Thank you very much for this workshop! I found the format incredibly helpful, as it gave me the opportunity to test various referencing systems in practice and determine which one best suited my needs. Special thanks for the individual support and for taking the time to answer all my questions.

ATTENDEE: CHOOSING AND USING SOFTWARE FOR REFERENCING MAY 2026

As someone who has never produced a poster presentation before this was an invaluable session... The instructor was excellent and I thought it worked really well on Teams, especially because it was a small group. Thank you for running this session and the introduction to poster presentations session!

ATTENDEE: POSTER CLINIC MAY 2026

I really appreciate the clarity of the advice and the resources. I am a relatively new starter and I found the session very supportive as well as informative. I know I will return to the resources in the future!

ATTENDEE: MANAGING RESEARCH DATA AND DATA MANAGEMENT PLANNING (DMPS) FEBRUARY 2026

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BODLEIAN i•Skills

To help you navigate our workshops and choose the ones that are right for you, we've grouped them into helpful themes. Here's a little more about what each theme covers.

FIND & ACCESS

We'll guide you through crafting effective search strategies and show you how to find and access a wide range of sources, from library catalogues and academic databases to archives, search engines, and helpful AI tools. Developing effective search strategies is key to successfully locating relevant information for your studies and research!

CRITICAL THINKING

You'll learn to critically evaluate different types of information sources, identifying their credibility, relevance, and potential biases, including how to spot misinformation. We'll also encourage you to consider how historical circumstances and ethical issues influence how information is created, shared, valued, and even censored. Thinking critically about information is a vital skill for your academic journey and beyond.

DATA

Unlock the world of data! We'll show you how to find and access statistics and various data collections and help you understand your obligations when using them. You'll also learn how to create robust research data management plans, setting you up for success in your data–driven projects.

REFERENCE MANAGEMENT

Proper referencing is essential for academic integrity and avoiding plagiarism. We'll equip you with the knowledge and tools to accurately cite your sources and make sure your academic work is always correctly attributed. You'll also get hands–on experience with reference management tools, making the process of organising your research and creating bibliographies much simpler.

OPEN RESEARCH & IMPACT

This theme explores how to broaden the reach and impact of your research. You'll learn how to develop a strong professional profile and understand the importance of sharing your research outputs for maximum impact. We'll guide you on archiving and disseminating your work, as well as on using open research techniques to facilitate collaboration and enhance your analysis. We'll delve into applying digital scholarship techniques with our library collections to support your work.

WEEK 1

Designing a conference poster: Getting started ONLINE
Researcher & research student
12 OCTOBER / 11.00-12.00

Fundamentals of open access ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
15 OCTOBER / 10.00-11.30

Introduction to EndNote for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
16 OCTOBER / 11.00-12.30

WEEK 2

Introduction to Zotero for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
19 OCTOBER / 12.00-13.30

Science communication: An introduction to translating your research for a non-specialist audience ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
20 OCTOBER / 9.00-10.00

Introduction to online resources for historians: Show and tell ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
20 OCTOBER / 11.00-12.30

Data sources for research – discovery, access and use IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student / Staff
20 OCTOBER / 11.00-12.30

Research metrics and citation analysis tools: Part 1 journal metrics IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student
20 OCTOBER / 13.00-14.00

Your thesis, copyright and ORA ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
21 OCTOBER / 15.00-16.00

Basics of open research ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
22 OCTOBER / 10.00-11.30

Literature searching in medicine: Getting started ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
22 OCTOBER / 11.00-12.00

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 1 getting started ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
23 OCTOBER / 10.00-11.00

WEEK 3

Getting started in Oxford libraries ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
26 OCTOBER / 12.00-13.00

Cancer Research UK (CRUK) OA policy briefing ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
26 OCTOBER / 14.00-15.00

Introduction to EndNote for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
27 OCTOBER / 9.30-11.00

Managing research data and Data Management Planning (DMPs) IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student / Staff
27 OCTOBER / 11.00-12.30

Research metrics and citation analysis tools: Part 2 article metrics IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student
27 OCTOBER / 13.00-14.00

Literature searching in medicine: Getting started IN PERSON
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
27 OCTOBER / 14.30-15.30

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 2 searching systematically ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
28 OCTOBER / 14.00-15.30

REF open access policy briefing ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
29 OCTOBER / 10.00-11.00

Copyright for teaching: Presentations, reading lists and online learning ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
29 OCTOBER / 11.00-12.30

WEEK 4

Designing a conference poster: Getting started IN PERSON
Researcher & research student
2 NOVEMBER / 15.00-16.00

Preparing for your literature review in the social sciences ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
3 NOVEMBER / 09.30-11.15

Introduction to Zotero for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
3 NOVEMBER / 09.30-11.00

