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Co-ordinated University bids

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The University can submit a single bid to the Medical Research Council's institutional pump-priming call for Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) projects in Global Nutrition and Health Research. These are projects that lay the grounds for future large-scale, multidisciplinary, cross-country global nutrition and health research bids addressing issues of primary relevance to LMICs.

The internal deadline for expressions of interest is noon on Monday 7 August.

For more information see the co-ordinated University bids page.

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Workshops, training and information sessions

Open access training, 22 August 2017

Open access training continues through the summer, with the next session scheduled for Tuesday 22 August, 2–3pm, at the Manor Road Building. The session is open to all University members.

Details and booking can be found on the OAO website.

Internal funding opportunities

EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account Funding (deadline: 21 August 2017)

The MPLS Division has announced a call for the EPSRC IAA Technology Fund and Secondment Scheme. They are particularly keen to encourage applications for projects which will generate non-commercial impact.

The deadline for receipt of applications is noon on Monday 21 August.

Further information and the latest versions of the application forms are available for download from the MPLS EPSRC IAA page.

Open Access

‘Act on acceptance’ and ‘gold’ articles: authors can deposit PDF instead of AAM

Oxford’s procedure for gold articles has been simplified: if an author has deposited their publisher PDF in ORA (within three months of acceptance), they will no longer be asked for the AAM in addition.

The revised approach is reflected in a new FAQ about gold articles on the Open Access Oxford website.

RCUK Open Access block grant funding levels confirmed until 2020

RCUK has confirmed that the Open Access block grants will be continued at current levels for a further two
years. The grants fund costs relating to articles published in peer reviewed journals that have resulted from RCUK funded research and acknowledge Research Council funding.

More information can be found on the RCUK website.

Other news

Be part of the Curiosity Carnival volunteer team

The Curiosity Carnival is all about celebrating, debating and questioning the way that research affects all our lives. Volunteering to be a ‘carnival maker’ is a unique opportunity to get involved and ensure that the event runs smoothly and safely. You will present the friendly face of the University and be key in creating a sense of carnival.

Sign up to be a ‘carnival maker’ by completing the short online application form.

Call for participants in TORCH’s ‘Lost Late: Night at the Museums’ (EOI deadline: 4 September 2017)

Following the success last year’s ‘FRIGHTFriday’, TORCH is taking part in the Being Human Festival again with a public event at the University Museum of Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museum on Friday 17 November. TORCH is seeking around 30 Oxford humanities researchers at any career stage to take part in the event, on the theme of ‘lost and found’.

For more information see the TORCH website or email Vicky McGuinness.

The League of European Research Universities (LERU)

Oxford is a founding member of LERU, an association of 23 leading research-intensive universities that share the values of high-quality teaching within an environment of internationally competitive research. LERU is one of the University’s most important international connections.

Overview of LERU and its activities (1,593kb)

Research Accounts news bulletin

A new issue of the Research Accounts Bulletin has been published:

News

Apprenticeship levy

Transfers of staff costs between projects

New on Funding Insight: the Nutricia Research Foundation, Newton-Bhabha UK-India Industrial Waste Challenge, and Spencer Foundation

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:

Jacques Bindels of the Nutrica Research Foundation on its grants for research into human nutrition
Janet Geddes, Newton Fund programme manager at Innovate UK, on the Industrial Waste Challenge, which seeks solutions to industrial waste and pollution in key Indian industries
Amy Dray of the Spencer Foundation on its funding for small research projects and pilot studies in education

Funder-specific news

AHRC: transforming research in the UK’s world-class cultural and heritage sectors

AHRC has published a report on the impact of its funding for museums, galleries, libraries, archives and
heritage bodies (also known as Independent Research Organisations - IROs) over the last decade. Last month, the British Film Institute and Historic England were given IRO status.

For more information see the AHRC website.

British Academy: migrating from e-GAP2 Grants Management System to Flexi-Grant

The British Academy is preparing to migrate from its current e-GAP2 Grants Management System to Flexi-Grant. Flexi-Grant will come online from 1 August 2017 and new users will be able to register from 9 August 2017.

For more information see the British Academy website.

British Heart Foundation: new alumni network

The British Heart Foundation has set up an alumni network for researchers who are or were previously funded by the BHF.

For more information see the BHF website.

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.

EPSRC: launch of a responsible research and innovation service for the ICT community

EPSRC has announced funding to establish a new community resource to promote responsible research and innovation across the UK's ICT research community. Responsible innovation is a process that seeks to promote creativity and opportunities for science and innovation that are socially desirable and undertaken in the public interest.

More information can be found on the EPSRC website.

EPSRC: New Investigator Awards to replace First Grants

From 25 July 2017 a New Investigator Award scheme will replace the EPSRC's First Grant initiative. The new scheme will remove some of the restrictions of the current scheme thereby aiming to improve the quality and ambition of research proposals.

More information can be found on the EPSRC website.

EPSRC seeks applicants for strategic advisory bodies

EPSRC is welcoming applications for membership of its strategic advisory bodies. The deadline for applications is 4pm on Friday 4 August.

For more information see the EPSRC website.

HEFCE: insights on equality and diversity for the next REF

Analysis of statements submitted for the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 has highlighted the prevalence of institution-level initiatives and a strong focus on gender, along with wider evidence that can feed into development of the assessment approach for REF 2021.

More information can be found on the HEFCE website.
HEFCE: REF main panel chairs announced
The four main panel chairs for the next Research Excellence Framework have been confirmed.
For details see the HEFCE website.

NIH: announcements following sign off of its budget for financial year 2017
The NIH has published its fiscal policies for financial year 2017, following receipt of a $2 billion budget increase on the previous year.
For more information see the NIH website.

NIH: implementation of final research performance progress reports
Phase II final progress reports for Small Business and Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer grants and cooperative agreements have been replaced with the Final Research Performance Progress Report (F-RPPR) through a new eRA Commons module.
For more information see the NIH website.

RCUK: Research Councils 2016-17 annual reports published
The Research Councils have published their annual reports and accounts 2016-17. The reports can be downloaded from their websites:

  - AHRC
  - BBSRC
  - EPSRC
  - ESRC
  - MRC
  - NERC
  - STFC

RCUK: Sir Mark Walport outlines the vision for UK Research and Innovation
Professor Sir Mark Walport, Chief Executive Designate of UK Research and Innovation, has given a speech outlining the vision, objectives and next steps in development for the organisation.
For more information see the RCUK website.

Royal Society and British Academy: new governance needed for data use
The Royal Society and British Academy have published a report calling for the establishment of a new, independent body to govern the management and use of data.
More information can be found on the Royal Society website.

Wellcome: longitudinal population studies funding
The Wellcome Trust is implementing a new strategy for funding longitudinal population studies, including cohorts, panel survey and biobanks. A new funding mechanism will be in place by the end of 2017.
More information can be found on the Wellcome Trust website.
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