



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 1 FEBRUARY 2019

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### SEMINARS

#### ADDITIONAL SEMINAR THIS TUESDAY

On Tuesday Professor Jeremy Tomlinson will be hosting an extra seminar. The speaker is Professor Andrea Isidori of the University of Rome.



The title of his talk is **“When The Clock Stops Ticking, The Cardiovascular Risk Explodes: Fixing The Glucocorticoid Timer”**. The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre, and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45pm.

#### Wednesday Seminar

This week’s Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Professor Leanne Hodson and the speaker is Professor Peter Friend of Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences of Oxford University.



The title of his talk is **“Machine perfusion of the liver - therapeutic opportunities”**. The talk 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 week’s Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will feature 2 talks:

**“Using Biomarkers To Investigate Dietary Intake: High-Fat Vs High Sugar Diet”** by Rebecca Young.

And

**“Using Biomarkers To Investigate Dietary Intake: Challenges Posed By The Postprandial Period”** by Miss Sarah Peters

The talks 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 14th<sup>h</sup> February from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre

**Infection/Microbiology:** "Love in the Time of Gonorrhoea", Dr Catharine Morgan and Dr David Eyre

**Renal:** "Management by correspondence; an illustration of strengths and weaknesses!"- Prof Chris Pugh

Chair: Prof Hugh Watkins

## **Fire Safety Lecture & Fire Practical**



**Friday 15 March 2019**

Fire Safety Lecture

2.15pm

Seminar Room A,  
Wellcome Centre for  
Human Genetics  
Old Road Campus,  
Roosevelt Drive

Fire Practical

3.15pm

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Wellcome Centre for  
Human Genetics  
Old Road Campus,  
Roosevelt Drive

Please note delegates wishing to attend the fire practical session, they will need to attend the fire safety lecture, which is required beforehand.

Anyone interested in attending these two sessions, please can they confirm by email to [lucia.browning@safety.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lucia.browning@safety.ox.ac.uk) their preference(s).

## **CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT**



### **POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**Grade 7: £32,236 - £39,609 p.a.**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Postdoctoral Research Assistant position in the David Ray group within OCDEM on a highly prestigious MRC funded programme of research.

This programme builds on recent discoveries from our group, which have identified the importance of biological timing mechanisms in the resolution of inflammation, and the development of co-morbidities in chronic inflammatory disease. We are now building an interdisciplinary team of exceptional early career scientists to move forward in this field, and make the next major discoveries.

You will join a well-resourced team with a track record of major discoveries, and moving fellows into permanent academic positions. We have unique and innovative models, both in-vivo and in-vitro, which allow entirely new biological insights into circadian control of inflammation, and energy metabolism.

The deep phenotyping of these models, with high throughput 'omics technology platforms, cell based assays and systems microscopy permits rapid advances to be made, with new insights, high-impact publications, and potential therapeutic advances.

We build on unique strengths coupling circadian biology and metabolic science, and will use CRISPR, and genetic engineering approaches to investigate novel pathways regulating liver phenotype, and metabolic flux. We can couple this genetic approach to chemical biology interventions, such as those we have recently pioneered to target circadian clock components.

Outputs: There is an expectation that the candidate will publish in high-impact journals, present at international meetings, drive project progression, and capitalise on the joint academic stakeholders at the Universities of Oxford, and Manchester. There is considerable scope to pursue exciting new biological pathways emerging from the discovery platforms.

You will have an interest in or experience of inflammation biology, energy metabolism, and circadian biology. Some experience of in-vivo physiology is desirable. A relevant PHD is essential, the postholder will also be expected to have familiarity with statistical methods, previous publications and experience of presentations. The postholder will generate and analyse novel, cell type targeted transgenic mice. The post will also develop and apply in-vivo models of chronic joint inflammation, they will also be expected to present work at national meetings.

The position is full-time and fixed-term for 3 years in the first instance with the possibility for extension. The position will be based at OCDEM, Churchill Hospital, Oxford. The post is funded by the MRC.

Please quote reference 139171 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 4 March 2019 can be considered. Interviews are scheduled for the morning of 15 March 2019.

## TRAINING



### **Databases: Concepts Of A Database Design**

This course takes you through a good relational database design, from concept to application. Before even starting to build, it is essential to work out a design which properly models your project. The course includes plenty of worked examples and practice activities. The course does not use any particular software, so it will help you create a well-designed database structure which you can build later using the database software of your choice.

**11/03/2019 09:15 - 12:15**

Staff £30/Students £15

Book and pay

### **Databases: Inheriting A Database**

Finding your way around a database that other people have built, and perhaps adapting it for a new project, can be complex. This course takes you through the process of exploring and understanding a working database. You will learn how to re-organise the data and set up new, more relevant analysis. (Most of these topics are selected from other courses from this series, and may be covered in more depth there).

