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Academy of Medical Sciences Springboard funding for early career researchers (deadline:
noon, 21 June 2017)

The University has been invited to nominate three applicants for the Academy of Medical Sciences’ Springboard Scheme. Springboard offers a bespoke package of support to biomedical researchers at the start of their first independent post to help launch their research careers. The Medical Sciences Division is running an internal competition to select institutional applicants. The internal deadline for applications is noon on **Wednesday 21 June**.

For more information see [the co-ordinated University bids page](#).

Royal Academy of Engineering Research Fellowships 2017/18 (deadline: 31 July 2017)

The RAEng Research Fellowships provide support for high-quality early career engineers to encourage them to develop successful academic research careers. Applications are welcomed from outstanding engineering researchers who are about to finish their PhD or have up to four years’ postdoctoral research experience.

Completed internal application forms and CVs should be submitted to Martin Edmunds by **noon on Monday 31 July**.

For more information see [the co-ordinated University bids page](#).

Workshops, training and information sessions

**Authors, copyright and open access, 15 June 2017**

Authors are often unsure what rights they retain when signing a publisher agreement for a journal article. This iSkills session aims to help researchers understand their options and how the choices they make relate to open access, including which version can be made available through ORA.

‘Authors, copyright and open access – making it work for you’ takes place on Thursday 15 June, 2–3pm, at the Manor Road Building (Seminar Room B).

[Book a place](#).

**NIHR Fellowship application day, 12 July 2017**

A free masterclass on applying for an NIHR Fellowship will be held on Wednesday 12 July (9.30am–4.15pm, followed by one-to-ones) in the Richard Doll Building, Old Road Campus. The focus will be on the academic fellowship scheme, with a range of talks to cover the funding programme, tips on the project, training plans, PPI & Plain English and how to ‘sell yourself’.

For more information and to book your place, contact Phil Saunders, indicating whether you wish to book a one-to-one.

**Internal funding opportunities**

**TORCH Knowledge Exchange Fellowships 2017 (deadline: 29 June 2017)**

The 2017 Knowledge Exchange Fellowship scheme is open for applications. Proposals are sought from researchers in any humanities discipline (wherever based in the collegiate University) to facilitate new, or develop existing, relationships with external partners that further the reach and significance of their research. The fellowship will provide up to £10,000 to support a project from 1 September 2017 to 31 July 2018. The application deadline is **noon on Thursday 29 June 2017**.

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

Open Access

**Recording ‘exceptions’ to HEFCE Open Access (OA) policy in Symplectic Elements**

Symplectic Elements at Oxford (SE) has new functionality to enable departmental OA administrative contacts to record the circumstances where a publication does not meet the requirements of the HEFCE OA policy, but
where a permitted ‘exception’ may apply. This information will be considered by the REF team and will allow the University near-total compliance with the policy.

In this way, details are held against individual publication records on the central SE database. Staff monitoring open access will also be able to filter reports to exclude these publications.

Training aimed at OA champions and OA administrative contacts has taken place. There is one further session planned for Wednesday 12 July, 10.30–11:30am, Room 3, Wellington Square.

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If you have any queries, please contact the Symplectic helpdesk.

Other news

Spinout companies: guidance for departments

Guidance on spinout companies (586kb) has been produced in response to requests from departments for advice. The document covers:

- an introduction to spinouts in Oxford
- the University’s relationship with Oxford Sciences Innovation
- issues for departments to consider, including costing and pricing, location and space, and conflicts of interest

If you have any queries or would like additional information, please contact Richard Liwicki.

Major global research funders take lead on clinical trial transparency

Major research funders including the Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have agreed to adopt the WHO’s standards on clinical trial transparency. In a joint statement, they committed to develop and implement policies that require all trials they fund, co-fund, sponsor or support to be registered in a publicly-available register.

More information can be found on the All Trials website.

Universities UK: International higher education in facts and figures

Universities UK International has published the latest edition of its annual International higher education in facts and figures. The report provides a snapshot of UK higher education internationalisation and looks at a variety of themes, including global research collaborations and innovation.

For more information see the Universities UK website.

New on Funding Insight: the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, the British Institute in Eastern Africa, and securing research funding after a career change

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:

- Jenny Baeseman, executive director of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, on their early-career fellowships (open to all disciplines)
- British Institute in Eastern Africa director’s Joost Fontein on its small thematic research grants for the humanities and social sciences.
- Professor Huw Summers of Swansea University on gaining research funding from the EPSRC after a career change.

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: studentships and support of early career academics

The EPSRC Council recently oversaw a policy review on what mix of funding the EPSRC should provide to support postdocs and PGR training. As part of this the EPSRC sought views from its Framework Universities (Oxford included) and other interested parties. The Chief Executive of the EPSRC wrote to Professor Walmsley about the outcomes of the review: [EPSRC letter](75kb)

Leverhulme Trust: upgrade to grants management system

This summer the Leverhulme Trust will be upgrading its grants management system to provide some enhanced functionality for users. The system will be unavailable to applicants and grant holders for approximately 10 days from the morning of 21 July. Peer reviewers will still be able to provide their references during this period.

For more information see [the Leverhulme Trust website](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk).

Leverhulme Trust: complete 2016 awards listing

The Leverhulme Trust has published details of all the awards it made in 2016.

[Download the list](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk).

NIH: change to policy on post-submission materials

Citations of issued patents will be accepted as post-submission materials for NIH grant applications with deadlines on or after 25 September 2017.

For more information see [the NIH website](http://www.nih.gov).

NIH: authentication of key biological and/or chemical resources

NIH applicants proposing the use of established key biological and/or chemical resources are expected to include a plan to authenticate these resources in their application. This applies to established reagents or resources that will be used in the proposed research, including, but not limited to, cell lines, specialty chemicals, antibodies or other biologics.

More information can be found [on the NIH website](http://www.nih.gov).

Royal Society: international researcher mobility

The Royal Society has published new evidence on international mobility and collaboration, looking at how, where and why researchers move to and from the UK.

[Download the report](http://www.royalsociety.org).

For more information see [the Royal Society website](http://www.royalsociety.org).

Royal Society: report on UK universities’ dependence on EU research and innovation funding

A new report jointly commissioned by the UK’s four national academies – the Academy of Medical Sciences, the British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society – reveals where EU funding goes, what kind of activities it supports and what other investment it attracts.

For more information see [the Royal Society website](http://www.royalsociety.org).
Wellcome: UK-EU research partnerships benefit patients across Europe

A report commissioned by eight leading UK medical organisations highlights how partnerships between UK and EU medical researchers have increased the value of research, benefiting patients across Europe.

Download the executive summary

For more information see the Wellcome Trust website.

More news from funders on Research Professional

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