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Co-ordinated University bids

Liliane Bettencourt Prize for Life Sciences (deadline: noon, 30 June 2017)

The University has been invited to nominate up to three candidates for the Liliane Bettencourt Prize for Life
Sciences. The Bettencourt Schueller Foundation will award €300,000 to an outstanding researcher from the European Union under the age of 45. Eligible applicants should submit a completed expression of interest form by noon on Friday 30 June.

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

Questions about the scheme should be directed to research@medsci.ox.ac.uk.

Open Access training, Old Road Campus, 12 July 2017

The next ‘Open Access Oxford – What’s Happening?’ training session will take place on Wednesday 12 July, 2–3pm in the Knowledge Centre Group Study Room on the Old Road Campus.

Details and booking can be found on the OAO website.

Internal funding opportunities

ESRC IAA and HEIF knowledge exchange and impact funding for social sciences

The Social Sciences Division has announced the latest funding calls for the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) and HEIF funding, which provide flexible support for knowledge exchange for social scientists across the University.

**ESRC IAA | KE Dialogues (deadline: 5pm, 29 September 2017)**
Small grants (up to £2.5k) for events/meetings to bring together academics with external non-academic stakeholders

**ESRC IAA | Kick-starting Impact Awards (deadline: 5pm, 6 October 2017)**
Small flexible grants (up to £7.5k) intended to facilitate new knowledge exchange projects

**ESRC IAA | Impact Acceleration Awards (deadline: 5pm, 6 October 2017)**
Awards of up to £50k for knowledge exchange projects

**ESRC IAA | Visiting Practitioner Fellowships (deadline: 5pm, 6 October 2017)**
Awards of up to £25K to enable individuals from non-academic partner organisations to visit Oxford and be embedded within departments/faculties or research

**HEIF | KE Fellowships (deadline: 5pm, 6 October 2017)**
Awards of up to £25k to enable an academic to spend time working closely/embedded with an external non-academic organisation

**POST Fellowships (deadline: 31 July)**
Funding from the ESRC IAA is available for the Parliamentary Academic Fellowship Scheme.

An IAA/HEIF briefing session will take place on 5 July 2017, 2–4pm, at the Social Sciences Division office.

Register for a place

For more information see the Social Sciences Division website or contact esrciaa@socsci.ox.ac.uk.

Open Access

RCUK block grant: check funds available before choosing gold route

RCUK-funded researchers submitting articles for publication are asked to contact the Bodleian’s APC team before committing to a journal’s gold (paid) route, to check funds are available in Oxford’s RCUK Open Access Block Grant and the journal is funder-compliant: please email apc@bodleian.ox.ac.uk. If funds have been confirmed an application form can be filled in when the article is accepted.

For more information see ‘How to apply’ on the Open Access Oxford RCUK page.

Other news

Research Accounts bulletin

A new issue of the Research Accounts Bulletin has been published:
Universities UK briefing on the Higher Education and Research Act 2017

Universities UK has released a briefing (PDF) on the implementation of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017. The act is primarily concerned with the creation of two new bodies to regulate and fund higher education providers: the Office for Students (OfS) and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

For more information see the Universities UK website.

New on Funding Insight: early-career strategies, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the British Academy Rising Star Engagement Awards

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:

- University of Manchester particle physicist Stefan Söldner-Rembold on early-career strategy and the importance of making connections
- Feature on the Russell Sage Foundation’s call on immigration and integration
- University of Exeter historian Ana Antic on her successful application to the British Academy Rising Star Engagement Awards

Funder-specific news

BBSRC: call for pool of experts, strategy panels and committees

BBSRC is seeking new members for its strategy advisory panels, committees and pool of experts. The deadline for applications is 4pm on 27 July.

For details see the BBSRC website.

BBSRC: use of preprints in BBSRC-funded research

BBSRC is reminding researchers that preprints are acceptable for citation in its research grant and fellowship applications. BBSRC encourages all researchers it funds to share their pre-peer review manuscripts via established preprint servers, through dedicated repositories or a preprint service.

For more information see the BBSRC 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: analysis of publications arising from research funded by EPSRC

EPSRC has published a study of articles linked to its funding, using data from Researchfish.
NERC: opportunity to join the Strategic Programme Advisory Group

NERC is seeking applications to join its Strategic Programme Advisory Group (SPAG). The closing date for nominations is 4pm on 24 July.

More information can be found on the NERC website.

NIH: requirements for progress and financial reports

The NIH has issued a reminder of award recipients’ responsibility to submit complete, timely and accurate progress and financial reports.

For details see the NIH website.

NIH: 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 January 2018.

More information can be found on the NIH website.

RCUK: Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund opportunities begin to open

The initial key areas of the government’s flagship Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF) have opened to businesses and researchers to apply for funding. Innovate UK and the Research Councils are taking a leading role in delivering this funding.

For more information see the RCUK website.

RCUK: third year of diversity data published

The third annual update of the Research Councils’ diversity data has been published.

Download the report (PDF)

For more information see the RCUK website.

Research England is seeking members for its first Council

UKRI wishes to appoint up to ten members for the first Council of Research England with a range of experience from higher education senior leadership, business, industry, the public sector or third sector. The closing date for applications is 24 July 2017.

For full details see the HEFCE website.

STFC: Update on balance of programme (skills) review

STFC is currently reviewing its skills programme to identify an appropriate balance of activities and funding for the next five years. The review is expected to report in autumn 2017.

More information can be found on the STFC website.

More news from funders on Research Professional

You can find more news from top research funders on Research Professional.