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Consultations

**REF 2021 code of practice consultation (deadline: 30 November 2018)**

The principles for both staff eligibility and output selection for REF 2021 at Oxford are now open for consultation to inform the development of the University’s code of practice.

You may send comments by completing the survey or by emailing refinfo@admin.ox.ac.uk by Friday 30 November.

> More details
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**REF 2021 guidance and criteria**

The University’s response to the funding bodies’ consultation on the draft guidance for REF2021 is available on the Research Support website.
Inquiry into the balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending

The University’s response to the Commons Science and Technology Committee’s inquiry into the balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending is available on the Research Support website.

Internal funding

TORCH New Network Scheme (deadline: 16 November 2018)

This scheme supports the establishment or consolidation of multi- or interdisciplinary research networks. Up to three centres are supported each term, with funding up to £2,500 and provision of a venue, web presence and publicity. The deadline for applications is Friday 16 November.

TORCH Conference and Workshop Fund (deadline: 16 November 2018)

This fund supports conferences, workshops or other events that focus on all areas of diversity, identity and inclusivity. Grants of £500 to £1,000 are available. The deadline for applications is Friday 16 November.

TORCH Global South Visiting Professors and Fellowships (deadline: 16 November 2018)
Oxford researchers can apply for a grant to host a leading scholar from the Global South. The grant includes a bursary for the visiting researcher and funding for events and research activity. The deadline for applications is **Friday 16 November**.

> More details

**TORCH International Fellowships (deadline: 16 November 2018)**

Oxford researchers can apply for an international fellowship to host a researcher from outside the UK. The scheme provides a £5,000 bursary for the international fellow. The deadline for applications is **Friday 16 November**.

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**Events**

**Introduction to research ethics at Oxford (Medical Sciences), 30 October 2018**

This introductory session on research ethics and applying for ethical approval will take place on Tuesday 30 October at noon, at New Radcliffe House, Walton Street. No booking required.

> More details

**Research administration training, Michaelmas term 2018**

There are still spaces available on three of the sessions for research administration and support staff coordinated by Research Services with the Oxford Learning Institute:

- **Research contracts**, Tuesday 30 October, 9.30am–12.30pm
  
  Book a place

- **Financial management of research awards**, Thursday 8 November, 9.30am–12.30pm
Book a place

• Research awards and associated personnel administration, Tuesday 20 November, 9.30am–12.30pm
Book a place

All three sessions will be held in Room 3, University Offices, Wellington Square.

> More details

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Policy, processes and resources

Public engagement with research digest

The PER digest is a monthly email newsletter with key updates, news and opportunities (including funding) for public engagement with research at Oxford. To subscribe, email publicengagement@admin.ox.ac.uk with ‘Start PER Digest’ in the subject line.

Oxford Tropical Research Ethics Committee seeks external member

The Oxford Tropical Research Ethics Committee (OxTREC) is seeking an external member. OxTREC reviews the ethics of University medical research taking place outside the EU. 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

Plan S / cOAlition S: information and advice for Oxford researchers
The University’s Open Access Steering Group has issued preliminary guidance for researchers about Plan S, an open access initiative from European research funders including UKRI.

> More details

**New on Funding Insight: Sarcoma UK, Leverhulme International Academic Fellowships, and Harvard’s Charles Bullard Fellowships**

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
- Sarah McDonald, Director of Research and Policy at Sarcoma UK, on the charity’s [Roger Wilson Award](#)
- Debra Mills of Bangor University on her successful application for a Leverhulme Trust [International Academic Fellowship](#)
- Duncan Stone of Scottish Natural Heritage on winning a Harvard Forest’s [Charles Bullard Fellowship](#)

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**REF 2021**

**Panel members sought for a REF environment pilot**

The four UK higher education funding bodies have invited [expressions of interest](#) to join a pilot panel for the REF 2021. The panel will operate alongside REF 2021 to pilot a new approach to assessing the research environments of whole higher education institution.

> 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.

**ESRC: two new directors appointed**

Professor Paul Nightingale has been appointed as ESRC's new Director of Strategy and Operations, and Professor Alison Park as ESRC's new Director of Research.

> More details

**NIH: consultation on proposed provisions for a draft data management and sharing policy**

The NIH is seeking input on proposed provisions that could serve as a foundation for a future NIH policy for data management and sharing by 10 December 2018.

> More details

**NIH: new peer review videos for applicants**

The NIH Center for Scientific Review has released new videos on What happens to your NIH grant application and Top 10 peer review Q&As for NIH applicants.

> More details

**NIH: responsibilities of recipient institutions in communicating research misconduct**

The NIH has issued a reminder of grant recipients’ responsibilities in handling suspected or confirmed research misconduct.

> More details
NIH: revised grants policy statement

The NIH has revised its grants policy statement. This revision is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after 1 October 2018.

> More details

UKRI: new report explores fair and equitable global research partnerships

A new report has been published on how research organisations can enable fair and equitable partnerships between researchers across the global North and South working to addresses the challenges faced by developing countries.

> More details

UKRI signs international development safeguarding statement

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) is one of five UK funders of international development research to have signed a statement of commitment to prevent and tackle harm and abuse in research for international development.

> More details

UKRI strengthens African partnership

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) have agreed a partnership to address the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, strengthen Africa–UK research collaborations and enhance research capacity across African and UK research communities.

> More details

Wellcome: plans for a Berlin office
Wellcome is planning to open a small office in Berlin to work more closely with international partners on tackling global health challenges.

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More news from funders on Research Professional

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

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