



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 19th OCTOBER 2015

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Obesity Themed Call announcement

NIHR Themed Call for research on prevention and treatment of obesity

In December 2015 the [National Institute for Health Research](#) (NIHR) will issue a call for research into the evaluation of interventions or services for the prevention and treatment of obesity in adults and children. Preventing obesity and type 2 diabetes is a priority for the UK Government. With over 60 percent of the adult population either overweight or obese and more than 2.7 million people diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, the health burden and economic impact of obesity in the UK are increasing.

This call is an initiative by the NIHR in recognition of the need for further research-based evidence to underpin the prevention and management of overweight and obesity in adults and children. Issues of particular importance for this call include the prevention of type 2 diabetes and increasing levels of physical activity.

In January 2016 the NIHR will hold a workshop which will inform the research community about research funding opportunities presented by the themed call. Representatives from a range of participating NIHR programmes and supporting NIHR infrastructure will attend to advise on the various funding routes available and provide help and guidance on developing and submitting an application.

Further details about the call and the event will be available at www.themedcalls.nihr.ac.uk in due course.



National Institute of Health (NIH) announces a new funding opportunity: *Research Using Biosamples and Subjects from Type 1 Diabetes Clinical Studies - Complications (DP3)*

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number: RFA-DK-15-019

Purpose: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for studies on the complications of type 1 diabetes using subjects and/or samples from clinical studies on type 1 diabetes.

For key dates and more detailed application information, please visit the original opportunity posting here: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-15-019.html>.

OCDEM SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

This week sees the start of the Michaelmas Term of the OCDEM seminar series. The Wednesday seminar series is supported by funding from Boehringer Ingelheim. This week's talk will be hosted by Associate Professor Angie Bethel and the speaker will be Dr Paul Harrison from the University of Birmingham.



His lecture is "Neutrophil Extracellular Traps in Wound Healing and Immunothrombosis".

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

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This weeks Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will be a talk by Dr Jyothis George on **"Turning Your Research Into Medicines; Practical Considerations On Working with the Pharmaceutical Industry."**

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

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thu 22 Oct 2015 from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Academic (Lecture Theatre 1), Headington OX3 9DU



Haematology: "When one half is better than two: a tale of a difficult transplant", Dr Yisu Gu

Psychological Medicine: "Can and should we prevent brain damage in alcohol dependent patients?", Dr Michael Yousif.

Chair: Dr John Reynolds

Haematology: "When one half is better than two: a tale of a difficult transplant", Dr Yisu Gu

Booking: Not required

Audience: Members of the University and NHS clinical staff.

OCDEM 6th FORM CAREERS EVENT #ISSCIENCEFORME?



Last Wednesday OCDEM hosted a 6th Form Careers Event organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty. Approximately 40 students from 10 schools attended the 2 hour event. The first hour comprised tours of the CRU, Islet Isolation unit and DRL genetic laboratory. For the second hour the students had a chance to meet up with a wide variety of staff as well as talk to representatives from Oxford Brookes, Oxford University, the Trust and the BRC. There were stalls on Endocrine research, Islet physiology, Oxford biobank, commercialisation of research, diabetes trials, podiatry, dietetics and diabetes nursing. Students also received a handout containing “career stories” from a selection of people. Katharine Owen on behalf of SAF would like to thank everyone who took part and for making it such a successful event. The day was supported by BRC along with the Society for Endocrinology and the Oxford Academic Health Science Network.

ATHENA SWAN

AD FEMINAM

Applications are now open for mentees on the 2016-2017 Ad Feminam Mentoring Scheme. Ad Feminam mentoring is intended to encourage women to explore their leadership potential within academic life, or within an administrative career.

Mentees are expected to benefit from:

- an opportunity to explore their leadership potential within academic life, or within an administrative career
- support to take bold steps they otherwise might not take
- mentors providing a sounding board
- an increase in confidence
- help in planning and advancing their careers
- evidence to challenge the status quo and foster the institutional culture change envisaged.

Mentees will have demonstrated an aptitude or potential for leadership and will normally be an academic having completed her first five-year term of office, or a researcher holding a fellowship of at least five years duration, or an administrator graded 9 or above having at least five years' service.

For more information please see www.learning.ox.ac.uk/support/women/adfeminam/

To express your interest in being a mentee on the scheme please email brid.cronin@medsci.ox.ac.uk by Wednesday 21 October.

