

School Professional Services staff induction and development updated:

| Environment | Duration | Content | Contributors | Attendance |
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| University structure and governance | 1.5 hours | To provide an overview of the University's strategy and current priorities. How the University is governed and the structure of the Schools and Professional Services | New Staff Engagement Event: Principal and Vice Chancellor, George Boyne & University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer, Tracey Slaven | Compulsory Held 2x a year (next event 02/11/22) |
| Various online courses | - | Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety, IT security awareness | Mandatory eLearning accessed via https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/elearning-12510.php | Induction checklist – to be managed and coordinated via line manager |
| History of the University | 1 hour | Walking tour of the University and its points of interest | Student Ambassador conduct tours arranged by Student Experience. Request Student Ambassadors by following https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/student-ambassadors-14884.php | To be arranged per School when sufficient interest has been shown by the new starts. |
| Work / Life Balance | Duration | Content | Contributors | |
| Family friendly policies & Staff Engagement Networks | 1 hour | How the UoA can support those with family commitments and ensure all Staff are aware of the Staff networks and what they do. | HR Partners and Advisors | Staff Development can arrange this with HR colleagues when School Admin have enough people interested. |
| Carers advice | - | Carers Network can provide advice and support for those who have to consider their paid employment alongside the commitments of being a carer | Nicola Stokes Chairperson of the Carers Network n.stokes@abdn.ac.uk | Optional |
| Managing money and finances | 1.5 hours | Advice around budgeting, debt etc... | An external provider will deliver the training https://www.abdn.ac.uk/coursebooking/ | Optional Remind staff to regularly check course bookings for useful courses on managing one's finances and book onto courses via course bookings. |
| Skills Development | Duration | Content | Contributors | |

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| Relating to your customers | A micro course comprising of 4 easily digestible sections with learner notes and quiz. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to communicate effectively and engage with your customers • Useful techniques for handling difficult people and defusing emotionally charged situations • How to address problems and sort out mistakes • Key steps to providing excellent customer service | Staff Development Skills Boosters online course via Staff Development pages on the website https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/elearning-12510.php | Compulsory [will be available end of Aug 2022] |
| Effective Email Communication | - | Appropriate Email Etiquette | UoA Website: https://www.abdn.ac.uk/toolkit/documents/uploads/email-etiquette.pdf | Compulsory |
| Finance system | - | How to use the system | There are links to guidance on accessing the Finance system via the Induction Checklist Form | Optional as appropriate |
| Wellbeing and Wellness | - | Wellbeing Toolkit: https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/wellbeing-portal/winter-wellbeing-toolkit-12278.php | Your Wellbeing page on the UoA Website: https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/wellbeing-portal/physicalhealth-10503.php#panel13618 | Optional as appropriate |
| Building your Resilience | A micro course comprising of 4 easily digestible sections with learner notes and quiz. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What we mean by 'resilience' • How resilience can help us in our professional and personal lives • The seven habits of resilient people • What we can do to develop our own resilience | Skills Boosters online course via Staff Development pages on the website https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/elearning-12510.php | Compulsory |
| Career Development | 3 hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regrading • Training and development opportunities • A talk about moving up by moving on including examples of people who have done this • An overview of the other ideas the group has been discussing with a request for feedback | School Admin Managers and HR Partners | Optional First session to take place in early October |
| IT | - | Microsoft (including email/Outlook and Teams) and University packages (e.g., SRS, MyCurriculum) | IT training and development team https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/it-services/training.php | Bespoke |