



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 27 March 17

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SEMINARS

There are no seminars this week

TRAINING



WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BEING A PATENT ATTORNEY?

Dr Kapil Tuladhar is talking about 'A Career as a Patent Attorney'

Place and Time: Lunchtime at the WIMM (around 12.15)

Date: Friday 28th April 2017

Kapil works for JA Kemp and his talk will cover aspects of his training (Undergrad, DPhil), the transition from the bench (why he decided to move, and how he went about it), what a patent attorney does, aspects of training career development, and tips for entering the industry.

If you would like more information then please email alice.mayer@imm.ox.ac.uk



GRADUATE STUDIES TRINITY TERM TRAINING SESSION

'Identifying and Overcoming the Psychological Challenges of Doctoral Research' By Alan Percy
(Head of Counselling, University of Oxford)

When: Thursday 4th May 12.45 – 2pm

Where: Robert Turner Lecture Theatre

Open to Students and Postdocs

FINANCE



EASTER 2017 UK PAYMENT RUN.

There will be no UK Payment Run week commencing 10th April 2017 so to ensure that payments are included in the final scheduled payment run for Easter 2017, all purchase invoices, payment requests and expense claims must be with the Admin section by the close of business Thursday 30th March 2017.



Pippin Doughnuts have been delivering doughnuts to one of the other university buildings once a month and we have been advised that they are very yummy (Thanks Julie Adam for telling us). We have therefore arranged that they include OCDEM in their monthly delivery. The March delivery will take place on Thursday 30th March. The flavours are as follows:
Mixed berry jam

Chocolate
Vanilla custard
Cinnamon and brown sugar
Lemon curd
Cider apple and cinnamon
Tiramisu
Chocolate and hazelnut
Maple and pecan

The price is £1.10 per doughnut. If you/your group wants to put in an order can you please provide Lynne Scott with the details by 11.00 am on Monday 27 March. Payment for the doughnuts must be with admin by lunchtime Wednesday. Admin will take delivery of the doughnuts on the day.

CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS

Grade 7: £31,076-£38,183 per annum

We are seeking an enthusiastic postdoctoral research assistant in Functional Genomics to work within a vibrant research team headed by Professors Anna Gloyn & Mark McCarthy at both the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM) and the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics (WTCHG) at the University of Oxford Churchill Hospital site.

The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary team from the Gloyn and McCarthy laboratories trying to understand the mechanisms by which coding and non-coding changes in genomic sequences affect gene regulation and protein function and predispose to Type 2 Diabetes.

The post holder will have responsibility for designing and implementing projects to define the molecular mechanisms for pancreatic beta-cell dysfunction using a range of human cellular models and primary cells. A main responsibility of this post will be to co-ordinate pipelines for large-scale screens and to subsequently undertake downstream validation studies: including genome editing using CRISPR/Cas 9 in human IPS cells with subsequent differentiation down the beta-cell lineage and knockdown and overexpression studies in human beta-cells and primary islets.

Candidates should have a PhD in molecular biology, human genetics, biochemistry or a closely related field or be close to obtaining one. Relevant laboratory experience in mammalian cell culture, complex molecular cloning, lentiviral infection of mammalian cells, siRNA knockdown & over-expression in mammalian cell lines is essential for this post. Experience with human IPS cells and in genome editing would be an advantage.

The position is full time, fixed term for three years in the first instance and funded by the Wellcome Trust.

Interviews will be held on 4 May 2017.

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=127700

Only applications received before midday on **5 April 2017** can be considered.

Please quote ref. 127700 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.



HEAD OF CLINICAL RESEARCH (127924)

Grade 10: £52,793 - £61,179 p.a.

THIS IS A READVERTISEMENT. PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT REAPPLY.

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 postholder 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 mega trials. Currently we are undertaking four 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 postholder 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.

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=127924

Please quote Reference 127924 in all correspondence.

The deadline for applications is 12.00 midday on Monday 10 April 2017. Interviews will be held on 26 and 27 April 2017.



HEAD OF DATA MANAGEMENT 126788

Grade 8: £39,324 - £46,924

An exciting opportunity as Head of Data Management is available in an internationally recognised Academic Research Organisation that holds grants currently exceeding £280M.