RDM Flexible Working Survey Reminder

A reminder that the flexible working survey can be found at the following address:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDM_FlexibleWorking

and is available for completion until noon on **Wednesday 21 October 2015**.

There has been a good response so far, but we are keen to have more! The survey is an important opportunity for you to share your views on flexible working. We really hope you will be able to find the short amount of time (around 10mins) required to give us your views and feedback so we can use it to take further steps to ensure RDM is a truly excellent place to study.

The survey is completely anonymous, and the results will be aggregated and reviewed by the RDM Athena SWAN Steering Group and local Self-Assessment Teams.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey

TRAINING COURSES

Digital media: Managing media interviews

This one-day, practical, hands-on course will introduce you to simple techniques to help you with conducting an interview and being interviewed, for print, audio and video.

It is in support of our other digital media concepts courses, but you do not have to have attended those beforehand.

Tue 20 Oct

09:15-17:15

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TIMTD>

Digital media: Podcasting - an introduction

Wed 21 Oct

09:15-12:15

This one-day, practical, hands-on course will introduce you to simple techniques to help you with conducting an interview and being interviewed, for print, audio and video.

It is in support of our other digital media concepts courses, but you do not have to have attended those beforehand.

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TIMT>

Digital media: Lecture capture

Fri 30 Oct

12:30-13:30

Lecture capture software enables easy recording of a lecture or seminar (audio and slides, with optional video), in a simple and non-intrusive way.

Students access the recordings via WebLearn to review privately in order to go over difficult concepts, reinforce learning, or revise for exams.

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TIMLC>

ProjectLibre: An introduction

Wednesday 21 October, 09.15-17.15

ProjectLibre is considered to be one of the best free alternatives to Microsoft Project. After taking this course, you will know how to use ProjectLibre to help you plan and monitor a project.

- Entering and linking tasks
- Creating and managing calendars
- Adding resources
- Printing and viewing project plans
- Tracking the project

More details and booking at: <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TPAH>

Project 2013: An introduction

Thursday 12 November , 09:15-16:15

This one-day course will provide an introduction to MS Project 2013. The course will cover how the package can be used to help plan, monitor and control a project. It will show how MS Project can be used to track project progress against a schedule and a budget.

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- Adding resources
- Printing and viewing project plans
- Tracking the project

More details and booking at: <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TPAF>

Presentation Zen: Principles for improving your presentations through better visuals

Date: Tuesday 20 October

Time: 17.30-18.30

Venue: **Somerville College** (Flora Anderson Hall & Brittain-Williams Room)

Book a place at: <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TIGUC>

NIHR Fellowship application day

Are you thinking of applying to Round 9 of the NIHR Fellowships Programme (Jan 2016) or the ICA HEE / NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Programme for non-medical healthcare professions (summer 2016)? Free all-day masterclass, funded and hosted by the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) South Central (SC) on how to improve your chances of success when applying for an NIHR Fellowship. The day will include sessions on how to “sell yourself” and hints and tips for success, with expert advice from RDS Advisors and key presenters who have knowledge of NIHR Fellowship funding panels. Book via www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fellowship-application-day-fad-tickets-17876968494

Date: Tuesday 20 October

Time: 10.00-16.30

Venue: Southampton

SECURITY NEWS

Crime overview - property theft



Thames Valley Police report that crime continues to fall across Oxford. However, October and November often can show an increase in the number of property crimes occurring across the University.

This coincides with the arrival of 6,500 Freshers – bringing valuable laptops, iPods and cycles – being targeted by local prolific criminals.

Unfortunately, the opportunist thief is often given a helping hand by students being careless with their possessions and personal security. Please [visit our website](#) for advice on protecting personal property.

Helping to prevent crime

After obtaining unchallenged access to a building, prolific criminals look for unattended and insecure rooms to steal any high value goods they find.

A robust application of local ID card management, plus challenging unknown or suspicious visitors, remains an excellent deterrent to opportunist thieves. Security Services staff are always available to provide immediate support in these circumstances if needed.



Don't allow strangers to follow you through secured doors

Crime overview - bicycle security

Our own crime reports show that cycle theft remains the most prevalent crime across the University estate. We regularly patrol frequently targeted cycle theft locations and, encouragingly, we are now seeing year on year reductions.

If you spot any suspicious activity around bicycles please contact the Security Services Control Room immediately on our emergency number: (2)89999.

