

OCDEM BULLETIN



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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SEMINARS

The OCDEM Wednesday and Friday seminars will start again very soon.

The first Friday Seminar will take place on 7th October with Vibe Nylander of the Gloyn group talking on “**Ionising radiation potentiates high fat diet-induced insulin resistance and reprograms skeletal muscle and adipose progenitor cells**” Full details of the scheduled Friday seminars can be found: <http://www.ocdem.ox.ac.uk/ocdem-friday-seminar-series>

Details of the Wednesday seminars will be published soon.

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

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

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

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

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)

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



ATHENA SWAN NEWS



RDM CAREER DAY 2016

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER – SOMERVILLE COLLEGE – 09:00 – 18:00



RDM are hosting a Career Day on **Thursday 13 October**, to showcase the range of scientific careers inside and outside academia. There will be a chance to hear from professionals working across the industrial, policy, charity and legal sectors, plus many more. In addition to a series of talk highlighting the different paths open to researchers, there will be a hands-on workshops to develop important skills needed to get your next position.

You can take a look at the [full programme here](#). Registration is now open – sign-up online today [here](#).

OCDEMEANSION

The next edition is coming to your inboxes in early October. Please send any information regarding prizes, achievements, group outings, etc in a word document (with photos) to Leanne (leanne.hodson@ocdem.ox.ac.uk) by the end of September. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE



Thursday 20th October – Getting to know the Building Treasure Hunt With a Cluedo Theme

Saturday 10th December – OCDEM Family Christmas Event

Wednesday 14th December – OCDEM Bring a Plate/Quiz

Academic Clinical Fellowship in Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine, Birmingham, UK

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic individual wishing to pursue a career in Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine.

We are looking for a highly motivated person with a keen interest in Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine, who has completed basic general medical training after graduation from Medical School. We offer a 3-year Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) in Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine (ST3 level, starting in August 2017).

The post has components dedicated to research activity (25%, 3 months per year), as well as to clinical training (75%) and is associated with the Institute of Metabolism and Systems Research (IMSR; www.birmingham.ac.uk/IMSR) at the University of Birmingham. The IMSR comprises a multi-disciplinary research environment focusing on highly innovative translational research in collaboration between clinician scientists, molecular and cell biologists, biochemists, mass spectrometrists, and computational scientists. The endocrine and metabolic research is translated into health through the Birmingham Health Partners Centre for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism (CEDAM), in close collaboration between the University and the affiliated Trusts (University Hospital Birmingham, Birmingham Children's and Birmingham Women's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust). The protected research component will build up to a competitive research training fellowship application to undertake a 3-year PhD. The clinical training programme includes a rotation plan covering key areas of Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine, as well as components of General Medicine (West Midlands Workforce Deanery: Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham with catchment area of around 5.6 million people).

For further information, please contact Prof. Wiebke Arlt (W.Arlt@bham.ac.uk), Dr Kristien Boelaert (K.Boelaert@bham.ac.uk) or Dr Niki Karavitaki (N.Karavitaki@bham.ac.uk).

The closing date for applications is Monday 7th November 2016.

**Vacancy/Secondment Opportunity: Clinical Trials and Research Governance (CTRG),
Research Services, Grade 7 ref. 124987**

Closing date: Wednesday 28th September 2016

We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Quality Assurance Associate with knowledge and experience of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) to work collaboratively with a variety of Clinical Trial Units (CTUs) within the University of Oxford. The role is a fixed-term 1-year contract with the potential for extension. This is an interesting and diverse opportunity, working as a member of the CTRG team within Research Services, embedded in the CTU's as appropriate. You would play a key, collaborative role in developing and enhancing the University's quality systems for the conduct of clinical research. A practical background in applying GCP principles is required, together with some experience of monitoring and/or audit. In addition to working within a CTU, you will be a member of a small, specialist team of clinical QA staff across the University.

<https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk> Search vacancy ID 124987

NIHR Cochrane Programme Grant Scheme

Closing date: Midday, Friday 30th September 2016

The NIHR Cochrane Programme Grant Scheme was established to provide high quality systematic reviews that will be of direct benefit to users of the NHS in England. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now invited for a new round of the scheme. Successful EOIs will be invited to submit a full application. All NHS organisations and Universities in England are eligible to propose programmes, in collaboration with an appropriate Cochrane Co-ordinating Editor or Editor based in England. Around 10 awards are likely to be funded. Individual awards will be for a maximum of £420,000 over a period of three years (i.e. a maximum of £140,000 pa); this limit should include full economic costs at 80 per cent where appropriate. In all cases, the value for money of the proposal will be an important selection criterion. For more information and to apply, please visit the Systematic Reviews Programme funding opportunities webpage: <http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/funding/sr>

Oxfordshire Health Services Research Committee Research Grants

Closing date: Monday 3rd October 2016

Grants of up to **£10,000** are made to salaried staff working within the NHS in Oxfordshire, including those with honorary contracts, and to general practitioners.

