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Consultations

Submission to the Science Budget and the Industrial Strategy inquiry

The University submitted evidence to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee’s inquiry into the science budget and the Industrial Strategy.

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Co-ordinated University bids
**Oxfordshire Science and Innovation Audit 2018 (deadline: 27 November 2017)**

Oxfordshire is convening a second regional science and innovation audit. This is to inform the government’s strategy and investments in science and innovation to 2030, for transformational economic growth, social benefit, and industrial impact, Up to four sectors/technologies will be progressed. Industry-focused partnerships are encouraged to apply. The deadline for expressions of interest to participate in this audit is **Monday 27 November**.

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**Events**

**EPSRC Open Forum, 17 November 2017**

*Friday 17 November, 11.30am–12.30pm, Lecture Theatre B, Wolfson Building, Parks Road (OeRC, Keble Road Reception entrance)*

Professor Philip Nelson, Chief Executive of EPSRC and Chair of the RCUK Strategic Executive, invites all colleagues interested in EPSRC’s current and future directions to attend an open forum. Professor Nelson will speak on key issues and then invite a discussion and Q&A. He will be joined by Dr Neil Viner, EPSRC Director Programme Delivery.

**An introduction to research ethics in the Medical Sciences Division, 21 November 2017**

*Tuesday 21 November, 1–2pm, Anne Anderson Lecture Theatre, Women’s Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital*

This session will provide an introduction to research ethics approvals and why/when they are needed, the various research ethics committees, and guidance on where and how to apply. No booking required.
Open Access Oxford iSkills training session, 29 November 2017

Wednesday 29 November, 1–2pm, Taylor Institution

This session will include guidance on how to comply with open access requirements for the REF and mandates from key funding bodies whilst respecting publishers’ rights and policies.

OpenCon Oxford satellite event, 1 December 2017

Friday 1 December, 1.30–4.30pm, Weston Library

This year’s Oxford OpenCon satellite event will include an afternoon of talks from speakers working in the open space, covering work in digital humanities, earth science, bioinformatics, evidence-based policy making, and more.

An introduction to evaluating public engagement with research, 4 December 2017

Monday 4 December, 10am–noon (academic support staff) and 2–4pm (researchers and academics), John Radcliffe Hospital

These workshops, delivered by Graphic Science, will provide an introduction to evaluating public engagement with research activities, including project planning, evaluation methods and qualitative analysis. They will be geared towards staff from the science divisions. Evaluation workshops for other divisions will be offered next term.
Policy, processes and resources

Grants information in Symplectic Elements

From 3 November 2017, users accessing Symplectic Elements at Oxford (SE) can view information about their grants, imported from Oracle Financials and Researchfish. Users will be able to create links from grants to publications and other records (eg people, records of impact etc). Our new grants webpage (SSO required) includes links to a user guide and FAQs.

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Guidance for building public engagement with research (PER) into grant applications

New guidance is available to support researchers, research facilitators and other staff with including and resourcing PER activities as part of Pathways to Impact in Research Council grant applications. This includes guidance on planning PER activities, what to include in the Pathways to Impact section, and a list of indicative PER costings.

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Research applications library

The research applications library for the social sciences is now open to borrowers.

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RCUK open access APCs for papers submitted before August 2017
RCUK-funded authors still awaiting acceptance for articles submitted to fully open access journals (listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals - DOAJ) before 21 August 2017 should contact the APC team as soon as possible so that block grant money can be reserved for article processing charges while funds remain. From 21 August 2017 there is a revised policy.

**Charity Open Access Fund block grant 2017–18 now available**

The COAF block grant for 2017–18 is now operational. Authors no longer have to claim open access fees from their individual funders. All authors funded under the COAF umbrella should send all applications directly to apc@bodleian.ox.ac.uk as before.

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**Celebrating ten years of ORA (Oxford University Research Archive)**

The University’s institutional repository ORA is ten years old, and recently hit some milestones, with more than 1 million site visits, 200,000 records, 27,000 full text items, 21,000 full text deposits since October 2015, and downloads up by 55% over the past year.

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**Curiosity Carnival highlights film**

A film showing highlights from European Researchers’ Night 2017 in Oxford – Curiosity Carnival is available to view.

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**New MPLS Academic Champion for Public Engagement with Research**

Professor David Pyle has been appointed as the MPLS Academic Champion for Public Engagement with Research (PER). Professor Pyle will support the
Division's and University's strategies to embed high-quality PER as part of research culture and practice, working alongside the University's Academic Champion, Professor Alison Woollard.

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UK policy framework for health and social care research

The Health Research Authority (HRA) has released a new policy framework for good practice in the management and conduct of health and social care research in the UK. The framework applies to research involving patients, service users or their relatives or carers and replaces the separate Research Governance Frameworks in each UK country.

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Economic impact of Russell Group universities

The Russell Group has published a report on the economic impact of its member institutions. This estimates that research carried out at Russell Group universities in 2015–16 will contribute £34.1bn to the UK economy.

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New on Funding Insight: NIHR Programme Development Grants, Newton RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnerships, and the EPSRC First Grant programme

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
• Najma Siddiqi, clinical senior lecturer in psychiatry at the University of York, on winning an NIHR Programme Development Grant
• Laura Bones, RCUK’s international policy manager, on the Newton RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnerships call and its focus on post-conflict transition in Colombia
• Isabel Wagner, senior lecturer at De Montfort University, on changing her research field and winning an EPSRC First Grant
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.

EPSRC: Prof Philip Nelson to serve as Executive Chair

Professor Philip Nelson, currently Chief Executive of EPSRC, will serve as its Executive Chair for six months when it becomes part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

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ESRC: CEO and Executive Chair Designate announced

Professor Jennifer Rubin has been appointed Chief Executive and Executive Chair Designate of the ESRC.

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HEFCE: financial health of the higher education sector

HEFCE has published its latest report into the financial health of the higher education sector, based on forecast information from higher education institutions.

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NIH: statement on article publication resulting from NIH funded research

NIH has issued a statement to encourage authors to publish papers arising from NIH-funded research in reputable journals. Authors should adhere to the principles of research integrity and publication ethics; identify journals that follow best practices promoted by professional scholarly publishing organisations; and avoid publishing in journals that do not have a clearly stated and rigorous peer review process.

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Research England: Council membership announced

The Board of UK Research and Innovation has confirmed the first members of the Research England Council. They include Dr Phil Clare, Associate Director and Head of Knowledge Exchange in Research Services.

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RCUK: updated post award guidance

RCUK has updated its post award guidance on transfer requests for suspended grants. If the grant is suspended, before submitting the 'grant transfer request' in Je-S the research organisation must first contact the RCUK grants team for the suspension on the grant to be reviewed.

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RCUK: UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) update

In preparation for the transfer of assets to UKRI, Research Council grant offer letters will start to include an additional standard term and condition for use in contracts under non-UK (international) or UK law.

Wellcome: new group to advise on diversity and inclusion
A new diversity and inclusion (D&I) steering group has been set up to discuss how Wellcome is putting its D&I plans into action and to give strategic advice to its D&I management board.

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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 1 December. Please email any contributions to research.services@admin.ox.ac.uk by Monday 27 November.