



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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SEMINARS

There is no Wednesday seminar this week. The Wednesday seminar series will start back on 25TH January.

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty a talk by Miss Katia Mattis on "Assessing the Impact of Diabetes Risk Variants on Beta-Cell Development and Function."

The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 19th January from 13:00 to 14:00

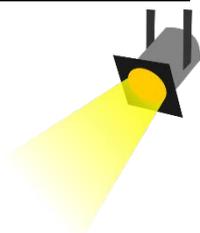
John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1

Infectious Diseases: "New Bug on the Block" – Dr Elham Khatamzas and Dr Katie Jeffery

Psychological Medicine: "Symptoms without disease", Dr Alex Langford and Professor Michael Sharpe

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Dr Ioannis Spiliotis of the Rorsman Group features in this month's Royal College of Physicians [Speciality Spotlight](#) along with Prof John A H Wass.

An article was published in theguardian on "[What is belly fat and how can you shift it?](#)" on Monday 9th January and includes comments for Professor Fredrik Karpe.

TRAINING



HILARY 2017 - LUNCHTIME DO: TALKS ARE BACK

do: is a series of lunch time talks that highlight the use of IT technology in support of business systems and processes in the University.

Each talk showcases an interesting tool or innovative technique that could make your life easier. Come along and find out how colleagues are using IT to work more efficiently. These talks will be held at lunch-times (12.30 - 1.30 pm) throughout Hilary Term, at IT Services (13 Banbury Road).

Here is an overview of the upcoming talks:

do: SharePoint, what is it? - 23rd January, 12.30-13.30

do: Creating a web content strategy -30th January, 12.30-13.30

do: Getting MS Access to do it for you - 6th February, 12.30-13.30

do: International Rescue - 13th February. 12.30-13.30

do: Developing a skills-tracking smartphone app at Oxford and beyond - 20th February, 12.30-13.30

do: New to BOS? Overview and practical tips for conducting your survey - 27th February, 12.30-13.30

do: How Web Learn can reduce the administration burden - 6th March - 12.30-13.30

To find out more information and book a place visit the do: blog; <https://blogs.it.ox.ac.uk/do/>

Many, if not all of our events, will be recorded and/or live streamed as a simultaneous webcast. If you see a **w** this means that a talk is to be webcast (links for you to connect to the webcast are given with each talk).

The IT Learning Centre Team

CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER

Grade 8: Salary £39,324 - £46,924 p.a.

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism for a Quality Assurance Manager to support the research activities of the Diabetes Trials Unit (DTU).

The DTU, a fully registered UKCRC Clinical Trials Unit, is one of only a handful of AROs worldwide that specialises in designing and performing heart disease and diabetes related global trials. Currently 4 such trials in 40 countries are being undertaken with a DTU managed, dedicated regional coordinating centre operating in Beijing, China. The DTU also has a rapidly expanding portfolio of early phase, academically lead, translational trials that are conducted to regulatory standards.

The postholder will play a vital role in developing, implementing and maintaining quality management systems appropriate for trials of all phases, will support our research teams to ensure compliance with evolving legal and regulatory frameworks, and will represent the Unit on relevant working groups in order to keep abreast of changes in local and national policies.

The ideal candidate will be educated to degree level, have substantial previous experience of working in a Quality Management role in clinical trials and have an in-depth working knowledge of the applicable clinical trial regulations, ICH-GCP, and research governance standards as well as prior experience of regulatory authority and sponsor inspections. Previous experience of working on multi-national clinical trials, involving Europe and Asia, would be advantageous. Excellent organisation, interpersonal and communication skills, both verbal and written, are required.

This is a part time position at 60% FTE (22.5 hours a week, equivalent to 3 days a week) which is available for 1 year in the first instance with potential for extension.

Applications for this vacancy are to be made online. To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please click on the link below:

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=126866

Only applications received before 12 midday on Wednesday 8th February 2017 can be considered.

Interviews will be held on 14 March 2017.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



DIABETES RESEARCH & WELLNESS FOUNDATION - SUTHERLAND-EARL CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP 2017 – CLOSING DATE 9 FEBRUARY 2017

Applications are invited from: medically qualified doctors (MBChB or equivalent) working towards a higher degree, ie MD or PhD

DRWF Sutherland-Earl Clinical Research Fellowships cover a period of up to 3 years, in a recognised institution or department within the United Kingdom

Support for the 2017 Fellowship is a maximum of £80,000 per year, to include a salary, consumables and some support costs

For further information see : <https://www.drwf.org.uk/apply-funding>



Dear Investigators,

JDRF has made some exciting new changes to our Training Awards program! FY17 Postdoctoral Fellowship and Advanced Postdoctoral Fellowship grantees will receive a \$5,000 supplement in addition to a stipend benchmarked against the NIH's 2017 projected postdoctoral stipend levels. Additionally, effort requirements for FY17 and future Fellows will be reduced from 100% to 75%. It is our hope that these changes will enable grantees to be better supported in their research efforts, cover their financial needs more fully, and allow them greater freedom to pursue T1D research career goals.

