Pilot: Guidance for Research Degree Students (PhD, EngD, MD[Res] and MPhil) and postdocs on the use of Cassyni.

Cassyni is a next generation on-line platform for sharing seminars in a citable manner. In 2023-2024, the Graduate School is piloting a collaboration with Cassyni, to provide Imperial PhD students and Postdoctoral Fellows the opportunity to publish a seminar about their research, for free. Further, Cassyni is already in wide use in parts of the College.

The following is guidance for best practice for using Cassyini during the pilot.

Protecting unpublished and sensitive research data

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Before publishing your research seminar online, please be aware of the College's Intellectual Property Policy which applies to all employees and students of the College. You should check with your supervisor (for students) and PI (for postdocs) whether they have any concerns with respect to the data or information you intend to share through Cassyni.

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It is also important to check with your supervisor (for students) and PI (for postdocs) regarding the presentation of personal and sensitive data, patient or otherwise.

Citing Cassyini published seminars

Finally, once published on Cassyni, your research seminar becomes part of your scholarly record, so you would need to appropriately cite and reference your seminar, should you wish to use it in your future publications or thesis.

Masters students and publishing on Cassyini

Master's (MSc, MBA, MRes, MPH and MEd) students are not included in the free pilot trial with Cassyni. However, they may wish to pay and upload their research seminar. Where this is the case, they should consult their Master's project supervisor, prior to doing so, for the same reasons as described above.