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Consultations
Parliamentary POSTnote on Research Integrity (deadline: 3 March 2017)

The University proposes to respond to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee’s inquiry into the issues raised in a POSTnote on research integrity.

Oxford colleagues are invited to contribute comments and suggestions to Kathryn Dally by Friday 3 March.

More information can be found on our consultations pages.

Update on EPSRC consultation on the current state of NMR infrastructure in the UK

Following an open request for information concerning the availability, capability, usage and sustainability of the NMR infrastructure currently available to underpin research in the physical and life sciences, a report summarising and synthesising the findings is now available.

For more information see the EPSRC website.

Workshops, Training and Information Sessions

REF/Open Access Q&A for early-career researchers in humanities, 7 February 2017

A Q&A session for early-career researchers in the humanities will take place on Tuesday 7 February, 2–3pm, at the Radcliffe Humanities Building. The event will be a chance to ask questions about the REF and Open Access.

Book online

Symplectic Elements for Operational Users: the roles of Research Manager and Statistician, 9 February 2017

The next termly training session for Symplectic Elements Operational Users is on Thursday 9 February, 10am–noon, at the Radcliffe Science Library.

Book online or for more information see the Symplectic Elements pages.

Cancer Research UK fellowship funding event, 20 February 2017

This free event, organised by Research Design Service South Central and the Nuffield Department of Population Health, will take place on Monday 20 February from 10am at the Richard Doll Building on the Old Road Campus. Presentations will be followed by one-to-one sessions from 1.30pm.

To book a place or for more information contact Phil Saunders.

Open Access Monitoring: Using the Symplectic Elements Open Access Monitor and the Act on Acceptance Engagement Report, 23 February 2017

The next termly training session for staff involved in Open Access/Act on Acceptance monitoring is on Thursday 23 February, 10am–noon, at the Radcliffe Science Library.

Book online or for more information see the Symplectic Elements pages.

Internal Funding Opportunities


The Oxford-Burma Visiting Fund supports staff and postgraduate research students visiting the University of Yangon and potentially other Burma/Myanmar institutions to take part in guest teaching, supervision, joint research, staff training and curriculum development activities.

The next deadline for applications is noon on Friday 24 February.
Oxford-FAPESP Sprint Funding for collaboration with Brazilian researchers (deadline: 24 April 2017)

A call for proposals offering seed funding to support the exchange of researchers between Oxford and São Paulo, Brazil, has been published. Funding is available for researchers within the areas of the Humanities and Oxford Networks for the Environment for collaborative projects. The deadline for applications is Monday 24 April.

Further information can be found on the FAPESP website.

Open Access

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Open Access policy

Researchers are reminded that since 1 January 2017 immediate Open Access is required for all Gates-funded publications. The initial transition period, when a 12-month embargo period was permitted, has now ended. This applies to grant agreements made since 1 January 2015.

Policy details are available on the Gates Foundation website.

Contact the Open Access team for help or advice.

Other News

Balzan Prize 2017 nominations open

Nominations are open for the 2017 Balzan Prizes in the fields of: collective memory; gender studies; immunological approaches in cancer therapy; and the sun’s planetary system and exoplanets.

The deadline for nominations is 15 March 2017.

For more information see the International Balzan Prize Foundation’s website.

British Science Festival: award lecture nominations

The British Science Association is accepting nominations for award lectures at the 2017 British Science Festival. The deadline is 9am on Monday 6 March.

For more information see the BSA website.

Research support news survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey about Research Services’ and Research Accounts’ news bulletins.

The results showed only limited support for a joint bulletin, and we have therefore decided not to go ahead with this idea. We will however continue to include a summary of Research Accounts’ bulletin here, and will work together on a better integration of our news on our new joint website (due to launch in the summer). In the coming months we will also use your feedback to review the contents and format of this bulletin.

If you have any questions please contact Gaelle Jolly.

New on Funding Insight: public engagement, how to succeed in interdisciplinary research, and the MRC’s Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:

Kenneth Seldon, incoming head of public engagement at the Wellcome Genome Campus, on how public
engagement adapts to changing times
Kaska Porayska-Pomsta, an artificial intelligence researcher at UCL, on how to succeed in interdisciplinary research

Chris Watkins, the MRC's director of innovation, on the MRC's Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme - helping healthcare technologies through their early development

For more information on Research Professional see our website.

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.

HEFCE: manager and deputy appointed to development of second REF

HEFCE has announced the appointment of Kim Hackett as REF Manager and Anna Lang as REF Deputy Manager.

For more information see the HEFCE website.

MRC: change to Skills Development Fellowship scheme

The MRC has announced that MRC Skills Development Fellowships will move to be appointed directly by participating host research organisations. Instead of applying directly to MRC, individuals should wait until 2018 and apply for a fellowship position at a participating host research organisation at that time.

For more information see the MRC website.

NERC: annual impact report

NERC has published its annual impact report.

More information can be found on the NERC website.

NIH: implementation of the interim-RPPR (Research Performance Progress Report) while a renewal application is under consideration

From 9 February 2017, if the organisation in receipt of an NIH grant has submitted a renewal application on or before the date by which a Final Research Performance Progress Report would be required, then submission of an 'Interim-RPPR' via eRA Commons is required.

More information can be found on the NIH website.

RCUK: ISCF workshop materials published

Innovate UK, Knowledge Transfer Network and the Research Councils have been holding consultative workshops on the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund in January. Materials from the workshops have been made available, including a video of the plenary session.

More information can be found on the RCUK website.

More news from funders on Research Professional

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