**15/03/2019 09:15 - 11:15**

Staff £20/Students £10 Book and pay

### **Video: Planning, producing and shooting**

This course will teach you the basics of producing and shooting a professional-looking short video. You'll learn everything from shot sequences and interviewing, to story boarding and structure. It will give you a solid knowledge of the basics of production and filming up to the point of editing.

- Understand the purpose of your video?
- Understand your audience - who will watch, what do they want?
- Plan your shoot - getting a structure and script together
- Gather footage
- Work with camera kit

12/02/2019 09:15 - 12:15

Staff £30/Students £15 Book and pay



### **Video: Editing And Post-Production**

This course is a practical introduction to the creation of a video. You will have the opportunity to organise and edit video footage and be shown techniques which can make a short video stand out from the crowd.

- Upload your video footage
- Use the iMovie video editor
- Work with a project timeline
- Use audio and visual effects
- Export your project

19/02/2019 09:15 - 12:15

Staff £30/Students £15 Book and pay



### **OMH RESEARCHERS' ASSOCIATION LAUNCH EVENT**

**Tuesday 12 February 2019, 4-6pm, Sherrington Room, Sherrington Building, DPAG**

Calling all postdocs, RAs and students working in any area related to metabolism! Come and meet fellow researchers for an afternoon of lightning talks to get a flavour of who is doing what in Oxford and enjoy a few drinks. Researchers are welcome to attend, whether they are giving a lightning talk or not.

## TRAVEL

As with all University expenses, travel costs should be made in line with the four principles:



1. Value for money is achieved.
2. It is not possible and/or practical for the University to pay directly.
3. The individual does not receive a personal benefit and costs incurred are for business purposes only.
4. Only actual and evidenced costs are reclaimed.

**In order to ensure prompt processing, please ensure a clear reason for travel is given.**

The University will only reimburse the costs of travel incurred for a clearly defined and necessary business purpose to an external site for activity that could not otherwise be facilitated at the individual's place of work or online.



### **What is claimable?**

If you are travelling on University business, you should always use the best value for money method of travel.

### Public Transport

Rail, metro, bus, coach, plane



- Travel should be by standard / economy class; travel by other classes is unlikely to meet the value for money principle.
- In exceptional circumstances, where travel in Premium Economy or Business Class is the only practical option, this should be pre-agreed with the Head of Department (or their authorised delegate) prior to travel being booked. Evidence of the agreement should be retained.
- Travel should be paid for by the University directly, using the preferred supplier when possible.

### Taxis and Mini Cabs (including Uber)

May be permitted for short and infrequent business journeys

### Hired Vehicles

In some circumstances where it is impractical to use public transport, hired vehicles may be needed.

- Hired vehicles should be booked by the University where possible.
- Hired vehicles may only be kept for as long as necessary for undertaking University business and should not be used for private use.

**Note: If you hire a vehicle directly you must ensure it is correctly insured for University use.**

## Private Vehicles

If it is necessary to use private vehicles, the mileage allowance is only payable for journeys over five miles. Costs may only be claimed in line with the standard HMRC rates:



- **Car/Van:**
  - 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles in each tax year;
  - then 25p per mile thereafter.
  - An extra 5p per passenger per mile accompanying for University business can be claimed up to the vehicles designed capacity.
- **Motorcycle/moped:** at 24p per mile.
- **Bicycles:** at 20p per mile.

**Note 1:** Your vehicle **must** be insured for business use; you must provide a copy if requested.

**Note 2:** University credit cards may not be used to purchase fuel for private vehicles.

## Travel Charges

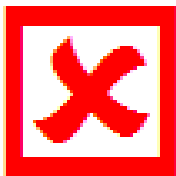
Reasonable parking charges, road tolls and congestion charges incurred on University business can be claimed.

## Travel Visas

Essential travel visa costs can be claimed.

## **So what is *not* claimable?**

The following costs should not be claimed;



- Ordinary commuting between your home and your normal place of work.
- Charges for parking at your normal place of work.
- Season/multiple journey tickets where it cannot be proved that they are solely for business use. Only the cost of individual journeys will be refunded.
- First class travel.
- Individual travel insurance – the University's travel insurance must be used. Claims for individual travel policies will not be refunded.
- Fines e.g. parking or speeding fines.
- Vaccinations should be arranged via the University's Travel Clinic (Occupational Health).

## **INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN A CLINICAL TRIAL?**

**Are you healthy and aged 18 to 55?**

**Are you based in the Oxford area?**

**You may be eligible to take part in one of our  
clinical vaccine trials.**

**Participants are reimbursed a minimum  
of £25 per visit for their time and travel.**



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[vaccinetrials@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:vaccinetrials@ndm.ox.ac.uk)**

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## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

### **YOGA IN THE WORK PLACE:**

**Dru Yoga with Louise:** The aim of **Dru Yoga** is simple, to help relieve the enormous stresses and pressures of modern-day living. It is designed to be practised by people of all abilities, all fitness levels and all age groups, it is a style of yoga that can be quickly dipped into or learnt in more depth over a lifetime

### **13.00-14.00 Robert Turner Lecture Theatre**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March