



Course Code & Title	LISS2137 Preparing for Fieldwork: Fundamentals for your First Time in the Field		
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Institution	King's College London	Department	
Academic Year	2025-26	Term	Summer
Number of sessions	1	Length of session(s)	2 hours
Type of training	General research		
	Day, Date	Start – End	Location
	1/6/2026	9:00-17:00 (with comfort and lunch break)	Bush House (NE) 1.02, King's College London
Enrolment Links:	Available to book on SkillsForge from 2 March 2026 . Click the course link to log in and register. Questions? Visit our Training FAQ here: Frequently Asked Questions - LISS DTP (liss-dtp.ac.uk)		

Course Description

This course is designed to help postgraduate research students prepare and plan for their field research. This is an interactive session during which students will be guided through key processes like:

- evaluating their existing personal competencies
- understanding and preparing for risk in the field
- budgeting for their project and contingencies
- navigating ethics in informal settings
- managing data and confidentiality in the field
- building a framework for emotional resilience and safeguarding
- and making adaptations when things don't go to plan.

The session will involve teamwork, group discussions, worksheets and scenario analysis. In the course of this session, participants will create their own individual personal competency assessment, draft a sample budget, carry out risk assessment for their individual projects and build an emotional resilience and adaptability plan for their specific project. Participants will leave this course equipped with a readiness mindset, practical tools to anticipate and manage stress during fieldwork and adaptability in case of emergencies.



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This course is best suited to students in the first or second year of their PhD programme who are yet to start their fieldwork.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the course, you will:

- Understand that there is no such thing as 100% preparedness
- Cultivate an adaptable and flexible approach to uncertainty in the field
- Become aware of available institutional support and resources and where to find them
- Prepare towards completing an Ethics Approval Form

Number of students

Minimum number required to run: 5

Maximum number of places available: 20