Research metrics and citation analysis tools: Part 3 researcher metrics IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student
3 NOVEMBER / 13.00-14.00

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 1 getting started ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
3 NOVEMBER / 14.00-15.00

Basics of open science ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
3 NOVEMBER / 14.30-16.00

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 2 searching systematically IN PERSON
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
4 NOVEMBER / 14.00-16.00

Introduction to EndNote for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
4 NOVEMBER / 15.00-16.30

WEEK 5

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 1 getting started ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
9 NOVEMBER / 10.00-11.00

Science communication: An introduction to translating your research for a non-specialist audience ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
9 NOVEMBER / 10.00-11.00

Beyond back-ups: Keeping your research accessible and usable ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
10 NOVEMBER / 10.00-11.30

Discovering archives and modern manuscripts at the Bodleian Libraries IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student
10 NOVEMBER / 11.30-13.00

Working with sensitive research data IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student / Staff
10 NOVEMBER / 14.00-15.30

Fundamentals of open access ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
10 NOVEMBER / 14.30-16.00

Poster clinic IN PERSON
Researcher & research student
10 NOVEMBER / 15.30-16.30

Literature searching in medicine: Getting started ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
11 NOVEMBER / 11.00-12.00

Dealing with copyright and access for data miners (TDM) ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
12 NOVEMBER / 11.00-12.30

Newspapers and other online news sources from the 17th-21st centuries ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
12 NOVEMBER / 11.00-12.30

Choosing and using software for referencing IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student
13 NOVEMBER / 9.30-12.30

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 3 advanced searching clinic IN PERSON
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
13 NOVEMBER / 13.30-16.30

WEEK 6

Undergraduate critical thinking with academic sources ONLINE
Taught student
16 NOVEMBER / 14.00-16.00

Getting published part one: Preparing your research ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
17 NOVEMBER / 10.00-11.30

Designing a conference poster: Getting started ONLINE
Researcher & research student
17 NOVEMBER / 10.00-11.00

Confidential print and Foreign Office files: Sources for 19th and 20th century studies ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
17 NOVEMBER / 12.00-13.00

Managing research data and Data Management Planning (DMPs) ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student / Staff
17 NOVEMBER / 14.00-15.30

Systematic reviews, scoping reviews and other evidence reviews in medicine: Part 2 searching systematically ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
17 NOVEMBER / 14.30-16.00

Introduction to Zotero for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
18 NOVEMBER / 15.30-17.00

Keeping up to date with research ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
19 NOVEMBER / 10.00-11.30

Presentation on the UN Archives Geneva platform (League of Nations Archives) ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
19 NOVEMBER / 12.00-13.00

Literature searching in medicine: Getting started ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
20 NOVEMBER / 11.00-12.00

WEEK 7

Undergraduate critical thinking with newspaper and social media sources ONLINE
Taught student
24 NOVEMBER / 10.30-12.30

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 3 advanced searching clinic IN PERSON
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
25 NOVEMBER / 13.30-16.30

Designing a conference poster: Getting started IN PERSON
Researcher & research student
25 NOVEMBER / 13.30-14.30

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 1 getting started ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
25 NOVEMBER / 14.00-15.00

Preregistration and registered reports: What, why, and how ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
26 NOVEMBER / 10.00-12.00

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 2 searching systematically ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
27 NOVEMBER / 15.00-16.30

Choosing and using software for referencing IN PERSON
Taught student / Researcher & research student
27 NOVEMBER / 9.30-12.30

WEEK 8

Termly update on open research ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
30 NOVEMBER / 14.00-15.00

EndNote Fusion (formerly RefWorks) for referencing ONLINE
Taught student /Researcher & research student
1 DECEMBER / 10.00-12.00

Basics of open research ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
1 DECEMBER / 14.30-16.00

Introduction to EndNote for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
3 DECEMBER / 10:00-11.30

Fundamentals of open access ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
3 DECEMBER / 10.00-11.30

Introduction to Zotero for medicine ONLINE
Medicine & NHS / Taught student / Researcher & research student
3 DECEMBER / 12.30-14.00

Systematic reviews and scoping reviews in medicine: Part 3 advanced searching clinic IN PERSON
Medicine & NHS / Researcher & research student
3 DECEMBER / 13.30-16.30

WEEK 9

Poster clinic IN PERSON
Researcher & research student
7 DECEMBER / 15.00-16.00

Poster clinic ONLINE
Researcher & research student
8 DECEMBER / 9.00-10.30

Basics of open science ONLINE
Researcher & research student / Staff
10 DECEMBER / 10.00-11.30

WEEK 10

Science communication: An introduction to translating your research for a non-specialist audience ONLINE
Taught student / Researcher & research student
15 DECEMBER / 14.00-15.00