



## **FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF**

**WEEK COMMENCING 14/09/15**

### **RESEARCH NEWS**

#### **Highly Cited Researchers**

Prof Mark McCarthy and Professor Rury Holman appear in the 2015 ["highly cited researchers"](#) list published by Thompson Reuters. This prestigious list includes those scientific researchers who have written the greatest number of reports officially designated by Essential Science Indicators as Highly Cited Papers - ranking among the top 1% most cited for their subject field and year of publication, earning them the mark of exceptional impact. Those listed are identified as being among the world's most influential scientific minds

#### **ACE Randomisation Target Achieved**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of September Professor Rury Holman congratulated the ACE Team on reaching the 6500 randomisation target. The aim of the The Acarbose Cardiovascular Evaluation (ACE) clinical trial is to find out if a drug called acarbose can prevent people with coronary heart disease and impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) from experiencing, or dying from, further heart attacks and strokes. The ACE trial is also looking to see if acarbose, which reduces blood glucose following a meal, can prevent or delay people progressing from IGT to type 2 diabetes. This is a [phase IV](#) multinational trial which began in 2008. It is being conducted in around 150 hospitals in mainland China and Hong Kong.

### **CONGRATULATIONS FROM HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

Dr Charlotte Green has been awarded pump priming funding from the Medical Sciences Division Medical Research Fund. The [pump priming funding scheme](#) accepts applications for small awards to enable researchers to obtain pilot data to support larger scale applications for external research funding in the future

### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **NIHR Oxford BRC / BRU Principal Fellow Competition**

The BRC/BRU are pleased to announce a competition for BRC/BRU Principal Fellow awards that will provide both recognition and resources to those who receive the award. NIHR Oxford BRC/BRU Principal Fellows will be appointed through an annual competition, adjudicated by an expert panel. It is expected that the awards will be highly competitive and limited in number.

The BRC and BRU seek to recognise and promote the excellence and commitment of key researchers and leaders who contribute to the success of the BRC and BRU.

BRC/BRU Principal Fellows will receive an award of **£15,000 per year for a period of three years** that may be used flexibly by the fellow to facilitate their translational research programme. BRC/BRU Principal Fellows will also receive opportunities for senior leadership training.

The submission deadline is **26th October 2015**. Please direct any queries regarding the award to Dr Vasiliki Kiparoglou: [vasiliki.kiparoglou@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:vasiliki.kiparoglou@ouh.nhs.uk).

To register your interest in this award and to receive an application go to <http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/nihr-oxford-brc-bru-principal-fellow-competition/>

### **Funding for Genomic Medicine Masters course (or individual modules as CPD)**

**Closing date: not stated**

[Health Education England's Genomics Education Programme](#) (GEP) is the NHS's method of ensuring staff have the knowledge, skills and experience to ensure that the health service remains a world leader in genomics and precision medicine – particularly for NHS England Genomic Medicine Centres (GMCs) and the contribution to the 100,000 Genomes Project. The Master's in Genomic Medicine and individual CPPD modules have been developed to provide a multidisciplinary and multi-professional course in genomics that can be applied to clinical practice and medical research. The [Masters](#) and [selected modules](#) are available through a number of Universities and HEE provide funding for a number of places. [Click here for more information about available funding](#).

### **FoNS Centre for Nursing Innovation 'Patients First' programme**

**Closing date: 5pm, Monday 7th September 2015**

The Patients First Programme is an excellent development opportunity for nurse, midwife and health visitor led teams. Supported by the Burdett Trust for Nursing, the programme has a proven track record of successful innovations and personal development, with over 70 teams having participated. Over a period of 18 months, the Patients First Programme provides:

- A dedicated experienced Practice Development Facilitator offering direct support in the workplace and via telephone/email
- Six full day learning and development workshops that will bring together the nurse-led teams to explore and enable the development of effective strategies for changing practice and provide opportunities for networking and sharing
- Full access to the FoNS Centre for Nursing Innovation
- Support with report writing, publishing and active dissemination
- A bursary of up to £5000
- Possible accreditation at Level 7, 30 credits, on completion of a reflective assignment through the Canterbury Christ Church University (successful applicants who are interested in this should contact FoNS for further information)

Visit <http://www.fons.org/programmes/patients-first.aspx> for more information or contact Jo Odell on 0207 307 2857 or via [jo.odell@fons.org](mailto:jo.odell@fons.org)

