

FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

ISSUE NO 108 WEEK COMMENCING 2 OCTOBER

SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

There is no Wednesday Seminar this week.

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty is a talk by Andrea Van Dam on **"Inflamed Fat"**. 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 5 October from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1

REVEAL Study: Dr Martin Landray and Dr Louise Bowman

Neurology: **"A novel form of antibody-mediated epilepsy"**, Dr Sarosh Irani

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to everyone who baked for the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday. A total of £255.00 was raised.



VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



THEME COORDINATOR AND FACILITATOR FOR NIHR DATABASE

Grade 7: £31,604 - £38,833 p.a.

THIS IS A READVERTISEMENT. PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT APPLY

We are seeking an enthusiastic Theme Coordinator and Facilitator for NIHR Database to work within a research team headed by Professor R Thakker, FRS, at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM), at the University of Oxford Churchill Hospital site.

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 postholder will oversee the collection, processing and storage of data and samples. 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 organisation. 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.

Please quote ref 130886 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.

Only applications received before 12.00 midday on 6 October 2017 can be considered. Interviews will be held on 17 October 2017.

VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS

Grade 7: £31,604 - £38,833 p.a.

We are seeking an enthusiastic postdoctoral research assistant in Functional Genomics to work within a vibrant research team headed by Professor R Thakker, FRS at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM), at the University of Oxford Churchill Hospital site.

The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary team from the Thakker laboratory investigating the mechanisms of G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR) signalling that involve the calcium-sensing receptor, and their aetiology in human disorders of calcium and glucose metabolism.

The postholder will have responsibility for designing and implementing projects to define the molecular mechanisms for calcium-sensing receptor, a GPCR, dysfunction using a range of human, in vitro and in vivo preclinical models.

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 genetics, mammalian cell culture, complex molecular cloning, transfection of mammalian cells, siRNA knockdown and over-expression in mammalian cell lines is essential for this post. Experience studying pre-clinical models would be an advantage.

The position is full-time, fixed-term until 30 September 2020 in the first instance and funded by the Wellcome Trust.

Please quote ref. 130982 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.

Only applications received before 12.00 midday on 6 October 2017 can be considered. Interviews will be held on 17 October 2017.

VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



RESEARCH FACILITATOR - OXFORD METABOLIC HEALTH

Grade 8: £39,992 - £47,722 p.a. (pro rata for part-time)

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We are seeking a Research Facilitator to support the coordination and promotion of metabolic research across the University of Oxford, as part of Oxford Metabolic Health (OMH). OMH brings together researchers from multiple University departments to enable strategic integration of research activities in metabolism, diabetes and obesity.

The postholder will provide critical administrative and scientific support for OMH. Responsibilities will be varied and range from strategic input into research direction, liaison with the internal and external scientific community, support for recruitment efforts and funding applications, coordination of meetings and workshops, and development of a website.

The postholder should have a thorough understanding of the full cycle of research funding, and experience of project management in academic and/or industrial settings. A scientific background is essential, and experience of metabolic research would be beneficial. Candidates should have extremely strong communication and organisational skills.

The position is full-time however, part-time work at a minimum of 0.60 FTE would be considered. This post is funded for 2.5 years by the John Fell Fund.

Appointment of suitable candidates at Grade 7 (£31,604 - £38,833 p.a., pro rata for part-time) may be possible with some amendment to the job specifications.

Please quote 130924 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.

Only applications received before 12.00 midday on 13 October 2017 can be considered.



3 OCDEM Researchers John Spilliotis, Reshma Ramracheya and Sam Stephen were at The Curiosity Carnival at the weekend.



The carnival is a chance to find out what research is really all about, meet researchers, ask questions and discover how research affects and changes all our lives.

The night is a huge festival of curiosity – a city-wide programme of activities across the University of Oxford’s museums, libraries, gardens and woods. There was a wide range of activities for all ages and interests – live experiments, games, stalls, busking, debates, music, dance and a pub-style quiz.

Reshma and Sam were in the Researchers Café and John was in the blood factory talking about hormones



Women of Achievement

The Oxford Diversity Lectures 2016–17

The Oxford Women of Achievement lecture series showcases and celebrates women's achievement and leadership across a wide range of sectors.

Event 5

2 October 2017 at 5.30pm

Helen Clark,

The 37th Prime Minister of New Zealand
and former Administrator of the
United Nations Development Programme

Weston Library Lecture Theatre,
Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG

The event will be followed by a drinks reception.

Free – All welcome, booking required.

For more information and to register please visit

www.ox.ac.uk/news-and-events/women-of-achievement



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SHOPPING NEWS



New Preferred Suppliers

Sigma Aldrich have been awarded the sole source contract for Alcohol and Solvents, new prices can be found on R12.

Compass are the new sole preferred supplier for catering. If you have any catering requirements you would like to discuss please contact [Claire Seeley](#)

Key Travel are the University's only preferred supplier for booking travel. For contact numbers, click [here](#). If you have any questions about travel or the use of other suppliers please contact [Jenny Goodwin](#) on 01865 (6)16220.

Promotions & Pricing Updates – Live on Oracle Financials

Anachem have lowered prices across their entire product portfolio, ranging from pipettes to tips and laboratory consumables.

- Rainin Terra Rack Filter Tips both LTS and Universal lowered by up to 10%
- GPS Refill Tips both LTS and Universal reduced by up to 5%
- E4 Single Channels pipettes reduced by 10%
- Microtubes reduced on average 14%
- Microsol 4 Disinfectant reduced by 40%

All prices are available until December 2018

New England Biolabs: 25% off Luna Universal qPCR and RT-qPCR Kits and Master Mixes until 30 November 2017

Integrated DNA Technologies are now a preferred supplier. Please contact David Hughes dhughes@idtdna.com to receive 10 free oligos (25nmol) or a free gBlock (up to 1000 bp) or a free qPCR mini assay. Trial discounts for other products are available. This offer is available up till 31 December 2017.

Biolegend promotion will begin on 1 October and features a 25% standard discount off all products excluding GoInVivo (15% standard discount) valid until 31 December

Bio-Rad Up to 50% off, as well as offers on essential instruments and reagents thermal cyclers, imaging systems, qPCR reagents, electrophoresis and blotting cells, protein standards, immunoassays and much more. Valid until 31 December

Merck have benchmarked Merck Cell culture media against our competitors and can guarantee that our media represents the best possible value, offering exceptional pricing for classical media, including DMEM and RPMI. Merck offer samples for testing, specific batch storage options to save you space, and free next day delivery. Please contact richard.jones@sial.com for further questions or for any specialist cell culture needs.

Parent/Carers Group

Next session

Thursday 5 October 2017 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
Large Seminar Room**

To sign up contact
charlotte.kelly@ocdem.ox.ac.uk





OCDEM CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The OCDEM Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday 8th December at Hawkwell House Hotel in Iffley (far end of Iffley Road - parking available & the No.3 bus runs close by).

Please email Ruth at ruth.coleman@ocdem.ox.ac.uk if you'd like to attend and get a £10 deposit

to her by Wednesday 11th October (total cost is £16.95).

Festive wishes

The Athena Swan Team