The Diabetes Trials Unit forms a key part of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism within the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. The unit designs, runs and analyses both large-scale multinational interventional outcome trials and early-phase translational research studies.

Reporting to the Diabetes Trials Unit (DTU) Head of Clinical Research, the postholder will plan and implement best practice data management policies to ensure the acquisition of high quality study data.

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. The postholder will work closely with the Head of Clinical Research to oversee the set-up and ongoing monitoring of data management activities for all DTU research projects, ranging from early phase single site trials to international mega-trials.

We are seeking a highly skilled, self-motivated individual, with previous experience in clinical research data management, project planning and coordination, and the ability to work within an interdisciplinary team. The successful candidate will have sound knowledge of current ethical and regulatory frameworks governing the conduct of clinical trials. They will have prior experience of trial CRF management systems and have the ability to work accurately with excellent attention to detail. Prior knowledge of CDISC SDTM, ADAM, and CDASH are beneficial.

Responsibilities include management of staff, leading the development and maintenance of Unit-wide data management policies and activities, liaison with clinical trial staff to develop and implement data management plans appropriate to individual studies.

This is a full-time, fixed-term appointment for 1 year in the first instance.

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_version_4.jobspec?p_id=126788

The deadline for applications is 12.00 midday on 20 April 2017. Interviews are due to be held on 4 May and 11 May 2017. Please quote Reference 126788 in all correspondence.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Departmental Administrator

Botanic Garden, Rose Lane, Oxford

Grade 7: £31,076 - £38,183 p.a.

THIS VACANCY IS FOR INTERNAL APPLICANTS ONLY AND MAY ALSO BE OFFERED AS A SECONDMENT OPPORTUNITY

Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world and our aim is to continually enhance our centuries old reputation as a world-class university. The University of Oxford Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum is a highly visible and autonomous department, situated across two locations. We have an exciting opportunity for you to be responsible for the effective overall non-academic management and administration of the department. Reporting directly to the Director, Professor Simon Hiscock, you would manage an extensive portfolio within a defined budget, often working to tight deadlines.

You will be a graduate or equivalent with high personal integrity and display sound judgment under pressure. You will have a logical mind and be able to think creatively to solve complex problems. You will already possess some managerial or supervisory experience including control of personnel and finance. You will be an effective communicator with good interpersonal skills and the capability to encourage a team-based approach. You will also have strong organisational skills together with the ability to prioritise and delegate effectively. Ideally you have experience within higher/further education, a public sector environment or other large, complex organisation.

Further particulars including how to apply, a detailed job description and our selection criteria are available to download below. For an informal discussion of the role, contact Simon Hiscock (email: simon.hiscock@obg.ox.ac.uk, tel: 01865 (6)10302).

The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on 10 April 2017. Interviews will be held on Friday 21 April 2017.

External Postal Services: from Churchill and Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospitals.

As a result of a recent review of Trust's postal services with effect from **Monday 3rd April 2017** the following changes to external posted mail from the Oxford sites, will enable the Trust to save money on the postage with no impact in service.

- All first class mail, for next day delivery will continue to be sent via Royal Mail but the Churchill and NOC postrooms will no longer frank the items. The first class mail will be collected Monday to Friday from the post rooms by City Sprint:

Churchill Post Room at 15.00

NOC Post Room at 15.15

Therefore all first class mail must be in the respective post rooms before these times to ensure they are ready for collection.

The first class mail will be delivered to the John Radcliffe post room by 15.45 who will frank all the Trust's mail under the new Business Mail Advanced tariff, ready for collection by Royal at the existing time of 17.30.

- All second class mail will continue to be sent out via Whistl for downstream access at reduced tariffs from all three post rooms.

The collection times by Whistl remain:

Churchill Post Room at 16.00

NOC Post Room at 16.15

John Radcliffe Post Room at 16.45

Any enquiries on this change should be made to Wendy Robinson, Soft FM Client Contract Manager,
Mobile: 07901 678359 Email: wendy.robinson@ouh.nhs.uk

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL FUNDING EVENT

- **Date:** Thursday, 25th May, 2017
- **Location:** Richard Doll Lecture Theatre & Atrium
- **Time:** **10.00-13.00 - Main Session**

