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**Internal funding**

**Humanities Innovation Challenge Competition (deadline: 8 May 2018)**

Oxford University Innovation and TORCH are seeking innovative and entrepreneurial ideas from those with research based in a humanities discipline that they would like to bring to a wider audience. On offer is a first prize of £1,000 along with £5,000 of in-kind support, and second and third prizes of in-kind mentor support. The deadline for entries is **Tuesday 8 May**.

> More details

**Oxford-Burma visiting funds (deadline: 21 May 2018)**

The Oxford-Burma visiting funds were set up thanks to donations from the Blakey Foundation and the Daw Aung San Suu Kyi Trust for Health and Education. The funds support staff and postgraduate research students visiting the University of Yangon and potentially other Burma/Myanmar
institutions to take part in guest teaching, supervision, joint research, staff
training and curriculum development activities. The funds can also be used to
support visits to Rohingya and other Burmese refugee populations outside of
Burma. The next deadline for applications is noon on Monday 21 May.

> More details

**Returning Carers Fund (deadline: 25 May 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 Trinity term call is
open, with applications to be submitted by Friday 25 May.

> More details

**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

**Humanities Knowledge Exchange Fellowship Call 2018-2019 (deadline: 28 June 2018)**

Proposals are sought from Oxford researchers to facilitate new, or develop
existing, relationships with external partners that further the reach and
significance of research in all humanities disciplines at Oxford (not just
researchers in the Humanities Division). The deadline for applications is noon
on Thursday 28 June.

> More details
Competitions and awards

The Inaugural Vice-Chancellor’s Innovation Awards
(deadline: 25 May 2018)

The Vice-Chancellor’s Innovation Awards seek to recognise and celebrate high-quality research-led innovation at all levels. Research-led innovation may take many forms, including: the creation of new products or models; entrepreneurial activity; social enterprise; influencing policy; or cultural engagement. Entry is via IRAMS by Friday 25 May.

> More details

Events

RISN meeting, 8 May 2018

The Research & Innovation Support Network (RISN) is a community of colleagues involved in the support and management of research and innovation. It is a means to share best practice, encourage interdisciplinary activity, and identify opportunities for engagement.

The next RISN meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 May, 2–4pm. To join the network, attend the meeting or for more information contact Cleo Hanaway-Oakley.

Introduction to research ethics at Oxford (Social Sciences, Humanities and MPLS), 10 May 2018

This training session on research ethics at Oxford will take place on Thursday 10 May, 10am–noon, in Seminar Room C, Manor Road Building. It is aimed at graduate students and early-career research staff, as well as interested research support staff.
Joint Research Office (JRO) International Clinical Trials Day drop-in event, 18 May 2018

To mark International Clinical Trials Day 2018, the JRO invites the local research community to come and talk with its teams to better understand their role in supporting research studies involving the University of Oxford and/or Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Drop in any time between 10.30am and 3pm on Friday 18 May at Boundary Brook House, Churchill Drive.

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.

Research Professional training sessions, 30 May & 19 June 2018

Two Research Professional hands-on training sessions will take place this term at IT Services, 13 Banbury Road. The sessions provide 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.

• Wednesday 30 May, 9.15-11am (book)
• Tuesday 19 June, 9:15-11:00am (book)
Good practice in research: authorship, 5 June 2018

Led by James Parry, Chief Executive of the UK Research Integrity Office, this session for researchers, research students and research support staff will explore the ‘grey areas’ that researchers may face when trying to meet ethical standards for authorship and publication. It will be held on Tuesday 5 June, 12–2pm, at the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics.

> More details

Open Access Oxford Week, 11–15 June 2018

Join Open Access Oxford Week to discuss developments in research dissemination and scholarly communication, policy and practice, all in the context of open access. The week will include a social science-focused day on 14 June on ‘Publishers, papers and peer review’. All events are free and open to all University staff and students.

> More details

Oxford’s Public Engagement with Research Conference, 5 July 2018

This one-day event held at the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter on Thursday 5 July will be an opportunity to be inspired, to learn, to be challenged and keep up to date with the cutting edge of public engagement with research (PER) practice and policy. There will be 20 sessions with a mixture of internal and external speakers and workshop leaders.

> More details

Policy, processes and resources

New CUREC forms
CUREC forms have been updated to reflect the requirements of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which takes effect on 25 May 2018. The revised forms ask for more specific information about how researchers plan to collect, manage and store personal data associated with their research. Revised guidance about data protection and research, including a checklist, has been prepared by the University’s Information and Compliance Team.

> More details

The OUI Innovation Champions programme

Oxford University Innovation have launched an Innovation Champions trial scheme. The scheme is initially focused on OUI-related activities, but it is hoped that it will help raise awareness of other parts of the University’s innovation ecosystem, and contribute to the further development of a culture of innovation.

> More details

Research Accounts bulletin

A new issue of the Research Accounts bulletin has been published and is available to download from the Research Support website.

> More details

New on Funding Insight: the Macular Society, Royal Academy of Engineering Research Fellowships, and humanities and social sciences funding from the Wellcome Trust

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
• Macular Society research officer Geraldine Hoar on the charity’s research grants
• Ton van den Bremer, Royal Academy of Engineering Research Fellow at Oxford, on his successful application to the fellowship scheme
• Paul Woodgate of the Wellcome Trust on the funding available to researchers in the humanities and social sciences

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**Funder news**

**Cancer Research UK: new chief executive appointed**

Michelle Mitchell OBE has been appointed as CEO of Cancer Research UK, replacing Sir Harpal Kumar who is due to stand down in the summer.

> 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: mathematical sciences review**

An independent review of knowledge exchange in the mathematical sciences has been published. It highlights their wide-ranging social and economic impact and makes recommendations on how to ensure the UK becomes a world leader in mathematical science knowledge exchange.

> More details

**EPSRC: new executive chair selected**

Professor Lynn Gladden, CBE, FRS, FREng has been selected to be the next Executive Chair of EPSRC.
EPSRC: taking action to promote equality, diversity and inclusion across ICT

The EPSRC and professional bodies in the ICT sector have published a report and an action plan on equality, diversity and inclusion in ICT research.

NIHR: fellowships webinar

A recording of a webinar on the new NIHR Fellowships delivered by Peter Thompson, Assistant Director of the NIHR Trainees Coordinating Centre, is available online.

Research England to invest £2bn into universities in 2018–19

Research England has agreed budgets for the recurrent funding of research and knowledge exchange for academic year 2018–19 and capital budgets for the financial year 2018–19.

UKRI: Innovate UK interim executive chair appointed

Dr Ian Campbell has been appointed as interim Executive Chair of Innovate UK. He will take up the role on 4 May 2018.

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 25 May. Please email any contributions to research.services@admin.ox.ac.uk by Monday 21 May.