Co-ordinated University bids

ESRC large grants (deadline: 20 April 2018)

The University can only submit three applications to the ESRC large grants call. Applicants should provide their case for support, pathways to impact and description of resources for assessment by a review panel to sharron.pleydell-pearce@socsci.ox.ac.uk by 3pm on Friday 20 April.

> More details

AXA Research Fund – Chair (deadline: 27 April 2018)

The University can submit one proposal only under the AXA Research Fund Chair programme. Applicants interested in submitting for the first campaign should contact Emily Graham by Friday 27 April.

> More details
Internal funding

EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account funding (deadline: 29 May 2018)

The EPSRC IAA Partnerships and Technology Fund are open for applications. The schemes fund projects that accelerate the impact of research within the EPSRC remit. The deadline for applications is noon on Tuesday 29 May.

> More details

Events

Making a Difference: social sciences & impact conference, 19 April 2018

The Social Sciences Division, the Open University, Oxford Brookes University and the University of Reading are jointly hosting a conference on Thursday 19 April at St Anne’s College on the topic of research impact. This free event is open to researchers at all career stages, and the professional colleagues who support them.

> More details

Accelerating impact: how your research can make a difference, 25 May 2018

The University is hosting an EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account showcase event on Friday 25 May at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. This free half-day event is open to researchers at all career stages, and the professional colleagues who support them.

> More details
Open access training, 25 April 2018

The next Open Access Oxford iSkills training session will take place on Wednesday 25 April, 2–3pm, at the Cairns Library, John Radcliffe Hospital.

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Policy, processes and resources

Data protection and research

In order to reflect the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) requirements the researchers’ guide to data protection has been updated and published on the Research Support website.

> More details

New research funding metrics report – UK HE sector comparison data

The research funding metrics report on UK HE sector comparison for research income and QR has been updated with the 2016-17 figures and is published on our website. The report shows a breakdown by income and QR, market share, funder type, and individual Research Councils. For the fifth year running Oxford had the highest research income (excluding QR funding) in the sector with £564.9m for 2016-17. Cambridge reported the second highest research income for 2016-17, £466m.

> More details

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Oxford Tropical Research Ethics Committee seeks external member

The Oxford Tropical Research Ethics Committee (OxTREC) reviews the ethics of University medical research taking place outside the EU. We are currently seeking an external member to join this lively and interesting
committee. External members should live near Oxford and be able to attend 6 meetings annually. Experience of tropical countries is an advantage but no specialist medical knowledge is necessary. Reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed for this voluntary role.

> More details

Open access: ‘Act on Acceptance’ deposit milestones

More than 15,000 deposits have now been made as part of Act on Acceptance at Oxford, by more than 4,000 Oxford researchers.

> More details

Open access: new-look ORA

ORA, the Oxford University Research Archive, has a new public interface. The new interface offers much improved display, also on mobile devices, better usage metrics, and new features such as request a copy from the author, and the ability to bookmark, export and tweet items.

> More details

Study on research stays abroad

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and ‘Research in Germany’ are conducting an online survey about international researcher mobility. They are interested in hearing from researchers and from both current and prospective doctoral students.

> More details

New on Funding Insight: the Healthcare Infection Society, NERC’s Impact Awards, and how UKRI will work

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
• Gemma Marsden, the Healthcare Infection Society’s R&D manager, on their Strategic Research Grant for research into antimicrobial resistance
REF 2021

Research England launches real-time REF review

Research England has announced a pilot to explore a longitudinal, real-time evaluation approach for REF 2021. The pilot will be led by research teams at Cardiff University and the University of Sheffield, and will test the feasibility of evaluating the perceptions, experiences and understanding of the REF among academics across career stages, and in a range of departments and universities.

> More details

Increase to initial FTE threshold for impact case studies

Following feedback from the sector, the initial threshold for impact case studies will be increased to 20 FTE (from 15 FTE).

> More details

REF panel membership appointments announced

The four UK higher education funding bodies have announced the appointment of members to the main panel and sub-panels for the first stage of the REF 2021 exercise, the criteria-setting phase.

> More details
Funder news

**BBSRC: new Executive Chair**

Professor Melanie Welham has been appointed as Executive Chair of BBSRC.

> More details

**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: impact on investment in research equipment**

An analysis highlights a return of £3.40 for every £1 of investment by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) in research equipment, and showcases the wider impact of this investment on skills and collaboration.

> More details

**ESRC: knowledge and skills summary report**

ESRC has published a report on knowledge and skills needs to improve the UK’s social science capability and capacity.

> More details

**HEFCE: financial health of the higher education sector**

A report on the financial performance of the HEFCE-funded sector has been published.
HEFCE: annual efficiency return 2016-17

Headline results of the annual efficiency return by HEFCE-funded institutions have been published. The total cash value for efficiencies for 2016-17 is £912 million.

MRC: new Executive Chair

Professor Fiona Watt FRS has been appointed as Executive Chair of the MRC.

NIHR: guide for researchers

The NIHR has published a guide to help researchers plan their dissemination and give their research every chance of being utilised.

NIHR: new national standards to improve public involvement in research

A set of national standards designed to improve the quality and consistency of public involvement in research has been launched.

UKRI: five councils announced

The Board of UK Research and Innovation has appointed members to AHRC, BBSRC, Innovate UK, MRC and STFC.
UKRI: gender pay reports
The research councils and Innovate UK have published their gender pay reports:
- AHRC
- BBSRC
- EPSRC
- ESRC
- Innovate UK
- MRC
- NERC
- STFC
The report for Research England is integrated into the report for HEFCE.

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

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