 From 13.30 - One-to-One Sessions
- **Details:**
 - The **main session** will include a presentation from the Medical Research Council on all their schemes, and presentations from current award holders, an MRC Funding Panel Member, the Research Design Service; and a Q&A session with speakers.
 - **'One to Ones'** with Gavin Malloch, MRC Programme Manager for Public Health and Paul Hughes, MRC Policy Operations Manager, are available from 13.30 for all MRC subject areas. These sessions are for people writing or about to start writing an application for MRC.
- **Lunch will be available between 13.00-14.00.**
- This is a **free** event, primarily targeted at academic and clinical researchers within Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hampshire. However, if you come from outside this area, you can also attend, places permitting.
- **To book a place, please contact Phil Saunders on 01865-289442 or phillip.saunders@dph.ox.ac.uk. Please indicate whether or not you wish to have a 'One-to-One'. There are only 8 'One-to-One slots' so please call and make a booking as soon as you can, as they are likely to be over-subscribed.**

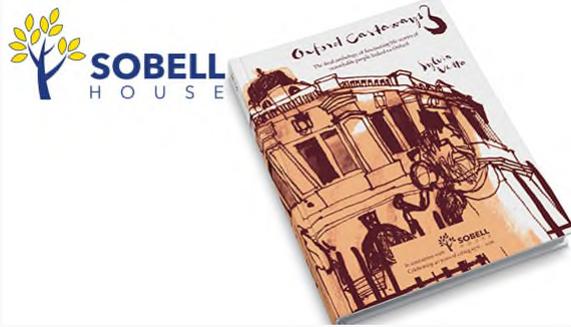
Calling all 'OCDEM WATER BABIES'

Sunday 16th April 2017 is the official start of the Oxford open water swimming season!!! The lake reached a winter low of 2.6°C (and I still went in!) and has been steadily rising 10.0°C 19th March. The sessions are open to all abilities from the social wild swimmer, just splash around through to triathletes and channel swimmers! Monday evenings during the summer offers something for the whole family, a kids splash area and plenty of room lake side for an after swim BBQ or picnic. Please follow the link below if you are interested in giving open water swimming a go! If you fancy a trial swim let me know and I'd be happy to meet you there and have one spare wetsuit Women's size M I can bring along: louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk . A lot of people swim without wetsuits but if it's your first time in temperatures we estimate around 12-14 degrees by the 16th a wetsuit is recommended but not essential! Full safety team on duty throughout swim sessions, lake side sauna and hot showers available.

https://www.owsc.co.uk/OWSC/Open_Water_Swimming.html



Queensford Lake, Berinsfield, Oxford.



Find something fabulous at the

Sobell House Auction

Closing 31st March 2017

Thank you to Sylvia Vetta for dedicating her third book to Sobell House and, in doing so, helping us raise funds to grow end of life care for the people of Oxfordshire who have a terminal illness.

We are on schedule to start building the new Sobell Clinic and Garden Annex in October of this year and all the funds raised through the sale of the book and the auction will directly go towards the project.



The auction will close on March 31st and we plan to arrange an event here at Sobell House during the first week of April to congratulate the successful bidders and present them with their piece of art.

I encourage you all to bid generously.!

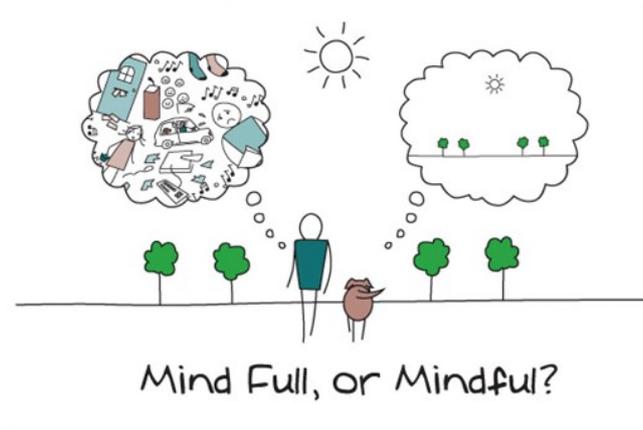
Take a look at our exciting Lots below and start placing your bids.

Don't miss out - start placing your bids today!

Mindfulness: a short introduction

Dr. M. Pontecorvi

Monday, the 27th of March. 1-2pm. Lecture Theatre, OCDEM



<http://psychology.tools/mindfulness.html>