



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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We are delighted to announce that Oxford's BRC3 bid has been successful. More than £113.7m will be invested in ground-breaking Oxfordshire medical research after funding was renewed for the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) for a further five years. This is fantastic news for OCDEM as all research groups in the department are involved in this research. For further details on this success story then see [the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre](#) web site.

### NEW NIHR OXFORD BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE VIDEO

Part of the bid process for BRC3 included the production of a [video](#). Professor Anna Gloyn who is the new Diabetes Theme Lead replacing Professor Rury Holman features in this video along with shots within OCDEM.

### SEMINAR

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 16:00 – 17:00**

**Robert Turner Lecture Theatre – OCDEM**

This Wednesday the department will host a talk "**The Diabetes and Inflammation Laboratory in Oxford: genetic aetiology to clinical interventions**" by Professor John Todd



Professor John Todd FRS has recently relocated from Cambridge to the WTCHG Oxford. John is an internationally renowned leader in the genetic aetiology of Type 1 diabetes and has led major efforts to dissect the etiological basis of the disease. Recent work has focused on efforts to translate improvements in our understanding of the genetic landscape into novel therapeutic approaches to treat T1D.

### OCDEM BUILDING MAINTENANCE



OCDEM Phase 1 fire alarm equipment service will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## **VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT**



### **Postdoctoral Research Assistant (125419) - Closing date midday Wednesday 19th October 2016**

**Grade 7: £30,738 - £37,768**

We are seeking to recruit a Postdoctoral Research Assistant who will be working on cellular and molecular regulation of pancreatic islet function led by Dr Zhang. The post is funded by the Diabetes UK foundation (as part of Dr Zhang's RD Lawrence Fellowship) and is fixed-term of 2 years. You will be part of an inter-disciplinary team whose research aims to understand how different factors (metabolic fuels, circulating hormones and neurotransmitters) regulate pancreatic hormones secretion (glucagon secretion in particular) and the disturbance that are associated with diabetes. Duties will include carrying out electrophysiological and optical imaging studies of pancreatic islet cells.

You will have (or be working towards submission of) a PhD/DPhil in a medical/biological subject or equivalent, and have previous laboratory experience. Experience of electrophysiology and confocal microscopy are essential and familiarity with islet physiology is desirable. You will also have experience of specialised computer software for analysis of patch-clamp and imaging data. Applications from highly motivated postdoctoral scientists who wish to gain research experience before seeking independent fellowship funding are particularly welcome.

The position is a full-time appointment based at the OCDEM, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, OX3 7LE.

Informal enquiries are welcome and should be addressed to Dr Quan Zhang by emailing [quan.zhang@ocdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:quan.zhang@ocdem.ox.ac.uk)

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=125419](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=125419)

## **DTU Data Manager (125151) - closing date midday Thursday 29th September 2016**

**Grade 6: £27,328 - £32,600 per annum**

An exciting opportunity as DTU Data Manager is available in the research group Diabetes Trial Unit (DTU) part of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM), an internationally recognised Academic Research Organisation. The DTU forms a key part of OCDEM within the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. The unit is working in 40 countries worldwide, holding grants currently exceeding £35M. Reporting directly to Head of Data Management, the Data Manager will provide support and advice across research projects. The post holder will be responsible for monitoring the completeness, accuracy, consistency and validity of trial data managed by the Unit. The successful candidate will ensure that datasets specified for each trial meet the standards of quality expected for reporting to regulatory bodies. They will be responsible for overseeing data acquisition, query management, User Acceptance Testing and delivering training to study teams on data entry methods.

We are seeking to appoint a highly skilled and self-motivated individual, with a proven track record in clinical data management, good practice and related regulatory requirements and terminology. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellent attention to detail. They will hold a degree or higher qualification in a field relevant to the position. They will have proven experience of working with an interdisciplinary team.

This is a fixed-term appointment for 12 months in the first instance. This is a full time post however part-time will be considered (minimum 80% of FTE).

