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Internal funding

STFC Impact Acceleration Account funding (deadline: 28 March 2018)

The STFC IAA provides grants to boost the impact of STFC-funded research. The University’s funding pot is £100k, and project costs are likely to be up to £30k, although larger projects are possible. Projects will typically be towards commercialisation, proof of concept, market assessment, contributions to R&D-oriented showcases, and staff mobility and exchanges. The deadline for applications is 4pm on Wednesday 28 March.

> More details

Oxford–Canterbury (NZ) academic staff exchange programme (deadline: 11 May 2018)

Applications are open for the Oxford/Canterbury (NZ) academic staff exchange programme. The scheme enables academic staff from Oxford to
visit the University of Canterbury for up to three months. The deadline for application is Friday 11 May.

> More details

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**Competitions and awards**

**Social Sciences Excellence in Impact Awards (deadline: 5 March 2018)**

Nominations for the Social Sciences Excellence in Impact Awards are open. A prize of £5,000 will be awarded to the overall Impact Champion(s), with three other winners awarded £2,500 each. There will also be a special prize for Early Career Impact Champion of £2,500. The deadline for submissions is 5pm on Monday 5 March.

> More details

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**Events**

**Open access training, 15 March 2018**

The monthly Open Access Oxford session will next run on Thursday 15 March, 11am–noon, at the Radcliffe Science Library.

> More details

**Royal Society visit, 23 March 2018**

Staff from the Royal Society will deliver a session on their current funding schemes on Friday 23 March, 11am–1pm, in the Lecture Theatre at the Department of Computer Science, South Parks Road.
Open Access Oxford Week and Social Science OA Event, 11–15 June 2018

The Open Access team is planning an Open Access Oxford Week for Monday 11 to Friday 15 June to bring together researchers, publishers and funders to discuss developments in the research publishing landscape and the benefits and challenges of open access. This will include a Social Sciences OA day on Thursday 14 June.

Policy, processes and resources

Newton International Fellowships guidance

The 2018 round for Newton International Fellowship applications to the Royal Society and British Academy is now open, and revised guidance is available on our website. Please note that there are changes to the University’s guidance for 2018, in particular relating to the visitor status of fellows.

Research funding metrics: new report available

The research funding metrics report for research income in 2016–17 is now available, showing an analysis of the University’s external research income up to financial year 2016–17, broken down by division, department and funder type, with a list of top funders. Research income has increased by 5% to £564.9m, with the largest proportion coming from UK charities and the Wellcome Trust remaining the largest funder.

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Open access: the UK Scholarly Communications Licence

The University is monitoring the development of the UK Scholarly Communications Licence (UK-SCL) and will consult with the academic community in due course. The aim of UK-SCL is to address difficulties in complying with REF and research funders’ open access policies caused by ownership of rights to journal articles and policies imposed by publishers.

> More details

FP7 post-grant Open Access Pilot fund ends on 28 February 2018

FP7-funded researchers who wish to request open access publication funding are reminded that the FP7 post-grant Open Access Pilot fund ends on Wednesday 28 February.

> More details

Curiosity Carnival evaluation report

A summary report evaluating public engagement at the Curiosity Carnival is available to download from our website.

> More details

Oxford University Innovation annual report

Oxford University Innovation have published their annual report for 2017.

> More details

New on Funding Insight: the Dr Josef Steiner Cancer Research Foundation, the Leverhulme Trust’s Major Research Fellowships, and the outlook for GCRF and the Newton Fund in 2018
Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:

• Stephan Rohr of the Dr Josef Steiner Cancer Research Foundation on its bi-annual award for early to mid-career researchers
• Alison Stone, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Lancaster, on gaining funding from the Leverhulme Trust to produce a monograph
• Rachel Sara-Kennedy of Universities UK on what to expect from the Global Challenges Research Fund and the Newton Fund this year

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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.

**NIHR: new allied health professionals strategy**

The NIHR has published a new strategy to support allied health professionals in research.

> More details

**RCUK issue statement on use of metrics and sign DORA**

The UK Research Councils have published a statement on the responsible use of metrics and signed the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA). The Research Councils’ statement includes a commitment to update the principles that councils will use to guide researchers applying for funding, reviewers assessing these applications, and evaluations of the work that results.

> More details
Wellcome: Future Partnership Project report

The Wellcome Trust has published its Future Partnership Project report, *Building a Strong Future for European Science: Brexit and Beyond*. It recommends that the European Research Area should be strengthened and broadened to increase scientific collaboration between member states and associated countries.

> More details

Wellcome in official relations with the World Health Organization

The Wellcome Trust has been admitted as a non-state actor in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO), allowing it to participate at sessions of WHO governing bodies, propose agenda items and organise side events.

> More details

Wellcome: gender pay gap published

The Wellcome Trust has published its gender pay gap data. On 5 April 2017, it had a gender gap in median pay of 20.8%, slightly higher than the UK average of 18%.

> More details

More news from funders on Research Professional

You can find more news from top research funders on [Research Professional](https://www.researchprofessional.com).

The next issue of RS News will be circulated on Friday 16 March. Please email any contributions to research.services@admin.ox.ac.uk by Monday 12 March.