Hello and welcome to this month’s newsletter, I am Katharina Janke and I am a Lecturer in Health Economics Modelling at Lancaster’s Division of Health Research.

We look forward to welcoming you to the division at the Induction Academy in a few weeks. In an ideal world you would be joining us in-person in Lancaster for the academy, but to ensure everyone’s health and safety as the pandemic continues around the world, we made the decision to host the event online.

The academy’s schedule is filled with both academic and social sessions. So, by the end of the week, you will be equipped with everything you need to know about your programme and you’ll have met everyone in your new community, including your fellow students and the academics who will be leading your classes.

If at any point during the induction period you feel lost or have any questions, I’m here for you, so please do get in touch with me by email at k.jankemarie@lancaster.ac.uk or by using the chat function in your Lancaster University Microsoft Teams account. We’ll cover all things Teams at the academy so no need to worry if you’re new to the platform.
Lancaster’s Division of Health Research begins each new academic year with the Induction Academy. This weeklong event is our opportunity to really get to know you, and, more importantly, it’s an opportunity for you to get to know us, to learn about your programme in detail, and to receive academic guidance that will help you throughout your time at Lancaster. We’ve also scheduled in lots of time for you to get to know your peers from around the world including those on your programme and those in the wider Division of Health Research community.

Taking place online
September 20-24

We are in the process of finalising the itinerary for the Induction Academy and it’ll be landing in your email inbox soon. We have worked hard to build a schedule that will work for you, whatever time zone you’re in and whatever pre-existing responsibilities you have told us about. Below is sneak peek at some of the sessions we will be hosting:

**Academic focus:**
(With group work elements where you’ll get to meet and collaborate with your peers)

- Transition to academic writing
- Critical appraisal and evidence synthesis
- Effective literature searching
- Research ethics
- Methods in qualitative research*
- Methods in quantitative research*

You will need to do preparatory work for some of these sessions. Details of this will be included when we share the full itinerary.

**Social focus:**

- Meeting your programme cohort and associated academic staff
- Getting to know your research group.

*Master’s students are welcome to join the research methods sessions (and previous Master’s cohorts have found these very useful) but this is not compulsory.