The OHSRC aims to:

- support research in the areas of
 - clinical research
 - community/primary care research
 - relevant laboratory studies
- provide opportunities for research by health service workers arising out of, and closely related to, their day-to-day practice
- wholly fund small projects or pilot studies which can be carried out within two years

- provide opportunities for younger researchers who are in the early years of their research careers (this normally means that established researchers are very unlikely to receive an award).

Most of the Committee's funding comes from the Nuffield Oxford Hospitals Fund (NOHF), but in addition the Committee also managed the research funds resulting from other charitable donations. Funds are limited and awards are made on the scientific merit of the application. The OHSRC Chair is also happy to discuss the suitability of any applications. This is currently **Professor Chris Pugh**.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from <http://bit.ly/OHSRCgrants>

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – NURSING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Closing date for submissions: Monday 17th October 2016

Conference and exhibition hosted by the RCN Education Forum, 21 Mar 2017 - 22 Mar 2017, Cardiff City Hall, Gorsedd Gardens Road, Cardiff, CF10 3ND. The call for abstracts is now open

Presentation themes:

- assessing learning
- continuing professional development and specialist education
- placement learning and mentorship
- the student experience
- partnership working and collaboration
- innovation

For more details please see: <https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/events/rcn-education-forum-international-conference-and-exhibition-2017>

FULBRIGHT ALL-DISCIPLINES SCHOLAR AWARDS

Closing date: Sunday 6th November 2016

Up to five awards are available to UK academics and professionals to undertake lecturing, research or a combination of the two in any discipline, for a period of 3-12 months. The research may be conducted at any accredited US University. Applicants should choose and make arrangements with US host institutions directly and independently. More information about the benefits of a Fulbright Scholar Award, eligibility and selection criteria, and the application process and timeline are available from:

<http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-usa/scholars-and-professionals/all-discipline-scholar-awards>

HARKNESS FELLOWSHIPS IN HEALTH CARE POLICY & PRACTICE

UK application deadline for 2017-18 Fellowships: November 14th 2016

Harkness Fellowships enable mid-career health services researchers to spend up to 12 months in the United States, conducting original research and working with leading U.S. health policy experts. The

Fellowships are targeted at professionals who are committed to advancing health policy and practice in The Commonwealth Fund's principal areas of interest: improving health insurance coverage and access to care; and improving the quality and efficiency of health care services. The Fellowships Projects may include comparisons between the United States and the applicant's home country. Fellowships are not awarded to support study for academic degrees.

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/grants-and-fellowships/fellowships/harkness-fellowships>

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH FOR CHILDREN PROJECT GRANTS

Closing date: 5pm, Tuesday 22nd November

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. Within child health, we support a broad spectrum of research with the objective of:

- preventing disease and disability and
- alleviating physical disability

Please note that our emphasis is on biomedical clinical research or research at the interface between clinical and basic science.

<http://www.action.org.uk/our-research/apply-research-grant/apply-project-grant>

NEW! ONLINE COURSE: WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING

The Genomics Education Programme will launch its new online course 'Whole Genome Sequencing: Decoding the Language of Life and Health', on 19th September. This will be the first of HEE's courses in collaboration with online learning platform Futurelearn, which has over 4 million registered learners. The course is designed for healthcare professionals with limited knowledge of genomics and genome sequencing who want to learn more about this new technology and the various ways in which it is being used in healthcare. With a recap on the fundamentals of genetics and real life case studies, the course is ideal for non-experts. Please sign up and share: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/whole-genome-sequencing>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Oxford Medical Humanities Conference – Seeking the welfare of healthcare workers Wednesday 28th September 2016, St Luke's Chapel, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Oxford

<http://www.torch.ox.ac.uk/seeking-welfare-healthcare-workers>

NIHR DEC Diagnostic Evidence Workshop Tuesday 27- Wednesday 28 September 2016, Worcester College, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

New! Developments in Mental Healthcare (how genetic studies help us understand mental health conditions and how research into paranoia has led to improved treatments Thursday 13th October 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre Lecture Theatre, Level 1

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/event/developments-in-mental-healthcare/>

2016 Loebel Lectures in Psychiatry & Philosophy. Lecture 1 – Developmental risk & resilience: The challenge of translating multi-level data to concrete interventions 2nd November 2016, 6pm – 8pm, Oxford Martin School, Broad Street, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

2016 Loebel Lectures in Psychiatry & Philosophy. Lecture 2 – Developmental risk & resilience: The challenge of translating multi-level data to concrete interventions Thursday 3rd November 2016, 6pm – 8pm, Oxford Martin School, Broad Street, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

2016 Loebel Lectures in Psychiatry & Philosophy. One day workshop Friday 4th November 2016, 9.30am – 5pm (approx.), Oxford Martin School, Broad Street, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

New! Labouring and giving birth in water: evidence, practice and views Saturday 12th November, 8.45am – 4.30pm, Chakrabarti Lecture Theatre, John Henry Brookes Building, Oxford Brookes University (Gypsy Lane campus, Headington)

