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AXA Research Fund - ‘Chairs’ 2016/17 (provisional EOI deadline: 27 March 2017)

The University may submit one proposal only under AXA's Chairs Programme, and proposes to lodge its application for the 13 June 2017 deadline. Chairs endowed by the AXA Research Fund aim at creating a position to attract one or more world-class researchers to the host institution.

The provisional deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 27 March.

Further information can be found on the AXA Research Fund page.

Workshops, training and information sessions

Patient and public involvement in medical research, 12 March 2017

An NIHR open Q&A session on patient and public involvement for research staff working in Oxford will be held on Thursday 23 March, 2.30–3.30pm in the Richard Doll Building, Old Road Campus.

Enquiries should be directed to Paul Hewitson.

Research Training in Australia - Exciting and Challenging Times, 31 March 2017

Fiona Zammit, Executive Director of the Australian Council of Deans and Directors of Graduate Studies, will give a presentation at 11am on Friday 31 March in the 3rd Floor Seminar Room, Radcliffe Humanities, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6GG.

Places are limited. To register your interest please email Edwina Ingrouille.

Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School, 3–7 July 2017

Booking is open for the Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School. The school offers eight workshop strands ranging from an introduction to digital humanities to digital musicology and linked data. Early-bird rates are £595 academic staff or £485 registered students, with a 10% discount for groups of 10 or more.

For more information see the DHOxSS website.

Internal funding opportunities

TORCH Knowledge Exchange Fellowships (deadline: 17 March 2017)

TORCH has an opportunity for two Knowledge Exchange Fellowships in diversity issues and debates for 2017-18. They include the possibility for a teaching and administrative buyout for up to one term for a member of the Oxford Humanities academic staff seeking to develop a partnership with an external organisation.

The deadline for applications is Friday 17 March.

For more information see the TORCH website.

Open Access

5,000 reasons to celebrate Act on Acceptance at Oxford

Open Access at Oxford has reached another milestone, with over 5,000 author accepted manuscripts (AAMs) deposited for Act on Acceptance since April 2016.

In order to be eligible for the next REF, journal articles and conference proceedings accepted since 1 April 2016 must be deposited in an open access repository within three months of acceptance.

For more information see the Open Access website. Guidance on depositing can be found on the Act on Acceptance page.
New Academic Champion for Public Engagement with Research

Professor Alison Woollard (Department of Biochemistry and Hertford College) has been appointed as the University of Oxford’s next Academic Champion for Public Engagement with Research.

Vice-Chancellor’s Public Engagement with Research Awards (deadline: 27 March 2017)

The 2017 Vice-Chancellor’s Public Engagement with Research Awards are now open for entries. These awards recognise high-quality engagement activities and capacity building in this area. The deadline for submission is Monday 27 March.

More information can be found on the Public Engagement with Research pages.

Research technology consultation service

IT Services’ research technology consultation service team provides advice to researchers and postgraduate research students on the collection, analysis, management, publication and visualisation of research data.

For more information see the IT Services research support website.

Isis Enterprise to form as limited company Oxentia

Isis Enterprise, the global innovation management consultancy division of Oxford University Innovation, will be rebranding to Oxentia and establish itself a separate entity later this year.

For more information see the Oxford University Innovation website.

Research Accounts bulletin

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

News
- Foreign currency: Policy for Research Awards
- Foreign currency: Fixed rate payments
- Government funding and full economic costing
- Sponsor terms
- 2015-16 Research income reports available in BI
- Research Accounts European Commission support

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New on Funding Insight: funder review panels, the Gerda Henkel Foundation, and applying for a grant in a non-priority field

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
- Olaf Svenningsen, chairman of the Danish Association of Research Managers and Administrators, on how peer review works and how to use it to your advantage
- Birte Ruthardt, project manager for research scholarships at the Gerda Henkel Foundation, which supports history-related disciplines, on their humanities research grants.
- Jon Binner, professor of ceramic science and engineering at the University of Birmingham, on how to successfully apply for an EPSRC grant in a non-priority field.

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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.

EPSRC: Balancing Capability results published

EPSRC has confirmed research area strategies for the next five years, in accordance with its delivery plan. To help with planning a list of calls for 2017/18 (PDF) is available.

For more information see the EPSRC website.

NERC: new areas for strategic research

NERC will scope two new areas for potential large-scale strategic research investments over spring 2017: enhancing the resilience of UK peatlands; and designing future landscapes for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Calls to join scoping groups for these strategic programme areas will be published shortly.

For more information see the NERC website.

NIH: policy update on clinical trial funding opportunities

From 25 January 2018 grant applications to the NIH which include plans to conduct clinical trials will only be considered if they are submitted in response to a call that specifically states that clinical trials are allowed.

For more information see the NIH website.

STFC: European Open Science Cloud pilot

The European Open Science Cloud project, now in its pilot phase, aims to give researchers from all scientific disciplines access to data produced in research across Europe. The project will complement the work of the Research Data Alliance and build on the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructure roadmap.

For more information see the STFC website.

UKRI: first chief executive appointed

The Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, Jo Johnson, has announced that Professor Sir Mark Walport will be the Chief Executive Designate of UK Research and Innovation.

More information can be found on the government’s website.

Wellcome: plans for a Central Service for Preprints

The Wellcome Trust allows researchers to cite pre-print publications in their proposals and is now working with an international group of research funders to explore the value and feasibility of establishing a Central Service for Preprints.

More information can be found on the Wellcome Trust website.
**Wellcome: removal of post-PhD time restrictions for fellowships**

Time restrictions based on the number of years since a researcher was awarded their PhD have been removed from Wellcome fellowship schemes.

More information can be found on the [Wellcome Trust website](http://wellcome.ac.uk).

**Wellcome: new approach to innovation funding**

Following the publication of a new [Innovation for Impact strategy](http://wellcome.ac.uk), the Wellcome Trust has announced it would make up to £500m funding available over the next five years, starting with a call for Innovator Awards this month and a new Wellcome Flagships programme.

For more information see the [Wellcome Trust website](http://wellcome.ac.uk).

**More news from funders on Research Professional**

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