Creative and critical thinking skills

This event provides fundamental ideas, tools and techniques in support of two of the main thinking skills required by successful researchers.

Critical thinking underlies academic discourse and is a vital skill for every researcher. The morning session provides an introduction to the fundamentals of critical thinking. We'll consider the language and tools of critical thinking. We'll apply these practically in order to interrogate the literature and to think about how to build our own academic arguments.

The afternoon session provides a foundation in creative thinking. We'll explore a variety of creative thinking approaches including associative, divergent and lateral forms. We'll learn, by application, a range of tools and techniques useful for generating fresh ideas and options. Throughout we'll consider how we might apply these different approaches to creative thinking in our daily work.

This is a full day, interactive workshop suitable for postgraduate researchers.

It can also be delivered online as two half-day sessions.

What others have said about this course:

An insightful and fun training day. Offered insight relating to scientific writing.
Used great examples to back up points. Good activities. Thank you, great fun.
Really interesting stuff engaging and motivating.
Good mix of activities to keep the day moving in a good pace.
Everything was helpful, particularly how to be a realistic and creative researcher.
The importance of the interplay between analytical and creative thinking.
Informative and interactive
I enjoyed the casual approach, variety of activities and delivery of material.
Introducing new ideas. Group interaction with others was good.
Finding different approaches to problem solving.
This training helped to develop intellectual thinking.
It's been a very enriching experience. Thank you!
I would not mind having the training again.

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