

# CAPOD Funding Report

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Event /Course Title	SGSAH Summer School 2018
Date of event	19-21 June

**1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):**

A series of events and workshops over three days organised by the Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities for PhD students in affiliated HEIs. I attended a morning workshop on archival research at the Special Collections of the University of Glasgow, an all-day workshop on PhD Project Management ('Turning thoughts into a thesis') and an all-day workshop on broadcasting at BBC Scotland. I benefitted greatly from the three days.

**2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.**

There were benefits both to my own research, and to my skills generally. The archival research seminar developed my understanding of how to use archives and catalogues to greatest efficacy throughout my research project, and gave examples of how I might do this. The project management course enabled me to think more clearly about being effective within the PhD and outside of it, e.g. by teaching me about 'Gantt charts', and the Eisenhower decision matrix. The BBC Scotland workshop taught me about the workings of the broadcasting industry in a way that will be relevant to my general career in many directions it could take, as well as to the 'impact' dimension of my research.

**3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.**

I will seek to make more of archival resources now that I have a greater knowledge of how to do so. Having pitched an idea for a programme as a group to a content commissioner for the BBC, there is also a possibility of developing this into an actual proposal, which I am enthusiastic about following up on.

**4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials.**

<http://www.sgsah.ac.uk/summer/>

**5. Tips/experience learned from the event**

I gained a significant amount of experience and tips from the event, such as being proactive in emailing archivists about material relevant to my research and managing my time and habits effectively throughout my PhD.

**6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event**

Attendance was expected of me as part of my SGSAH DTP funding – which is not to say that I didn't enjoy going, which I did very voluntarily!