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Consultations

Life Sciences and the Industrial Strategy

The University submitted a response to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee’s call for evidence on ‘Life Sciences and the Industrial Strategy’.

> More details
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Co-ordinated University bids

EPSRC-UKRI Innovation Fellowships (deadline: 12 October 2017)
The EPSRC has announced a call for outline proposals for EPSRC-UKRI Innovation Fellowships. The fellowships aim to support excellent engineering and physical sciences research aligned to the Industrial Strategy challenges. Those wishing be considered as one of Oxford’s seven candidates should submit a two-page CV and two-page case for support to research@mpls.ox.ac.uk by noon on Thursday 12 October.

> More details

### Internal funding

**MRC Proximity to Discovery (deadline: 13 October 2017)**

The MRC Proximity to Discovery block grant supports activities to build relationships between the University and industry partners and promote a culture of innovation. Proposals must support MRC-related science areas. The next deadline for applications is Friday 13 October.

> More details

**Public Engagement with Research Seed Fund (deadline: 20 October 2017)**

The University’s PER Seed Fund is open for applications. This small grants scheme provides funds for researchers to develop, deliver and evaluate public engagement with research projects and activities. The deadline for applications is Friday 20 October.

> More details

**Oxford-Burma visiting funds (deadline: 30 October 2017)**

The Oxford-Burma visiting funds support 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 **5pm on Monday 30 October**.

> More details

**Burma visiting scholars (deadline: 30 October 2017)**

The University will be able to support approximately two visits by Burmese researchers to Oxford in the 2017–18 academic year. The scheme is designed to provide an opportunity to deepen Oxford’s research and teaching relationships in Burma/Myanmar, and to provide specific training or other assistance that cannot easily be provided in-country. The next deadline for applications is **5pm on Monday 30 October**.

> More details

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**Events**

**EU Corner, 29 September 2017**

Come and meet staff from Research Services’ European team at the ‘EU Corner’ in the atrium of the Weston Library on Friday 29 September, 2–5pm, to find out more about European grants and funding and the support available. The EU Corner is part of [Curiosity Carnival: Oxford’s European Researchers’ Night](https://www.oxfordresearchnight.com), which is funded by the European Commission under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, Horizon2020.

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**Introduction to research ethics at Oxford for the social sciences and humanities (and MPLS), 26/31 October 2017**

These training sessions on research ethics at Oxford are suitable for graduate students and early-career research staff, as well as research support staff (eg research facilitators):
• **Thursday 26 October**, 10am–noon, Colin Matthew Room, Radcliffe Humanities Building, Woodstock Road.  
   > Book online

• **Tuesday 31 October**, 2–4pm, Main lecture theatre, Manor Road Building  
   *(no booking required)*

**Research Professional training session, 2 November 2017**

A Research Professional hands-on training session will take place on Thursday 2 November, 9.15–11am, at IT Services, 13 Banbury Road. The session provides a full introduction to the funding information database, including how best to search for research funding and how to access news and Funding Insight content.

> Book online

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**Policy, processes and resources**

**Change to inflation on Wellcome Trust grants**

The Wellcome Trust has confirmed that for all grants awarded from 1 October 2017 onwards, the standard allowance they apply for grant inflation will increase from 1.6% to 2.0%. Compound inflation is applied from year 2 onwards.  
This rate will also be used when costing staff salaries in X5 for the first year of the project only.

**Open Access Oxford leaflet**

An updated version of the [Open Access Oxford leaflet](#) (PDF) is available. It contains an overview of open access, University policy and Act on Acceptance requirements for researchers, and the support available. If you would like paper copies for display or distribution (maximum 50), please email Dorothy Rutherford at [usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).
Digital humanities: survey

The School of Advanced Study (University of London) has commissioned research into the digital humanities in the UK. As part of the research, a survey is open to collect information on current activity and views on the potential role of a digital humanities network.

New on Funding Insight: BHF-Turing Cardiovascular Data Science Awards, British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grants, and Daphne Jackson Fellowships

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
• Metin Avkiran, British Heart Foundation associate medical director for research, on the BHF-Turing Cardiovascular Data Science Awards for research projects linking data science and heart disease
• Nathan Abrams, professor of film studies at Bangor University, on his three successful applications for British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grants
• Lucy Bates of the University of Sussex on how a Daphne Jackson Fellowship helped her resume her research after a career break

REF 2021

REF 2021 consultation: summary of responses

The four UK funding bodies have published a summary of the responses to the ‘Consultation on the second Research Excellence Framework (REF)’.

> More details

Funder 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.

> More details

NIH: updates to active funding opportunity announcements to prepare for policy changes

The NIH is making updates to existing funding opportunity announcements to prepare for changes to grant application forms and policies due to be effective from 25 January 2018.

> More details

NIH: review the accuracy of grants information for fiscal year 2017 (ending 30 September)

The NIH encourages institutions to check the accuracy of grant assignments to departments in eRA Commons through the Grant Re-assign function. Any corrections to the data must be made by Monday 9 October to be reflected in NIH annual reports.

> More details

NIH: reminder: applications must be complete and compliant with submission instructions

The NIH has issued a reminder to applicants that all grant applications must be complete and fully compliant with all submission requirements and NIH policies.

> More details
NIH: notice of changes to policy for issuing certificates of confidentiality

The NIH is updating its policy for issuing certificates of confidentiality. From 1 October 2017, NIH will provide certificates automatically to any NIH-funded recipients conducting research meeting criteria set out in the new policy.

> More details

NIH: new review criteria for research project applications involving clinical trials

The NIH will apply additional review criteria to clinical trial applications from 25 January 2018. A new series of questions will cover significance, investigators, innovation, approach, environment and study timeline.

> More details

NIHR: new guides to NIHR and Health Education England (HEE) clinical academic careers

New guides to support healthcare professionals to develop clinical academic careers have been launched by NIHR (PDF) and Health Education England (PDF) to provide information on awards and how to apply.

> More details

Wellcome: Director's update

Jeremy Farrar, Director of the Wellcome Trust, explains how Wellcome is managing its funds to sustain its historically high level of spending.

> More details

More news from funders on Research Professional

You can find more news from top research funders on Research Professional.
The next issue of RS News will be circulated on Friday 20 October. Please email any contributions to research.services@admin.ox.ac.uk by Monday 16 October.