Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Training Programme: Supporting the next generation of Humanities Research Leaders

Provisional Schedule 'At a Glance'

NB: A finalised schedule with full details and dates/times for all sessions will be circulated in January 2027.

It is recommended that PGRs applying for this programme keep their diaries relatively free between January-June 2027 in line with the programme timeline. In the event that a PGR cannot attend a session, a contingency pack will be provided to ensure no loss of learning: with this being said, all of the training sessions are mandatory, and PGRs are expected to engage with the programme as fully as possible.

The programme is divided into six parts, which are designed to help each student progress through the key themes. All sessions will be online, **except** for the in-person events in January and June.

Part 1: Technical foundations – What is AI and how does it work?

December	● The training programme begins with a training session open to all DTP PGRs, regardless of acceptance on the training programme. ● **Wednesday 16th December, 10am-12pm** [confirmed] ○ Session 1: 'AI Skills for Humanities Researchers' ● **Monday, 21st December:** Postgraduate cohort notified of acceptance onto the training programme ● Cohort then completes a preliminary survey to assess initial attitudes towards, and experiences of, AI and what they wish to get out of the programme
January	● **Monday 18th January, 11-4pm** [confirmed] – **in-person event, Manchester.** ○ Session 2: 'PGR Introductions' ○ Session 3: 'AI and Practice-Based Disciplines' ● **Monday 25th January** [confirmed] ○ Session 4: 'Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Large Language Models (LLMs)'
February	● **1st/2nd week of February** [date TBC] ○ Session 5: 'Intro to Coding for Humanities Researchers'

Part 2: Ethical critique – Why does it matter? What are the risks?

February	• **2nd/3rd week of February** [date TBC]
	  ○ Session 6: 'Inclusive AI'
	
	• **4th week of February** [confirmed]
	  ○ Session 7: 'AI Ethics'

March	• **1st week of March** [confirmed] ○ Session 8: 'PGR Reflections'

Part 3: EDI specifics – Who does AI affect and how?

March	• **2nd week of March** [date TBC]
	  ○ Session 9: 'AI, Neurodiversity, and Inclusion'
	
	• **3rd week of March** [confirmed]
	  ○ Session 10: 'AI, Disability, and Inclusion'
	
	• **4th week of March** [date TBC]
	  ○ Session 11: 'Environmental Impact of AI, and on Global/Minority communities'

Part 4: Social and Political Agency

April	• **Last week of April** [date TBC] ○ Session 12: 'AI and Social Responsibility

May	• **1st/2nd week of May** [confirmed]
	  ○ Session 13: 'Deep Fakes and Contemporary Social Imaginary Significations'
	
	• **2nd/3rd week of May** [date TBC]
	  ○ Session 14: TBD

Part 5: Creative & inspirational

May	• **4th week of May** [confirmed] ○ Session 15: 'creative and practice-based approaches to Inclusive AI'

June	• **3-day in-person event, Birmingham** [dates TBC] In days 1 and 2, the event will include sessions on the following themes: ○ 'LLMs as a Creativity Support Tool for Storytellers' ○ 'Probablistic Poetry' ○ 'The Anamorphic Looking-Glass: Half-Subjects, LLMS, AIP (A.I psychosis)' ○ 'Creating Story, Sound, and Meaning with AI' ○ Practical tool use workshop/s ○ PGR Research Development (with expert mentoring)

Layer 6 - Reflection & synthesis

June	• **Day 3 of the in-person event** This will include: ○ A peer-networking workshop ○ Presentations and roundtable discussion with alumni from Phase 1 of the programme ○ Cross-cohort Connections and Collaborations ○ Researcher Reflection Seminar

Additional funding is available to support PGRs with travel, accommodation, and sustenance costs associated with taking part in this programme. All activities have ethical clearance from the University of Manchester.

If you would like further information at this point or have any questions about the above, please email Dr Elizabeth Lamle (elizabeth.lamle@outlook.com)