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Co-ordinated University bids

Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe postdoctoral fellowships (deadline: 9 February 2018)

The Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe is inviting researchers in the field of Jewish Studies to apply to its postdoctoral fellowship scheme. Each host institution is permitted to support only one postdoctoral fellowship application. The internal deadline for applications is Friday 9 February.

> More details

Philip Leverhulme Prize (deadline: 9 March 2018)

Nominations are open for the 2018 Philip Leverhulme Prizes for early-career researchers in classics, earth sciences, physics, politics and international relations, psychology, and visual and performing arts. Each prize has a value of £100,000. To help assess whether an internal selection process will be required, please email your divisional contact with the names of up to three
potential nominees from your department/faculty by noon on Friday 9 March.

> More details

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**Internal funding**

**Returning Carers Fund (deadline: 16 February 2018)**

The University’s Returning Carers Fund is a small-grants scheme to support women and men who have taken a break of at least six months for caring responsibilities to re-establish their research careers. The Hilary term call is open, with applications to be submitted by Friday 16 February.

> More details

**KE Seed Fund (deadline: 26 February 2018)**

Applications are open for the KE Seed Fund, which provides start-up funding to support early-stage innovative knowledge exchange ideas. The deadline for applications is 12.30pm on Monday 26 February. Application is via IRAMS.

> More details

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**Events**

**EIT Health Roadshow 2018, 7 February 2018**

The EIT Health UK-Ireland team and Project Management Office will be coming to the Big Data Institute on the Old Road Campus on Wednesday 7 February, 11am–2pm, to highlight the funding opportunities available in 2018 and 2019.
Research Professional training session, 15 February 2018

A Research Professional hands-on training session will take place on Thursday 15 February, 2–3.45pm, at IT Services, 13 Banbury Road. The session provides a full introduction to the funding information database, including how best to search for research funding and how to access news and Funding Insight content.

> Book online

Obtaining ethical and HRA approvals, 20 February 2018

A talk on obtaining ethical and HRA approvals will take place on Tuesday 20 February, 11am–12.30pm, at the Joint Research Office, Churchill Hospital. The session will cover: how research is governed in the UK; which approval bodies are involved; a step-by-step guide to applying for approval; and how to handle amendments. It will be followed by a drop-in session. To book a place email Mark Crossley.

> More details

Open access training, 20 February 2018

The monthly Open Access Oxford session will next run on Tuesday 20 February, 11am–noon, at Nuffield College.

> More details

Soapbox Science (deadline: 23 February 2018)

Soapbox Science is coming to Oxford for the third year running this summer. The event is an opportunity for women scientists to present their research to the public. The deadline for applications to take part is Friday 23 February.

> More details
NIHR Annual Health Management Research Network (16–17 May 2018)

Oxford University Innovation (in collaboration with NIHR) will host the next Annual Health Research Management Workshop in Oxford on 16 and 17 May. Oxford University Innovation is seeking expressions of interest in attending the workshop as well as ideas for topics.

> More details

Policy, processes and resources

Export controls update

The Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU) has updated the consolidated control list of strategic military and dual-use items that require export authorisation. In respect of extant licences you hold, some may include items whose control entry has changed. ECJU takes the view that as long as the description on the licence properly describes the items to be exported, then the licence remains valid.

> More details

RCUK open access block grant: are you still using the old form and policy?

Please make sure you are using the correct OA block grant application form. The current version is dated 2017 and the latest version is always available on the Open Access website. Please delete any saved copies of earlier versions which relate to Oxford’s previous RCUK policy.

> More details

2018 Researchfish collection for Research Councils, NIHR, CRUK and BHF opens on 5 February
Research Councils, CRUK, NIHR and BHF will be inviting PIs to report on outcomes from research they have funded. Research Councils will also be inviting research students to do the same for their studentships. The collection is open until 15 March.

> More details

**Public Engagement with Research Seed Fund projects announced**

Twelve new projects have been funded by the University's Public Engagement with Research Seed Fund grants scheme

> More details

**New on Funding Insight: overcoming bid failures, Cern art residencies, and how to get fellowship funding**

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
• Joanna Poulton, Professor of Mitochondrial Genetics at the University of Oxford, on overcoming two runs of 15 unsuccessful grant applications
• Mónica Bello, Cern’s Head of Arts, on its artist-in-residence programme
• Kay Guccione of the University of Sheffield in the first of a two-part feature on how to get fellowship funding

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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.
**EPSRC: equality, diversity and inclusion update**

The EPSRC has issued an update on progress made since the adoption of its mixed gender peer review policy. Female panel membership has increased from 17% in 2012–13 to 30% in 2016–17.

> More details

**NERC: annual impact report published**

NERC has published its annual impact report.

> More details

**RCUK: doctoral stipend levels and indicative fees for 2018**

Research Councils UK (RCUK) has announced doctoral stipend levels and indicative fees for 2018.
- National Minimum Doctoral Stipend for 2018/19 is £14,777
- Research Council UK Indicative Fee Level for 2018/19 is £4,260

> More details

**STFC: e-infrastructure strategy published**

STFC has released a new e-infrastructure strategy recognising its importance for the UK science community.

> More details

**STFC: new executive chair announced**

Universities and Science Minister Sam Gyimah has announced that Professor Mark Thomson has been selected to be Executive Chair of the Science and Technology Facilities Council.

> More details
UKRI: chair announced

Business Secretary Greg Clark has announced that Sir John Kingman will take up the role of permanent chair of UKRI in April. Sir John has been interim chair since May 2016.

> More details

UKRI: UK research and innovation infrastructure roadmap

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) is developing a research and innovation infrastructure roadmap. UKRI has been asked to undertake this project by the Universities and Science Minister to contribute to the government’s ambition of 2.4% GDP investment in R&D by 2027.

> More details

Wellcome: new Berlin office

The Wellcome Trust is planning to open a small office in the German capital later this year to work more closely with international partners on shared priorities.

> More details

Wellcome: new public engagement strategy

The Wellcome Trust has a new public engagement strategy and is making changing to its Public Engagement Fund.

> More details

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 23 February. Please email any contributions to research.services@admin.ox.ac.uk by Monday 19 February.