

# What is a UK GRADschool?

3, 4 or 5-day residential courses designed for postgraduate research students to assess their personal skills, develop team building and career management skills. There are up to 90 PhD students per course, who work in groups, each with an experienced tutor.



#### Why should I attend?

90 highly disbelieving and cynical students... we returned home inspired, motivated and bursting with confidence about our abilities and the future.

It highlighted the fact that I had already learned skills that were useful across different work areas and helped to show ways in which I could present these skills to a potential employer.

You will increase your career management skills, gain new perspectives on your future, further your personal development, and develop new skills whilst recognising your existing ones. All this takes place in a 'safe' environment, and you'll have fun too!

## How much does it cost?

The courses are free to all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students funded by the **Research Councils**, **AHRB** and **Wellcome Trust**. Bursaries are also available to members of the **Royal Society of Chemistry** and **Society for General Microbiology**. If you are not funded by any of these, you can still attend. The prices are as follows:

- £455 + VAT for a 3 day course
- £555 + VAT for a 4 day course
- £655 + VAT for a 5 day course

and you can try to secure funding from your University or a company, or fund yourself.

## **Courses available**

We are running 20 national courses in 2004 in various locations. There are also GRAD equivalent courses run in some institutions. Visit <u>www.grad.ac.uk</u> for a full list of courses.

#### If I'm interested, what should I do now?

For more information and to book on-line please visit <u>www.grad.ac.uk</u> or contact <u>admin@grad.ac.uk</u> or telephone 01223 448510.

## What other things can GRAD offer?

Make use of the 'just for postgrads' section of the website, which is free for all postgraduate students. It aims to help you manage your PhD effectively with advice, tips and links to the best resources.