Protect yourself from bike theft

HOW TO LOCK YOUR BIKE



DO NOT JUST USE A CABLE LOCK



Bicycle locks

Bikes that are stolen are often either not secured or the owner does so using a poor quality lock. Our advice is to secure bikes to an immovable object using a good quality lock.

Security Services stock D-Locks to sell to staff and students at the discounted price of just £15. Over the last two years over 2,000 have

been snapped up.

We now have a large amount of locks (as well as discounted [bike lights and arm bands](#)) in stock. For more information call our Admin Office on (2)72941.



Bicycle registration

We also run a cycle registration scheme. Membership allows cycle details to be recorded on both a University database and a nationwide 'Immobilise' property register. This helps Security Services and the Police to trace the owners of found cycles. Call (2)72944 for more information.

DATA – LUNCHTIME TALKS FOR RESEARCHERS THIS TERM

The 'Data' series of lunchtime talks is aimed at researchers from all disciplines who generate, gather, rearrange, or re-purpose data. The talks will deal with software, services, and techniques to help you make the most of that data. Covering data visualisation tools and projects, and aspects of data management from planning to re-use, these talks are intended to inspire, whilst also considering the practical requirements of research funders and issues surrounding data sharing. Join us to hear how others are doing things with data, both in Oxford and outside, and come along to tell us about what you are doing.

Data: Trunk to tail - linking EIEPHãTs through the Semantic Web

HathiTrust offers millions of digitized titles; EEBO-TCP is a smaller well-defined collection of texts from 1473 to 1700. The Early English Print in HathiTrust (EIEPHãT) project bridges them using Linked Data as a basis for exploratory research utilizing the respective strengths of the two corpora.

Thursday 22nd October – 12:30-13:30

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TPJB4>

Data: The Yin and Yang of data management

Anyone who manages data will face individually reasonable requirements which nevertheless seem to conflict with each other. Alex Hacker presents four such intractable contradictions and their harmonious resolutions, illustrated with examples from his work on the China Kadoorie Biobank.

Thursday 29th October – 12:30-13:30

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TPJB5>

Data: Challenges in dealing with very large collections of speech

John Coleman will talk about how human languages are extraordinarily large, complex and variable and how until recently, our ability to analyse or model these has been profoundly challenged by a problem of scale. For

it to become feasible to analyse its many dimensions of variation, far bigger data sources will be needed. Aggregation of existing speech corpora could be an initial step towards generating a resource that begins to be large enough to start to get to grips with some of the main sources of variation.

Thursday 5th November – 12:20-13:30

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TPJB6>

Data: Reproducible Research -Statistical Analysis with R using RStudio, GitHub and Shiny

This talk will present practical, open source and integrated solutions to designing and streamlining your statistical analysis workflow using R within the RStudio environment, on the fly publishing of reports using knitr, interactive web graphics with Shiny as well as backup, collaboration and version control with GitHub.

Thursday 19th November – 12:30-13:30 <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TPJB7>



GREEN TEMPLETON COLLEGE | OXFORD

The Robert Turner Research Associate

Green Templeton College invites applications from individuals coming to work in Oxford from outside the UK

It will be awarded to a postgraduate physician or postgraduate scientist researching in the field of diabetes or related disciplines, at the University of Oxford. The position can be held for up to one year.

The Research Associate will become a visiting member of GTC, be granted Common Room rights (as detailed in the current “membership benefits”, available at http://www.gtc.ox.ac.uk/images/stories/workforgtc/robert_turner2014.pdf) and will be offered two free dinners per term. Contribution to conference expenses will be considered.

The Research Associate will be expected to participate in the academic and social life of the College, for example, by attending Research Associate and Research Fellow evenings and meetings with the College’s research students.

The Research Associate will be eligible to apply for rooms in the College, if available, on payment of appropriate fees.

Individuals applying for the position must be working in a University of Oxford department.

To apply, send a short curriculum vitae, a brief outline of proposed research, a letter indicating why you would benefit from this Associateship at GTC and how you would hope to contribute to College activities to hr@gtc.ox.ac.uk. The closing date is: 10th November 2015 at 12 noon.

The RTRA was set up in 2000 by his widow Dr Jennie Turner in memory of Professor Robert Turner, founding Fellow of the former Green College and Principal Investigator of the UKPDS

Green Templeton College is a Registered Charity number 1142297

If you have any queries regarding this then please speak to Professor Fredrik Karpe or Associate Professor Leanne Hodson