

Skillshare Law is the booster program designed specifically for law school researchers. Researchers train skills needed in determining a personal career path in science (research design, grant writing, networking and pitching training). In addition, Skillshare serves not only as a learning platform, but also as a platform for sharing experiences and discussing career challenges with peers and successful senior researchers from the faculty and beyond.

Programme

In the academic year 2024-2025, 2 programs will be offered.

Skillshare FdR for researchers (postdocs, junior UDs/UHDs) | 6 modules in September 2024 - June 2025

Module 1: Grant Writing. (Thursday, September 26, 2024, 13.00-16.30)

Common pitfalls in writing grant applications for legal researchers, an introduction to consortium grants, how to build a strong story using the hourglass method.

Module 2: Research Design & Methods. (Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 13.00-16.30)

Strategically rethinking your approach, developing a good research question, critically reflecting on the gap between question and method, an introduction to key methods and critical reflection on normative frameworks.

Module 3: Impact. (Tuesday, January 2025, date to be added)

Identification of opportunities within knowledge utilization and then a step-by-step process towards a scientific and societal impact plan tailored to your research.

Module 4: CV & Career Strategy. (March 2025, date to be added)

Focus on different researcher profiles or types, important things to consider when determining your own career trajectory, how to develop consistency without closing doors, tips on skills and tools to support work processes for researchers.

Module 5: Pitching & Networking. (March 2025, date to be added)

How to identify and strengthen networking gaps, communicating with the press, identifying the theme of your research profile, practical strategies for building strong pitches.

Module 6 (half module - 2-hour session). (May-June 2025, date to be added).

Developing a Narrative CV. A short session to explore the purpose and criteria for narrative CVs in grant applications; tips based on common pitfalls and preparing for grant applicants after the summer.

Skillshare FdR for PhDs | 3 modules | March – May 2025 | required for 2nd year PhDs with the possibility to repeat

Module 1: CV & Career Strategy. (March 2025, date to be added)

Identify the 4 key career paths for legal PhDs - inside and outside academia - with skill building and interactive panels tailored to these areas.

Module 2: Pitching & Networking (March 2025, date to be added).

A hands-on workshop developing both elevator pitches and an overarching brand to support research, networking and stakeholder engagement.

Module 3 (optional): Introduction to Grant Writing (May 2025, date to be added). An introduction to grant application writing, including available options, common pitfalls and components for PhD students who want to stay in academia.

Information and registration

Participation is only possible as a UvA employee. Do you have questions about the content of the program? If so, please contact [Olga Gritsai](#) and [Frances Singleton](#).

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