### **Management Training Scholarship Scheme**

**Closing date: Monday 21st September 2015**

The Oxford Biomedical Research Centre Research Education and Training Working Group are actively promoting leadership and management training in the healthcare research setting. Bursaries are available to fund (or contribute to) places on management training Diplomas and the Executive MBA course at the highly-rated Said Business School. Whilst funding is only available for a small number of places, we are eager to ensure that all of the available places are filled. Please note, for anyone considering undertaking the Executive MBA there is an open evening at Said Business School on the 1st of September. For more information visit <http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/research-training-opportunities/management-training-scholarship-scheme/>

### **NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellowship Scheme**

**Closing date: 1pm, Thursday 24th September 2015**

The NIHR commissions new research of direct relevance to the NHS through its various national research programmes, and also supports the use of such research within the service. It is clear, however, that knowledge does not necessarily 'flow' from completed research projects to where it is most needed, which limits the realisation of its potential value. Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellowships (KMR Fellowships) fund awardees to undertake innovative knowledge mobilisation (that is, support the more effective use of research outputs) whilst simultaneously researching the processes and impacts of such innovation. For more information visit <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/career-development-opportunities/>

### **NHS Community Grants**

**Closing date: 12noon, Monday 28th September 2015**

NHS England will be awarding a number of small grant awards to organisations who can tell the story of their patient and citizen involvement and engagement work in a creative and interesting way. Grants are available of up to £1,000 each. For more information visit <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/patients/public-voice/comm-grant/>

### **New! Action Medical Research for Children Research Grants**

**Closing date: 5pm Wednesday 25th November 2015**

The aim of the charity is to prevent and treat disease and disability by funding vital medical research in hospitals or research institutions across the UK. The remit focuses on child health to include problems affecting pregnancy, childbirth, babies, children and young people. There are projects described on our website from our previous wider remit that have recently finished but all new applications must focus on child health. For more information visit <http://www.action.org.uk/our-research/apply-research-grant/apply-project-grant>

### **RCN Foundation Professional Bursary Scheme**

**Will be opening to applications later in 2015 with an anticipated closing date in October 2015**

**This scheme is currently closed but will reopen for applications later in 2015. The bursaries are intended to support individuals in learning and development activities that enhance patient care, patient experience, and development in nursing practice. Offered twice a year, bursaries of up to £5,000 are available for activities which focus on:**

- primary care nursing, and/or
- long term/chronic conditions

This includes, for example, obesity, mental health, children's/young people's services, older people and dementia. Open to all nurses and midwives currently registered in the UK, and health care assistants/assistant practitioners based in the UK, who will be undertaking their learning and development in the UK. Applicants must be nurses/midwives currently registered in the UK, or health care assistants/assistant practitioners based in the UK, and who will be undertaking their learning and development activity in the UK

[http://www.rcnfoundation.org.uk/how\\_we\\_can\\_help/bursary\\_schemes/rcn\\_foundation\\_professional\\_bursary\\_scheme](http://www.rcnfoundation.org.uk/how_we_can_help/bursary_schemes/rcn_foundation_professional_bursary_scheme)

### **GENERAL UNIVERSITY NOTICES**

#### **Open day traffic warning - Friday 18 September**

The final undergraduate open day for 2015 will take place on Friday 18 September. This is for prospective undergraduate applicants and their families to visit Oxford and learn more about the

courses, the colleges and the University in general. About 10,000 visitors are expected and so the traffic is likely to be heavy (particularly as it is also the start of the University's Alumni Weekend). Extra buses will be put on at the Park & Rides, but there may still be delays and so you may want to allow extra time to get to work. If you would like to find out more about any potential disruptions to your journey, please see Oxfordshire County Council's [live travel information](#). We know that open days are very significant in helping students decide which universities to apply to and so we are very grateful to all those staff and students who are involved in making these events a success.

### **Purchasing Information**

Please note that the following suppliers have been added to the Preferred Suppliers list:

Company	Offers	Website	Notes
Becton Dickinson (BD Biosciences)	Free Delivery 10% Minimum discounts on equipment and 23% on consumables	<a href="#">Becton Dickinson information</a>	Catalogue being loaded onto Oracle
Biotechne (R&D Systems)	Free delivery, 10-20% discount for consumables	<a href="#">Biotechne information</a>	Catalogue being loaded onto Oracle
PHS (Washroom Services)	Fixed pricing from 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016	<a href="#">PHS information</a>	
DHL	24/48/72 hour (UK domestic) Dangerous goods International mail	<a href="#">DHL information</a>	Rates and a rate calculator tool can be found on the <a href="#">website</a>