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

New! Free public talk: Like Mother, Like Child Thursday 17th November 2016, 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre Lecture Theatre, Level 1

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/event/free-public-talk-like-mother-like-child/>

Clinfield Conference – Building Careers in Clinical Research 2016 November 17th 2016, SOAS (Russell Square), London WC1B

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

New! NIHR Cambridge BioResource Research Nurse Symposium Friday 18th November 2016, Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute, Li Ka Shing Centre, Robinson Way, Cambridge

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

RCN International Centenary Conference, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd November 2016, QEII Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

Basic Laboratory Skills for Researchers training course 9.30am – 2.30pm, Wednesday 23rd November 2016, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, OX3 9DU

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/training-opportunities/basic-lab-skills-courses-for-researchers/>

Exclusive to Sobell From an original painting by Ken Messer



4801 - Carfax in the snow
With Best Wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
171mm x 121mm £3.00 for 5 cards



4802 - Christchurch in the snow
With Best Wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
171mm x 121mm £3.20 for 5 cards

Sobell Day 2017 £3.20



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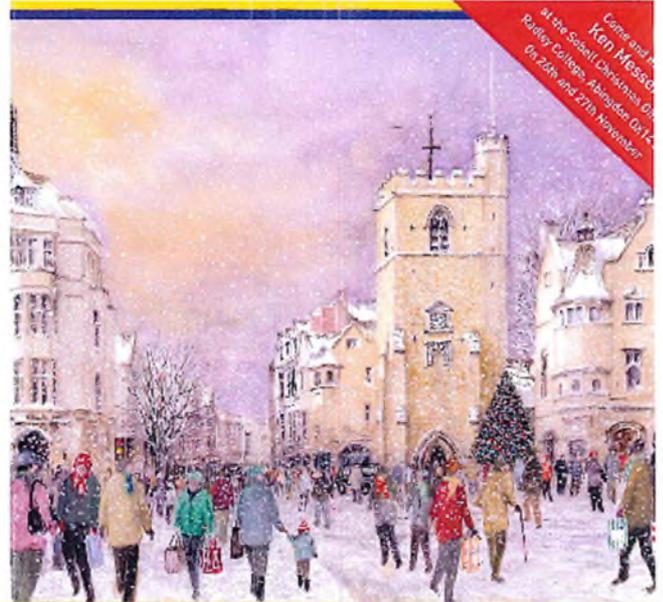


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Christmas Cards 2016



2017 Sobell Calendar 2017
£1.75



20. Men's 3 pack gentle grip socks
(colour/pattern may vary)
£6.50



24. Women's 3 pack gentle grip socks
(colour/pattern may vary)
£6.50



26. Sobell Scratch Card
£3.20
Packaging visible and necessary



45. New Year Card
With Best Wishes for the New Year
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4004. Christmas Stocking
Season's Greetings
152mm x 152mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4014. Walking To Church
With all good wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
152mm x 152mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4010. Kraft Trees
With all good wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
150mm x 150mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4009. Is it Christmas yet?
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
150mm x 150mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4011. Night Time Nativity
With all good wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
171mm x 121mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4006. Colourful Wreath
With Best Wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
152mm x 152mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4009. The Holly And The Ivy Heart
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
150mm x 150mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4005. Christmas Fairy Cakes
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
152mm x 152mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4007. Glitter Robin
With Best Wishes for
Christmas and New Year
100mm x 100mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4013. Santa
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
150mm x 150mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4012. Peace, Hope and Joy
With Best Wishes for
Christmas and New Year
152mm x 152mm £3.50 for 10 Cards



4005. Christmas Time Cattle
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
152mm x 152mm £3.50 for 10 Cards

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KITCHEN ROTA



We are extremely fortunate to have tea, coffee and milk provided for staff use in the kitchen. Each group in the department who use these facilities are responsible for taking their turn for kitchen duties and just a wee reminder to everyone that there is rota up on the kitchen wall advising when each group is responsible for kitchen duty.

STAFF BENEFITS



FREE TICKETS AND 10% OFF WOODSTOCK LIT FEST

What do Ken Hom, Darcey Bussell, Simon Callow, David Owen, Nicholas Parsons and Maureen Lipman have in common?

They're all part of this year's line up at the Blenheim Palace Festival of Literature, Film and Music, taking place between 13 and 16 October in Woodstock.

The good news is that University staff can enjoy a 10% discount on festival talks by quoting OUBLENHEIM when [booking](#).

Purchasing a festival ticket also includes entry to Blenheim Palace park and gardens on the same day as the booked event (entry is normally £14.90).

And there's more - staff can also enter a prize draw to win a pair of tickets to attend two of the talks over the weekend. To enter, simply send the name of the person who will be interviewing Darcey Bussell at the festival to internal.communications@admin.ox.ac.uk by 5pm on Wednesday 28 September.