



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Riccardo Pofi a visitor with the Tomlinson Group who has been awarded a EEE fellowship from the European Union of Medical Specialists to support his visit and studies in OCDEM. This fellowship has been set up to facilitate within Europe the exchange of trainees specialising in adult Endocrinology.

SEMINARS

There is no Wednesday this week

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will be a talk on "**An update on the ACE Trial**" by Professor Rury Holman. 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 January from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre

Psychological Medicine: "**Moderate alcohol intake and the brain: good, bad or ugly?**" - Dr Anya Topiwala

Oncology: "**Toxgnostics: a new science?**", - Prof David Kerr

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

JOBS IN THE DEPARTMENT



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN ISLET PHYSIOLOGY

Grade 7: £31,604 - £38,833 p.a.

We are looking to appoint a Postdoctoral Research Assistant based at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM), at the Churchill Hospital in Headington. You will join a successful group exploring the molecular and cellular control of pancreatic islet function led by Professor Patrik Rorsman. The overarching goal of this team's work is to understand the regulation of hormone secretion from pancreatic islet cells.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, self-motivated postdoctoral research assistant with good writing skills and documented laboratory experience in the field of pancreatic islet research.

The postholder will have responsibility for both supporting and undertaking several key aspects of work within the lab including mouse islet isolation, patch-clamp electrophysiology and live imaging, with much of this work centring on projects investigating the function of the pancreatic α -cell. They will be responsible for managing their own time and resources within the context of their role, and the requirements and objectives associated with their position.

The position is full-time and fixed-term until 30 September 2018 in the first instance and is funded by the Wellcome Trust.

Please quote reference 132953 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 19 January 2018 can be considered.

TRAINING



SAFETY TRAINING COURSES

Hilary Term 2018

COURSE TITLE	WEEK	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	2	Wednesday 31 January	10.30-12.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Radiation Safety for Laboratory Workers	3	Wednesday 7 February	14.00-16.00	Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Road
Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Assessors'	3	Wednesday 7 February	14.30-16.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Introduction to Manual Handling	3	Friday 9 February	09.00-12.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Manual Handling Risk Assessment	3	Friday 9 February	13.00-16.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Fire Safety	4	Monday 12 February	11.00-13.00	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Portable Appliance Testing	4	Tuesday 13 February	09.00-16.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	4	Thursday 15 February	14.00-16.00	Seminar Room, Nuffield Department of Medicine Research Laboratory, Old Road Campus, Roosevelt Drive
Introduction to Laser Safety	5	Monday 19 February	10.30-11.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	5	Wednesday 21 February	14.00-16.00	Seminar Room, Nuffield Department of Medicine Research Building, Old Road Campus, Roosevelt Drive
Compressed Gas Safety	5	Thursday 22 February	09.30-13.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road

Safe Use of Cryogenic Liquids	5	Thursday 22 February	14.00-16.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Chemical Safety & COSHH	6	Wednesday 28 February	14.00-16.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Supervisors' Responsibilities	7	Thursday 1 March	14.30-16.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	7	Friday 2 March	10.30-12.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Fieldwork Safety Overseas	7	Friday 2 March	09.30-15.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Emergency First Aid for Fieldworkers	8	Monday 5 March	09.00-17.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	8	Thursday 7 March	14.00-16.00	Seminar Room, Nuffield Department of Medicine Research Building, Old Road Campus, Roosevelt Drive
Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Coordinators'	8	Thursday 7 March	14.00-16.30	Isis Room, IT Services, 13 Banbury Road
Risk Assessment	8	Thursday 8 March	14.00-16.20	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Evac-Chair 300H & IBEX Transeat	8	Friday 9 March	10.30-12.30	Engineering Sciences Stairwell, Parks Road (meet in reception area)
Radiation Update Session for SRPS and RPS	9	Wednesday 14 March	10.30-14.30	Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	9	Thursday 15 March	10.30-12.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Safe Use of X-ray Generators, Sealed Sources & Accelerators	-	Wednesday 21 March	14.00-16.00	Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Road
Departmental Safety Officers' 'Hilary Term' Meeting	-	Tuesday 10 April	11.30-14.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road

TRAINING COURSE INFORMATION FROM THE RDM CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



CRINGE FREE NETWORKING – WHAT, WHY & HOW?

Wednesday 17th January, 13:00 – 14:00 at the Careers Service

Few of us like the idea of ‘networking’. But we know that forging good relationships helps us understand how things work in new spheres of research or employment, and can open doors. Come along for an hour of myth-busting insights into the hidden job market and tips on effective networking through various mechanisms including social media. Feel free to bring your lunch.

You do not need to book a place at this event but please bear in mind that spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis and popular events may fill early so arrive in good time. If you have any particular requirements, that may help you to access this event, then please do share them with us prior to attending by contacting reception@careers.ox.ac.uk or telephone 01865 274646. As booking isn’t required you will not be notified of any changes to this event so please always check the details on CareerConnect in advance of setting out to attend.

NETWORKING FOR RESEARCHERS (FOLLOWING ON FROM ‘CRINGE FREE NETWORKING’)

Wednesday 17th January, 14:00 – 15:00 at the Careers Service

Following on from Cringe Free Networking, between 2pm and 3pm there is a second, optional hour specifically for Researchers. This is an opportunity to ask your questions as an early career researcher about networking within academic circles, or as a bridge into related policy, industry or service sectors. If you are interested in attending Networking for Researchers, we recommend also attending the Cringe Free Networking workshop.

This second event must be booked. To reserve a place please go to Career Connect.

International Careers Day

Saturday 20th January 2018, 10.30 am – 3.00 pm, at the Blavatnik School of Government

Come and meet employers working in or with governments and civil society organisations across the world, many of whom engage in research. Talks from The World Bank, panellists with experience in civil service roles, and with careers in development policy, communications and practice.

See last year’s booklet here: [International Careers Day 2017 booklet \(pdf\)](#) The booklet for the next fair is uploaded one week beforehand.

No bookings required.

ATHENA SWAN NEWS

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE SCHEME –REMINDER



The Awards for Excellence Scheme was introduced in 2013, it is an annual scheme that aims to recognise staff contributions to the work of the university and to re-ward exceptional individual contributions. All staff in grades 1-10 with more than six months service are eligible to be nominated. Staff must meet the following criteria:

Have performed well in all the key areas of their jobs

AND

have consistently demonstrated exceptional performance, significantly above that which might reasonably have been expected for their grade.

All eligible staff will be reviewed annually in the gathered field exercise. Awards for Excellence are limited to one increment in all cases. The 2017 gathered field exercise is now open and nominations must be submitted by Friday 19th January 2018. Forms have been issued out to all line managers.

Staff at the top discretionary point of any grade are eligible to be considered for the award of a non-pensionable lump sum to the value of one increment to reward exceptional performance only.

Nominations for the award will be made primarily by line managers. However individuals who believe they deserve an award can discuss with their line manager and if agreement cannot be made about a nomination the individual can nominate themselves using a self-nomination form. Note the self –referral form contains a mandatory field for manager’s comments. Forms can be found on the OCDEM website

<http://www.ocdem.ox.ac.uk/personnel-forms>

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel made up of members of the management board. If you have any queries regarding the scheme then please contact **Lynne Whay or Karla Taylor**

Parent/Carers Group

Next session

Tuesday 16 January 2018 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

