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Personal rides on the PhD rollercoaster

Research methods for health professions educators series



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Abstract

The process of gaining a PhD is interspersed with periods of extreme productivity, motivation and smooth-sailing, while at other times it is slow-going and demotivating. Navigating these highs and lows can be difficult for candidates, who may feel as though they are on a never-ending rollercoaster as they progress through their candidature.

We invite you to hear from Dr Charlotte Denniston & Dr Brett Vaughan, as well as graduate student representative and mid-stage PhD candidate, Julia Paxino, as they share stories about their journey through the rollercoaster ride that is writing and submitting a PhD thesis, and provide some tips and tricks in navigating this experience.

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1-2pm**

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