9th July  Measuring Research Impact
16th July  Distinguish yourself: get an ORCID
23rd July  Open Access publishing – an important growth area at Aston
30th July  Safeguarding Research Data
6th August  Get more citations: strategies for increasing the visibility of your work
13th August  What’s new? Getting the most from SCOPUS and Web of Science
20th August  Cite it! Sort it! EndNote it!

See libguides.aston.ac.uk/ResearchBites
or book your place via library@aston.ac.uk
How is it going?

- Regular attendees
- Cross-school discussion of research issues
- Good support from small number of key academics
- Increased awareness of research support in the library
- Invited to contribute to other programmes
## Feedback 2011

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Feedback

- ...well delivered and interesting.
- ...significant importance to the efficiency of University members of all levels.
- ...could have been longer ...going into more detail...
- ...perfect length and very informative.
- ...very knowledgeable about the topic.
- Very useful seminars
- It has already proven its value...
- Very useful / timely for me.
- Well done and worthwhile.
- ...most helpful.
- I think they are excellent and I use the information. They are also useful for sharing info between us.
- It would be nice to have more in depth courses of this type
- Just what I needed that week...you saved me a lot of time and hassle.
**Aston Replay**

Review sessions with the slides are excellent.

I couldn't make all the sessions due to travel, so the recordings were very useful.

I ... was able to catch up soon afterwards.

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Challenges

- Attendance – currently low but enthusiastic!
- Time
- Collaboration across teams/departments
- Upskilling
In the future?

- Research Bites 2015…
- Investigate new promotional routes
  - ResearchGate
- New topics
- More collaboration
Any questions?