FY17 Training Awards notices will be sent shortly. In the coming months, current Postdoctoral and Advanced Postdoctoral Fellows will also be notified of supplements to their existing awards for continuing years.

At this time, JDRF expects to make these supplements and effort change permanent, subject to availability of funds. We congratulate JDRF's Fellows and commend their dedication to T1D research! We look forward to introducing our FY17 trainees in the months ahead and sharing more about their promising work.

Research Fellow Scheme – 2017-18

The scheme is designed to nurture a cadre of research capable clinicians and build future research capacity in the NHS whilst supporting and developing recruitment into NIHR portfolio studies. The posts are each funded equally between CRN Thames Valley and South Midlands (CRN TV&SM) and a partnering CRN TV&SM Partner organisation.

Who can apply?

Post-graduates training in medicine, nursing or the allied health professions are eligible to apply. The applicant will need to demonstrate that at least 50 percent of their time will be dedicated to supporting recruitment into NIHR portfolio studies. Applications are welcome from individuals in primary, community or secondary care.

Financial Support

Successful applicants will receive funding of up to £40K per annum dependent on salary, profession and training at time of application. The award will be equally funded by CRN TV&SM and the 'host' organisation. The CRN funded portion of the candidate's time must be spent on supporting or developing recruitment into NIHR portfolio studies. For the other 50 percent of their time the candidates may undertake NHS clinical duties or pursue other research activities. Applicants will have to submit signed agreement from the partnering organisation that they have secured funding for the other 50% of their time.

Role of the Sponsors

Each applicant should have a named sponsor to support their application. A sponsor is a senior, permanent member of staff in a CRN TV&SM Partner organisation. The sponsor will be a Principal or Chief Investigator for a NIHR portfolio study and who will commit to facilitate and support the Research Fellow on the scheme. They will also advise on the research training and supervision arrangements, which will be key to the success of the fellowship. Applicants must consult their sponsor in respect of their proposed application prior to submitting the application.

Role of host organisation

Awards within the scheme are made to individuals and 'hosted' by the CRN TV&SM Partner organisation where the sponsor is located. Applicants are expected to make their own arrangements for acceptance in the nominated NHS organisation.

Scheme Leadership

The scheme has oversight from the executive and clinical specialty leads of the CRN TV&SM. The leadership group will liaise with the sponsor to ensure that there is appropriate clinical support and provide an oversight of portfolio research activity of the research fellows.

Tenure of award

The duration of the award is for 1 year and successful applicants must be in a position to begin the post in Autumn 2017.

Part time working arrangements

Applicants may wish to undertake their award on a part-time basis. The cost of the award should be requested on a pro-rata basis. Applicants who wish to undertake the scheme on a part time basis should consider carefully how they will manage the award and agree a plan with their sponsor.

Review of Progress

Award holders will be required to provide a quarterly progress report. In addition award holders will need to attend events organised by CRN TV&SM for the cadre of fellows, together with their sponsoring clinician and we would expect them to present on what they have achieved under the scheme at a CRN meeting towards the end of their tenure.

Research Training

The sponsor and CRN TV&SM leadership team will ensure successful candidates have appropriate research training competencies as required that may include: literature review, protocol design, ethics application, data management, documentation, PPI involvement, funding, safety, recruitment, consent, delivery, statistics, dissemination and knowledge transfer with assessment of research impact.

Application Process

The applications will be assessed by an expert panel who will undertake interviews of shortlisted candidates and recommend funding.

Outcome of the Assessment

Applicants will be informed as soon as a final decision has been taken on their application.

Timescales

Deadline for application: 31 March 2017

Interviews: 27 April 2017

Posts commenced: Autumn 2017

Applications are to be sent to: cmthamesvalley@nihr.ac.uk

FAO: DPHIL STUDENTS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF THEIR DPHIL WHO MAY NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUBMIT THEIR THESIS

Sent on behalf of Student Fees and Funding – please direct any queries to student.funding@admin.ox.ac.uk

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to confirm that the Vice Chancellors' Fund is now open to applications.

The Vice-Chancellors' Fund provides awards of up to £3,000 to students in the final stages of their DPhil. Full details and an application form are available [from our website](#)

Please circulate details of this opportunity to students who may benefit.

The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Friday 10 February 2017**.

Please note that we have updated the process slightly this year and there are no longer separate deadlines for students and colleges; we will be accepting forms from either, so long as all parts are received by the 10 February deadline. Do let [me](#) know if you would like further information on this - guidance notes have been updated accordingly.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries about this.

Best wishes,
Alice

ROAD CLOSURES



TOTAL OVERNIGHT CLOSURE OF ROOSEVELT DRIVE JUNCTION 3rd – 13th FEBRUARY 2017

Skanska, the contractors for the County Council's Access to Headington work, will be **completely closing** the Roosevelt Drive/Old Road/Gipsy Lane junction between the hours of **7pm and 6am** for line painting. However, if there is bad weather this might be extended as the paint will not dry in wet weather. The work will be done between 7pm and 10:30pm.

