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UK bioeconomy strategy

The University proposes to respond to the BEIS call for evidence ‘to help shape a UK bioeconomy strategy’.

Oxford colleagues are warmly invited to contribute ideas to assist the drafting of the University’s submission. Responses are due no later than 9am on Monday 23 January.

More information and details of how to participate can be found on the consultations pages.

Consultation on REF2021

The University proposes to respond to the funding bodies’ consultation paper setting out proposals for the second Research Excellence Framework.

Members of the University are invited to provide comments/suggestions preferably via their academic division’s office, or alternatively via the University-wide internal survey, for consideration by the divisions and the University’s REF Project Board. The deadline for comments is Wednesday 25 January.

Further details can be found on the consultations pages.

Workshops, Training and Information Sessions

Research, Impact and the UK Parliament, 18 January 2017

The Houses of Parliament are running a training conference on ‘Research, Impact and the UK Parliament’ on Wednesday 18 January, 1–4.30pm, at the University of Southampton. The event is open to all academic researchers, from DPhil students to senior researchers, and university impact support staff.

Book through Eventbrite

Research Professional training session, 8 February 2017

A Research Professional hands-on training session will take place on Wednesday 8 February, 2–3.45pm, at IT Services, 13 Banbury Road. The session provides a full introduction to the funding information database, including how best to search for research funding and how to access newly available news and Funding Insight content.

Book online

Open Access Oxford: publishing, papers and peer review, 20 January 2017

A series of short talks and panel discussions on open access publishing, peer review and publishing metrics will be held on Friday 20 January, 10.30am–4pm, at the Nuffield Department of Medicine Research Building (Old Road Campus).

For more information see the OA event poster or the Open Access Oxford website.

Internal Funding Opportunities

Wellcome ISSF funding (deadline: 30 January 2017)

Applications to the Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF) are invited in Hilary Term 2017. The closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 30 January.

For application procedures, information on application categories and FAQs please see the Medical Sciences Internal Research Funding Directory or email enquiries@issf.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford Martin School research funding (deadline: 28 February 2017)
The Oxford Martin School have launched a new round of funding for research programmes, on the theme of 'Great Transitions'.

The deadline for expressions of interest is **5pm on Tuesday 28 February**.

For more information on the theme, eligibility and the schedule of Open House meetings (starting today), see the [Oxford Martin School website](#).

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**Oppenheimer Fund (deadline: 31 March 2017)**

The next deadline for applications to the Oppenheimer fund is 31 March 2017. The fund provides funding for senior members of the University who wish to visit one or more universities in South Africa or to senior members of South African universities who wish to visit Oxford.

For more information see the [internal funding opportunities](#) page.

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**Other News**

**Research Professional one-year trial: News and Funding Insight**

The University has taken up a one-year trial subscription to additional features in [Research Professional](#). You will now be able to access news articles on research policy and practice, and download pdf versions of Research Fortnight and Research Europe. The trial package also includes Funding Insight – know-how on research funding bodies, programmes and policy development, highlights on early career opportunities, niche funders and high value funding sources, learning from other researchers.

To register for a Research Professional account follow the guidance on our website, or contact [Gaelle Jolly](#) for further assistance.

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**Researchfish outcomes collection 2017 - RCUK, CRUK, BHF and NIHR**

The Research Councils, Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation and the National Institute for Health Research are running their 2017 research outcomes collection in Researchfish from 6 February to 16 March 2017.

The funders will be contacting PIs and students directly with information on the collection later this month.

For further details of these collections see our [Researchfish web page](#).

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**Public Engagement with Research Seed Fund Projects for 2016-17 announced**

The University’s [Public Engagement with Research Seed Fund](#) is an internal grant scheme for researchers to develop new or improve existing Public Engagement with Research projects or gather evidence of impact of ongoing activities. The fund is supported by a grant from RCUK and HEIF.

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**Funder-specific News**

**EC/Horizon 2020 news, Brexit round-up, consultations, events and deadlines: see Oxford Gateway to Europe**

For any EC, FP7 and Horizon 2020-related news, consultations, events and deadlines, including factsheets specifically aimed at Oxford researchers and research support staff, please see the [Oxford Gateway to Europe website](#). The website is also regularly updated with the latest about Brexit.

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**EPSRC: new Council members**

Minister for Universities and Science Jo Johnson has announced the appointment of two new members to the Council of EPSRC.
EPSRC: appointments to Strategic Advisory Teams

New appointments have been made to EPSRC's Strategic Advisory Teams, Digital Economy Programme Advisory Board and Energy Scientific Advisory Committee.

For more information see the [EPSRC website](#).

ESRC: Longitudinal Studies Review

Initial analysis of a consultation held as part of a review by ESRC of scientific and policy needs for longitudinal research has been completed.

More information can be found on the [ESRC website](#).

HEFCE: government response to Dowling Review

HEFCE has welcomed the government’s response to Dame Ann Dowling's Review of business-university collaborations, which reaffirms its long-term commitment to knowledge exchange.

For more information see the [HEFCE website](#).

MRC: support for preprints

MRC is encouraging researchers to share their pre-peer reviewed manuscripts via established preprint repositories or services (eg bioRxiv, PeerJ Preprints, arXiv, SocArXiv or PsyArXiv). Researchers will be allowed to cite preprints in their grant and fellowship applications from 1 April 2017.

More information can be found on the [MRC website](#).

MRC: new Deputy Chief Executive

Professor David Lomas has been appointed as the MRC's new Deputy Chief Executive.

For more information see the [MRC website](#).

NIH: updated font guidelines

The NIH has updated font guidance for applications with due dates on or after 25 January 2017.

More information can be found on the [NIH website](#).

NIH: revised application guide

The NIH has published revised application guide and supplemental instructions.

More information can be found on the [NIH website](#).

NIH Clinical Research: policy on the use of a single institutional review board for multi-site research

The NIH is extending the effective date for its policy on the use of a single institutional review board for multi-site research to 25 September 2017.

More information can be found on the [NIH website](#).
NIHR funding deadlines calendar

The Research Design Service South West has published a calendar of the year’s NIHR calls and ongoing opportunities.

RCUK: doctoral stipend levels and indicative fees for 2017

RCUK has announced doctoral stipend levels and indicative fees for 2017. The National Minimum Doctoral Stipend for 2017/18 is £14,553, and the RCUK Indicative Fee Level for 2017/18 is £4,195.

For more information see the RCUK website.

STFC: update on Neutron Strategic Review

The STFC has published an update on the process to develop an updated Neutron Strategy.

For more information see the STFC website.

Wellcome: pre-prints accepted in grant applications

The Wellcome Trust now permits researchers to cite preprints, or pre-peer reviewed manuscripts, in their grant applications and end-of-grant review reports.

For more information see the Wellcome Trust website.