The deadline for applications is midday on Thursday 29th September 2016. Please quote reference 125151 in all correspondence.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please visit

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_details\\_form.jobspec?p\\_id=125151](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=125151)

## **Head of Clinical Research (125149) - Closing date midday Thursday 6th October 2016**

**Grade 10: £52,219 - £60,513 (with discretionary range to £66,109) per annum**

An exciting opportunity as Head of Clinical Research is available in the research group Diabetes Trial Unit (DTU) part of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM), an internationally recognised Academic Research Organisation. The DTU forms a key part of OCDEM within the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. Reporting to the Diabetes Trials Unit (DTU) Deputy Director, the post holder will apply best practice trial management methodologies to drive and oversee the development and successful execution of world-class clinical trials, and to play a major role in the expansion and strategic development of the Unit.

DTU, a fully registered UKCRC Clinical Trials Unit, is one of only a handful of AROs worldwide that specialises in designing and performing cardiovascular outcome megatrials. Currently we are undertaking 4 such trials in 40 countries, with a dedicated regional coordinating centre in Beijing, China. The DTU also has a rapidly expanding translational research group that designs and runs early phase trials of potential new therapeutic agents and devices.

We are seeking to appoint a highly skilled, dynamic and self-motivated individual, with a proven track record of initiating, managing and delivering large-scale clinical trials. The successful candidate will demonstrate strong decision-making skills and be able to lead, motivate and manage the performance of a multidisciplinary team. They will be educated to postgraduate level, or hold equivalent experience. They will have a comprehensive and thorough understanding of clinical trial methodology, as well as the international regulatory environment. The post holder will be required to represent the Unit at the highest levels, both nationally and internationally, and must therefore possess excellent interpersonal and communications skills. They will be innovative, analytical, and display sound judgement under pressure.

Responsibilities include efficient management of trial operations, and day-to-day management of clinical and non-clinical staff. This is a full time, fixed-term appointment for 2 years in the first instance.

The deadline for applications is midday on Thursday 6th October 2016. Please quote Reference 125149 in all correspondence.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please visit

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erg\\_jobspec\\_details\\_form.jobspec?p\\_id=125149](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erg_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=125149)

The Research Services (RS) European Team will be holding a workshop on funding opportunities in the Horizon 2020 work programme and we would be grateful if you could actively encourage attendance as appropriate in your Department/Faculty.

This event will provide an overview of Horizon 2020, an introduction to the type of funding and participation opportunities available, and a brief summary of the topics in each part of the 2017 work programme. It will be particularly useful for academics, researchers and research administrators new to European research grant funding. Anyone looking for a quick Horizon 2020 refresher session or a brief overview of opportunities in the forthcoming work programme is also very welcome to attend. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.

**Workshop details:**

Date: Wednesday 5th October

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre B, Department of Experimental Psychology, Tinbergen Building, 9 South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3UD: [map](#)

Registration: Please register for the workshop by completing this [doodle poll](#)

# OCDEM

## THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF®

Do you want to enter the Great OCDEM Bake Off?

### **FIRST ROUND Tuesday 4th October @ 10:30am**

- 2 rounds of baking; first round is cake, second is biscuit\*
- £4 to enter; fee enters you for BOTH rounds.
- On the day all bakes will be judge by four judges in the department (see image below). All bakes will get ranked by judges.
- All remaining bakes will be sold to the department as a cake sale on the day.
- All money raised goes to charity (Sobell House).
- Star baker will be awarded for each round.
- Best ranked baker over both rounds wins **£30 John Lewis Voucher!!!**

To register, contact Linford Briant ([linford.briant@ocdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:linford.briant@ocdem.ox.ac.uk))

\* possible 3rd round of bread, depending on interest.





