



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Dr Nicola Beer, Dr Vibe Nylander and Dr Lindford Bryant who all won prizes for their posters at the 2nd Joint Meeting of the EASD Islet Group and Beta Cell Workshop in Dresden last week.

SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

This week's Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Professor Jeremy Tomlinson and the speaker is Professor Wiebke Arlt of the University of Birmingham



The title of her talk is "**Androgens, glucocorticoids and metabolic risk - Novel steroid metabolomics approaches**" The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre, and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45pm.

The OCDEM Wednesday Seminar Series is sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from the Boehringer-Ingelheim and Eli Lilly alliance

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will be a talk by Claudia Guida on "**The role of PYY in pancreatic islet physiology and surgical control of diabetes**" The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 18 May from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1



Medical Ethics - "The ethics of Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking in Palliative care" – **Dr Victoria Hedges and Prof John Paris (Boston College)**

OCDEM - "**Funny TFTs**" - Dr Shoab Khan and Dr Aparna Pal

Chair: Prof Chris O'Callaghan

OCDEM UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2017

Can you help?

OCDEM SAF team is going to showcase the research carried out in OCDEM at two upcoming festivals:

Headington Festival, Bury Knowle Park , Sunday 4th June - 1pm-5pm

Oxford Science Festival, Oxford Town Hall Research Fair, Sunday June 18th - 12-5pm

We will be doing activities such as Build an Islet Cell, Calculate risk of diabetes, Weigh out the sugar content of common foods and drinks.

If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to be involved on the day please e-mail

Katharine Owen (katharine.owen@ocdem.ox.ac.uk) or Matt Neville (matthew.neville@ocdem.ox.ac.uk)

T Shirts provided! Ideas welcome!



VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



THEME COORDINATOR AND FACILITATOR FOR NIHR DATABASE 128331

Grade 7: £31,076-£38,183 per annum

We are seeking an enthusiastic Theme Coordinator and Facilitator for NIHR Database to work within a research team headed by Professors Rajesh Thakker, May Professor of Medicine at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM).

The successful applicant will work on a project funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Rare Disease Translational Research Collaboration (TRC).

The NIHR has established a Rare Diseases Translational Research Collaboration (RD TRC) to increase research collaborations that will lead to improved diagnosis, treatment and care for people with rare diseases.

The post holder will oversee the collection, processing and storage of samples and data. The successful candidate will work closely with the support staff and the research team to ensure that all the requirements for the study are in place, necessary regulatory and ethics approvals are obtained and the clinical study meets the governance criteria. The Theme Coordinator and Facilitator for NIHR Database will be responsible for preparing and presenting status reports as well as preparing regular updates and promotional materials for all stakeholders.

Candidates should have experience in using databases, be knowledgeable in research theory and practice and competent in data organization. The successful applicant should be educated to masters' level in a relevant discipline or have equivalent knowledge and experience. Excellent interpersonal and organisational skills are essential to this post. GCP training and knowledge of NIHR landscape and rare disease initiatives would be an advantage.

This position is full time, fixed term for 12 months. Interviews will be held on 2 June 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_details_form.jobspec?p_id=128331

Only applications received before midday on **19 May 2017** can be considered.

Please quote ref 128331 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.



HUMAN RESOURCES/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 128952

Grade 4: £21,220 - £24,565 p.a.

We are now recruiting for a Human Resources/Administrative Assistant. Reporting to the Deputy Departmental Administrator you will be responsible for delivering accurate, appropriate and timely human resources support to the department and provide occasional cover for the finance team. You will be expected to establish effective working relationships and networks internally and externally, particularly with the Principal Investigators.

In addition to the above you will be expected to carry out the recruitment process, including pre-employment checks and liaising with the University Staff Immigration Team to arrange appropriate visa sponsorship, as may be required. You will be the first point of contact for all recruitment/applicant queries and will be expected to provide a professional customer service. You will also be responsible for monitoring the visitors in the department, arranging for appropriate visa status and other relevant paperwork, where appropriate.

You will be educated to GCSE (Grade A-C) in English and Maths. You will have an awareness of data protection and information security guidelines. You will have excellent communication skills and the ability to work independently and as part of a busy team.

This post is full-time and fixed-term for 3 years in the first instance.

For an informal discussion contact the Deputy Departmental Administrator, Charlotte Kelly on 01865 857214.

Only applications received by 12.00 midday on Friday 2 June 2017 can be considered. Interviews are scheduled for 20 June 2017. Please quote 128952 in all correspondence.

To apply for this post follow the link

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=128952



HEAD OF CLINICAL RESEARCH 128973

Grade 10: £52,793 - £61,179 p.a.

THIS IS A READVERTISEMENT PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT APPLY.

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.

The department would consider under filling this post should a suitable candidate apply (Grade 9: £45,562 - £52,793 p.a.). In this event we would agree and implement with an appropriate training and development plan.

This is a full-time, fixed-term appointment for 2 years in the first instance.

Please quote Reference 128973 in all correspondence.

The deadline for applications is 12.00 midday on Thursday 15 June 2017. Interviews will be held on 4 and 6 July 2017.

To apply for this role please visit

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrisliverecruit/erq_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=128973

Interview & Presentation Skills Workshop

for Research Staff and final
year DPhil Students



Monday 22 May 2017, 1-4pm
OCDEM
(middle Lecture Theatre)

Want to brush up on the practicalities of
preparing for interviews and presentations?
In this interactive workshop **Careers Advisor
Dr Rachel Bray** will cover the skills required for
both academic and non-academic interviews.

Email serena.briant@rdm.ox.ac.uk to **book a space!**

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE FOR RESEARCHERS AVAILABLE, RESEARCHERS' TOOLKIT

Medical Sciences Division have launched a new section on the divisional website, aimed at research staff, **the Researchers' Toolkit** (www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/resources).

This project was initiated in response to feedback from researchers about the difficulty finding information on the resources and support available to them. This information tends to be scattered around a variety of university, divisional and departmental websites, making it confusing to find the correct and/or the most current version. These new webpages provide researchers with up-to-date lists of divisional and central resources and support services, and we hope that by providing information in this easy to browse format (and including an A-Z list), we can improve access to and awareness of these services.

SHOPPING NEWS



DHL has been appointed as a preferred courier. Full details can be found [here](#).

Promotions & Pricing Updates – Live on Oracle Financials

Biolegend UK is offering increased [discounts](#) of 35% on all neuroscience products and 15% on all GolnVivo™ products until 30 June 2017.

Greiner is offering an additional 5% discount on retention pipette tips and roller bottles until 31 December 2017, and is [freezing](#) all catalogue pricing until 31 December 2017.

PerkinElmer delivery charges for radioactive products have increased to £44 (previously £40). All other catalogue items still benefit from free delivery.

VWR pricing for GE Healthcare products is increasing by 1.87%.

Dutscher Scientific UK is now part of Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS); their products continue to be available via the SLS catalogue.

Apple Warranties

XMA is extending their [warranties](#) on all MacBook, iMac and iPad devices purchased since April 2016 from 3 to 4 years.

PINT OF SCIENCE – 15 – 17TH MAY

Pint of Science is a non-profit organisation that brings some of the most brilliant scientists to your local pub to discuss their latest research and findings. Pint of Science will be in 6 venues across the city on 15th May – 17th May. For more information see [website](#)