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Internal funding

Innovating for a sustainable future (deadline: 5 November 2018)

The Oxford Martin School invites expressions of interest for interdisciplinary projects on the interconnections between the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Successful proposals must demonstrate how their outcomes could make a meaningful and timely contribution to the delivery of the goals. The deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 5 November.

> More details

EPSRC block grant for ECR capital equipment (deadline: 10 December 2018)

Oxford has been awarded £600,000 from the EPSRC for capital equipment for engineering and physical science researchers in the early stages of their career. The deadline for applications is 1pm on Monday 10 December.
Events

Open Access Monographs Forum, 10 October 2018

The Bodleian Libraries, with colleagues from the Humanities Division, Social Sciences Division and OUP, will be hosting a University forum on the open access monograph and the implications of proposed policy changes, on Wednesday 10 October, 2.30-4pm, in the Weston Library. Please email rsvp@bodleian.ox.ac.uk if you would like to attend.

Introduction to research ethics at Oxford (Social Sciences, Humanities and MPLS), 16 October 2018

This training session on research ethics at Oxford will take place on Tuesday 16 October, 2–4pm, in Seminar Room A, Manor Road Building. It is aimed at graduate students and early-career research staff, as well as interested research support staff.

International Open Access Week, 22–28 October 2018

Oxford events to mark the week include the regular ‘OAOxford – what’s happening?’ briefing, a ‘Deposit in ORA’ drop-in, and on #ThesisThursday the benefits of making your DPhil thesis freely available online.

RISN meeting, 25 October 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 Thursday 25 October, 2–4pm. To
join the network, attend the meeting or for more information contact Matt
Smart.

Staff briefings on REF 2021, 31 October–12 November
The Research Services REF team is holding a series of events to update staff
on the upcoming Research Excellence Framework assessment. The briefings
will cover changes to the exercise for REF 2021 and the development of the
University’s code of practice, with an opportunity to ask any questions. They
are open to all staff from across the collegiate University.

> More details

Research Professional training session, 5 November 2018
A Research Professional hands-on training session will take place on Monday
5 November, 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

Policy, processes and resources

NERC responsive mode 2019 guidance
New guidance for applicants is available for the 2019 round of the NERC
responsive mode.

> More details
Charity Open Access Fund (COAF) block grant 2018–19

The new COAF grant year has started, enabling the University to revert to its central claims process via the Bodleian APC team for articles published between 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019. This affects researchers funded by Arthritis Research UK, Bloodwise, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Parkinson's UK and Wellcome.

> More details

Social enterprise support from Oxford University Innovation

Oxford University Innovation has launched University-wide support for social enterprises. Researchers will be able to receive support for creating businesses around ideas that may not be inherently patentable and will have the option of creating spinout companies focused on impact.

> More details

HRA and MHRA publish joint statement on seeking consent by electronic methods

HRA and MHRA have published a joint statement setting out the legal and ethical requirements for seeking and documenting consent using electronic methods.

> More details

UKRI collection of information about Horizon 2020 awards

UKRI has set up a new system to collect information about Horizon 2020 awards in order to ensure continuity of funding. Research Services’ European and International Team will be coordinating the response for the University, so there is no need for Oxford award holders to take any action.
New on Funding Insight: BBSRC’s Partnering Awards, ODA funding calls from EPSRC, and the Royal Society’s Lisa Jardine Grant Scheme

Recent Funding Insight articles on Research Professional include:
• Martin Welch of the University of Cambridge on how he won a BBSRC Partnering Award
• Matt Lodge, senior portfolio manager at EPSRC, on two new calls aimed at using mathematics to tackle development challenges
• Keith Moore, head of library and information services at the Royal Society, on the Lisa Jardine Grant Scheme for science historians

Funder news

BBSRC: Forward Look for UK Bioscience

BBSRC has published Forward Look for UK BioScience, a new roadmap for bioscience. The document identifies priorities which will guide BBSRC’s actions and investments and the development of its strategic delivery plan.

> 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: appointments to Strategic Advisory Network

EPSRC has appointed twelve new members to its Strategic Advisory Network.
NIH: review of grant information for fiscal year 2018 (ending 30 September)

The NIH encourages institutions to check grant assignments to departments in eRA Commons through the Grant Re-assign function. Any corrections to the data must be made by Friday 5 October to be reflected in NIH annual reports.

NIH: rights to NIH-funded inventions

From 1 October new regulations apply to funding recipients’ rights to ownership of inventions funded by NIH grants and contracts.

NIH: update on extension policy for early stage investigator status

The NIH has updated its policy on extension criteria for early stage investigators. An extension of one year will now be approved for childbirth.

NIH: updates to application instructions and review criteria

The NIH has announced updates to application instructions and review criteria for fellowships, research grants and career development awards. Changes will be effective from 25 January 2019.

UKRI: appointment of Director for International
Professor Tim Wheeler has been appointed as UKRI's new Director for International.

> More details

**UKRI: Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund directors appointed**

UKRI has appointed Dr Andy Jones and Professor Andrew Chitty as Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund directors for medicines manufacturing and audience of the future.

> More details

**More news from funders on Research Professional**

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

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