Therefore, from 3rd – 13th February, 7pm to 6am, there will be **no** access to the Churchill hospital from Warneford Lane or Gipsy Lane as they will be closed with diversion signs.

- The only access to the Churchill site will be via Churchill Drive from Old Road.
- **ALL traffic, including buses, will be re-routed.**
- Even though the closure is after peak hours, delays are inevitable. So, please allow extra time if you are coming to work and please also advise patients and visitors of the closures and bus re-routing.

See <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/accessheadington> for details of work.

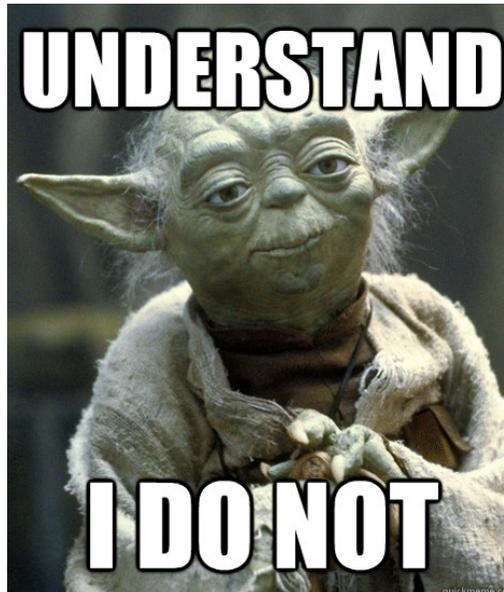
For the buses on re-routing, please see <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/serviceupdates/> and <https://www.stagecoachbus.com> .

The County Council's Access to Headington work at Roosevelt Drive/Old Road/Gipsy Lane is currently behind schedule and should finish on or around 28th February.

OCDEM Graduate Studies Training Event for Graduate Students

Poster Presentations: avoiding transmission errors

Your ideas...



Friday 27th January

12.45 pm – 2pm

Robert Turner Lecture Theatre

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All Welcome!

To attend you need to register on

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poster-presentations-avoiding-transmission-errors-tickets-31060315239>

or email Aleks graduate.studies@ocdem.ox.ac.uk

12.45pm **Lunch Available**

1pm - 1:15pm **The Do's and Don'ts of poster presentation (TBC)**

1:15pm - 1:35pm **Team poster presentation activity:**

Can you communicate the key points on a poster quickly and effectively?

1:35pm - 2:00pm **Poster presentation and judging**

Prize for the best team presentation!!

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FINANCE MATTERS



CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ALLOWABLE EXPENSES FORM

When completing one of these forms can staff please remember to complete the field: **Purpose of the Journey**. Failure to complete this section will result in the form being returned and will result in delay in payment. If you have any queries regarding the completion of this form can you please contact Nicola Allinson in the admin team who has taken over from Rachel Mullins.

SAVE THE DATE



After working in the department for 43 years Rachel Mullins has decided it is time to stop processing invoices and expense claims forms and retire. To celebrate her 43 years in the department you are invited to coffee and cake on Tuesday 24th in the Lecture Theatre at 10.30. If you would like to attend can you please let Karen Parish (karen.parish@ocdem.ox.ac.uk) know by Friday 20th January.

OCDEM HEALTH CHAMPIONS



OCDEM Health Mile has restarted! Do come and join us for a 15-20 min walk to blow the cobwebs away and burn off some of the Christmas calories! Meet in OCDEM main reception leaving promptly at 12.30, look forward to seeing you there!



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6th January 2017

Dear Den

I am writing to thank everyone at OCDEM for the further donation of £300 just before Christmas, we are incredibly grateful. This donation takes your total fundraising to £1,894 for 2016 and just over £4,000 since 2013. Your ongoing support for the care taking place here at Sobell House is making a huge difference. I will keep in touch throughout 2017 but please do contact if you need any support.

Every day our staff care for around 150 people in the Sobell House, the community and the local hospitals. The focus is very much on quality of life, respecting each person's dignity and uniqueness. The aim of Sobell House is to support people in living as well and as fully as possible in the time they have left. The medical care teams accompany patients and their families on perhaps the most difficult journey they will ever make. Thank you to everyone at OCDEM in helping us do this.

At Sobell House we always look at **caring today, tomorrow... and in the future**. Building on the foundations of our existing core skills and knowledge, we have set out a three-step plan to increase the care taking place in the local hospitals, Sobell House and in patients' homes. As part of the plan we are building a state-of-the-art hospice space with extra facilities for patients and families. This space will be specifically designed to fit the needs of the frailer patients and those with complex conditions who have a high risk of falls and confusion. We will be able to add a second family room where patients can spend precious time with their young children or large families. We are also opening the new Sobell Clinic which will have specialist space for outpatient services. There is a lot happening and your support is a great encouragement.

Finally, please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone at OCDEM for supporting the care taking place here.

Yours sincerely

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