***Parent/Carers Group***  
***Next session***  
**Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 10.00am**

*Do you have questions or want to share information/experiences with fellow parents/carers?*

*The parent/carers group is a useful way for staff to share tips and advice. All staff are welcome to attend.*

**10:00am**  
**Lecture Theatre North End**

To sign up contact  
[charlotte.kelly@ocdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.kelly@ocdem.ox.ac.uk)



## **Are You Interested In Gaining Business Experience In The Healthcare Field, And Demonstrating Your Transferable Skills To Future Employers By Solving Real-Life Commercial Problems In A Multidisciplinary Team?**

### **Oxbridge Biotech Roundtable Consulting is recruiting!**

OBR is currently working with a global Top-5 pharma company to offer up to 24 places on one of 3 consulting teams. No experience is necessary - but must be a postgraduate (PhD, MD, MBA, Masters), post-doc, or recent graduate.

These projects will provide an exciting opportunity to problem-solve the most topical challenges the pharmaceutical/diagnostics industries are facing, to liaise with the senior management team within a world-leading company, to influence their strategies and to learn their decision making process. Each team will be flown in to the European headquarter (all expenses paid) to present the final results directly to senior management. Several past consulting members have received job offers. Please read below more information on each project. Upon applying you can indicate your preferred project.

### **Consulting Projects: (10-12 weeks + 2 hours training sessions x2)**

#### Project 1 (POC) Strategy for Disruptive Innovations at the Point-of-Care

Inform client's management team with an overview of PoC solutions that could potentially disrupt existing healthcare process, and thereby support client's decisions about its innovation portfolio. This project will involve extensive opportunities to interact with startups in this space.

#### Project 2 (HABM) Global Transferability of Health Analytics Business Model

Identify opportunities and challenges for implementing successful healthcare IT business models globally by understanding similarities and fundamental differences of healthcare analytics business in US, Europe and APAC regions.

#### Project 3 (CHS) Opportunities for Diagnostics Solutions in Consumer Health

Understand opportunities and challenges for medical diagnostics devices/data integrating with consumer applications and thereby inform client company's R&D priority.

Applications are now open! (Apply early to avoid disappointment - Deadline Sep 28; Phone Interviews Sep 23 - Sep 30)

### **Requirements & Application Submission:**

- Preferred profile: You need to be a postgraduate student (PhD, MD, MBA, Masters), post-doc, or recent graduate based, or willing to travel to London occasionally. Previous experience in management consulting, healthcare startups, App development, market research and conducting interviews would be particularly relevant for these projects, although not essential.
- Work requirements: You will be required to devote a minimum of 10 hours per week to work remotely for the duration of the project (up to 12 weeks) and attend weekly project meetings with the team in Central London, or remotely via conference line if travel time exceeds 2 hours (if traveling from outside London, travel will be reimbursed).
- Conditions: Please note that this position is unpaid (voluntary). Client meeting travel will be paid.
- Note: Training opportunity will be lost/ transferred when absences of more than 4 consecutive

days or more than 2 project meetings occurred during the project dates (Oct - Dec16 /Jan17) with the exception of Christmas

**Application Submission:** Applications are now open! Application is invited by sending a CV and an optional covering letter with a subject line OBR Consulting Application (POC, HABM or CHS) to [consulting@oxbridgebiotech.com](mailto:consulting@oxbridgebiotech.com)

Note: Please indicate in your cover letter/message a) whether you would like to be considered for the other two projects after indicating your preferred choice and b) whether you would like to be considered for the role of Project Manager, the person who will be trained to lead the project team and act as a key liaison with our client.

**OCDEM HEALTH CHAMPIONS:**



**Saturday 22nd October 2016**

**from 10.30am - 3.15pm**

**at the United Reformed Church Hall,  
Leys Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9QF**

**The day will consist of Yoga, Relaxation and Meditation**

**Brunch, tea & cake included**

**Places limited to 14**

**Early Bird price £40.00**

**. Booking essential to secure a place!**

**Matthew and Pauline**

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