Consultations

Survey on the culture of research metrics in UK research organisations (deadline: 5 December 2017)

The Forum for Responsible Research Metrics is inviting responses to a survey on the culture of research metrics in UK research organisations. Only one response per institution can be made – please provide your views by 5pm on Tuesday 5 December.

> More details
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Wellcome/Royal Society future partnership project (deadline: 3 January 2018)

The Royal Society and the Wellcome Trust are seeking recommendations about how research and innovation partnerships should work after Brexit. Oxford colleagues are invited to contribute ideas to assist the drafting of the
University’s submission. Please provide comments by Wednesday 3 January.

> More details
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**Co-ordinated University bids**

**ESRC Centres call 2018 (deadline: 12 January 2018)**

ESRC have opened their Centres call for 2018. The call will follow a three-stage process, as in previous years. Institutions are restricted to three applications for this call.
To ensure Oxford submits the three most competitive applications we kindly ask applicants to submit their case for support, pathways to impact document and a summary of the resources required to undertake the programme of activities by noon on Friday 12 January to Dr Sharron Pleydell-Pearce.

> More details

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**Internal funding**

**Internal HEFCE GCRF support fund (deadline: 12 January 2018)**

This year the University is allocating a portion of its HEFCE GCRF QR fund by open competition. A variety of activity will be supported and awards ranging from £1k to £50k will be available.
The deadline for applications is Friday 12 January. Application is via IRAMS.

> More details
Policy, processes and resources

Research Support website evaluation – take the survey

Our new website has now been live for more than three months, and we are running a short user survey in order to find out how well it is working. The survey should not take more than around 5 minutes to complete, and will remain open until Friday 15 December.

> Take the survey

Research funding metrics

The research funding metrics report for applications and awards in 2016/17 is now available to view on our website. This report shows an analysis of the applications submitted and awards received by the University from 2013/14 to 2016/17.

> More details

New X5 BI report

A new research business intelligence (BI) report has been created to show the FEC recovery of awards from industrial and UK ministerial government funders (note: this excludes NIHR, Innovate UK etc). You can use this report for data on awards grouped by over, under or 100% of FEC recovered by department, award type and funder name.

> More details

Applications for clinical research sponsorship closed until New Year

Due to staff shortages and an increase in workload the Clinical Trials and Research Governance team has had to close its systems to new applications for sponsorship until the New Year. Work on applications under sponsorship review and those in the system but awaiting allocation will continue.
Data protection reform: introductory GDPR guidance available

Introductory guidance on changes to data protection legislation is now available on the University’s data protection website. This provides an overview of the changes and gives a brief outline of how they are likely to affect the University.

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Symplectic Elements version upgrade

Symplectic Elements at Oxford was successfully upgraded to version 5.2 on 22 November. The version upgrade sees changes to the look of the home page and menus in order to provide simpler, clearer signposting and navigation. Other pages and functionality are largely unchanged.

Open access: act on acceptance deposits hit 13,000

More than 13,000 articles have now been deposited for act on acceptance in the University’s repository ORA. Note that the recently published decisions on staff and output for REF2021 have re-affirmed HECFE’s open access policy. Articles accepted since 1 April 2016 should be deposited within three months of acceptance. A deposit guide can be found on the Open Access Oxford website.

Open access: reminder of Cancer Research UK policy

Researchers are reminded that Cancer Research UK has an Open Access policy and is part of the Charity Open Access Fund (COAF). CRUK are concerned that last year the open access compliance rate for CRUK-funded
researchers at Oxford was only about 60%. The key requirements and procedure for COAF are on the Open Access Oxford website.

> More details

**Heritage Network: survey**

A heritage network is being set up to bring together researchers and practitioners from across the University who have an interest in heritage. It will take the form of a web presence, a monthly newsletter and occasional events. To help determine the best model for a successful network please complete the short survey.

> More details

**New on Funding Insight: the European Respiratory Society, the Council for British Research in the Levant, and winning a GCRF networking grant**

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:

- Rory Morty, European Respiratory Society programme director, on the society’s fellowship programme
- Bill Finlayson, Director of the Council for British Research in the Levant, on its range of grants for researchers at all career stages range of grants for researchers at all career stages
- Giles Mohan, professor of international development at The Open University, on winning a Global Challenges Research Fund networking grant

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**REF 2021**

**REF 2021 decisions on staff and outputs**

The UK higher education funding bodies have made the final decisions on the operation of the next Research Excellence Framework process, REF2021.
The conclusions, which follow a year of consultation, confirm the arrangements for returning research staff and outputs to the REF exercise.

> More details

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**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.

**HEFCE/UKRI: new web tool to promote university–business collaboration**

*Konfer* is a new online platform to promote and enable university–business collaboration created by the National Centre for Universities and Business (NCUB) in partnership with HEFCE and Research Councils UK.

> More details

**MRC: survey of investment in clinical and health research fellowships**

The results of a [cross-funder survey](#) of UK investment in clinical and health research fellowships have been published. The report provides a snapshot of current fellowships in 2017 and reveals a marked increase in investment in early career stages for clinical academics.

> More details
NIH: policy and guidelines on the inclusion of women and minorities as subjects in clinical research

The NIH has amended its policy and guidelines on the inclusion of women and minorities as subjects in clinical research to include a requirement that recipients conducting applicable NIH-defined phase III clinical trials ensure results of valid analyses by sex/gender, race, and/or ethnicity are submitted to Clinicaltrials.gov.

> More details

NIH: project outcomes section of progress reports to be made publicly available

NIH intends to publish the project outcomes section of all final and interim research performance progress reports (RPPRs) submitted from 1 October and to make them available to the general public via the NIH RePORTER.

> More details

NIHR: Researchfish update

The NIHR has published an overview of information collected via Researchfish on the research it has funded.

> More details

STFC: mapping the future of UK nuclear physics research

The European Science Foundation’s Nuclear Physics European Collaboration Committee (NuPECC) has announced its fifth long range plan, setting out the goals of nuclear physicists in Europe.

> More details

Wellcome: grant start certificates

The Wellcome Trust is changing the grant start certificate (GSC) submission process on WT Grant Tracker. Requests will come directly to research offices,
who will submit the GSC instead of the grant-holder. A new automated email will also confirm when it has been safely received.

**Wellcome: modified research misconduct policy**

The Wellcome Trust has modified its research misconduct policy to clarify that the host organisation should provide the name of the respondent if a full investigation is instigated.

> More details

**Wellcome: new outputs management policy**

The Wellcome Trust has updated its policy on sharing and managing research data. Future applicants will need to provide an expanded outputs management plan setting out how they will manage and share significant data, software or materials to ensure the greatest benefit to health and research.

> More details

**Wellcome: scheme deadlines webpage**

The Wellcome Trust has created a new webpage that shows upcoming funding scheme deadlines and other key dates.

> More details

**Wellcome: space and resources commitment by host institution**

For all Wellcome grant applications, the host organisation must now agree to provide the space and resources the applicant will need from the start date through to the end date of the award.

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

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