

# OCDEM BULLETIN



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

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### SEMINARS

#### WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

There is no Wednesday seminar this week.

#### FRIDAY SEMINAR

There is no Friday seminar this week.

#### MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

There is no medical grand rounds this week

**WELCOME**



Senthil Kandaswamy who has joined the Oxlip group as a Postdoctoral Research Assistant. Previously he was a visitor with the group.



Professor Philip Newsholme who is currently taking a sabbatical from Curtin University is working with the Rorsman Group.



Just to remind you that September's standby generator tests will take place on Thursday and Friday this week.

Please note that in ALL cases there will be unavoidable power cuts at the start (about 20 seconds) and at the end (about 15 seconds) of the test.

#### **Areas affected:**

Thursday	19 September	10.00 – 12.00	OCDEM Server Room/Ward 7
Friday	20 September	08.00 – 10.00	OCDEM Main Building

Dates for the Standby Generator Tests for 2018 can be found on

<https://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/intranet/facilities-and-health-safety/facilities/ocdem-planned-maintenance-work>



### **OUTSIDE APPOINTMENT REMINDER:**

It is that time of year again where we are asked to record any outside appointments held by staff. The Outside appointment forms have been updated and the revised forms can be found at

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/academic/approvaltoholdoutsideappointments/>

If you **do hold** any outside appointments please complete the form OA1. If you **do not hold** any outside appointments could you please complete the form OA2. I would be grateful if you could return your forms by **1 October 2019** to [ocdem.personnel@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ocdem.personnel@ndm.ox.ac.uk)

Every year we are required to report the University's total number of consultancies to HEFCE. The reported figure drives funding for the Higher Education Innovation Fund which is worth £2.85M/year to Oxford, so it is very important that all consultancies are reported. No information about individuals is reported to HEFCE, just totalled figures.

Departments are asked to record details of consultancies with business, the public sector (including the NHS) and NGOs/charities held by their staff which have not been arranged via Oxford University Consultancy. There is a separate mechanism for recording consultancies arranged via OUC so these do not need to be entered into Core— our HR system (although please do enter consultancies if it is not clear whether or not they were arranged via OUC). There is no need to record any other kinds of outside appointment such as directorships or visiting professorships.

If you are not sure whether you hold an outside appointment please visit the link <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/academic/approvaltoholdoutsideappointments/>

May we take this opportunity to thank all those who do keep us up to date with their outside appointments.



## **RESEARCH TECHNICIAN**

Grade 4: £22,017 - £25,482 p.a.

We are looking for an experienced member of the team providing technical and administrative support to ensure the smooth running of the laboratories. The lab works on nuclear receptor biology and circadian timing mechanisms. We use cell, molecular and in-vivo approaches. We currently have three post doc fellows, one senior technician and one graduate student in the lab.

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.

You will be responsible for processing samples and running experiments. You will also write up basic operating procedures and assist with inductions and training for fellow colleagues and students. Previous experience of working in a laboratory environment is essential. The successful candidate should also have previous mammalian cell culture experience along with experience working with hazardous chemicals.

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.

Please quote reference 142765 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 Wednesday 18 September 2019 can be considered. Interviews are scheduled for the morning of Friday 4 October 2019.



### **OCDEM RUNNERS 100 DAY CHALLENGE – STARTS TODAY**

Dear OCDEM,

Starting Monday 16th September, a few of us are starting our second 100 day running challenge. Last time it proved immensely beneficial, both physically and mentally and would like to extend this challenge to anyone else interested. The challenge will be setup through a running app called Runkeeper so we can all be motivated by each others efforts.

Anyone interested please contact me on [matthew.neville@oxdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.neville@oxdem.ox.ac.uk).

## **GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE: FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

On Friday 20 September there will be a global day of action in response to the climate change crisis ([https://www.campaigncc.org/climate\\_strike\\_20\\_september](https://www.campaigncc.org/climate_strike_20_september)). The young people who have been taking part in the school student strikes are inviting adult supporters to join them in a 30-minute work stoppage at noon.

Climate change is of huge concern to us all; many staff and students at Oxford are deeply worried about its impact on current and future generations' wellbeing. The University is actively engaged in research on climate change and in working to improve the sustainability of our buildings and activities.

Given the importance of this particular issue, we appreciate that staff may want to support the 30-minute climate stoppage on 20 September. Staff should let relevant colleagues know that they will be participating to minimise the disruption to their work.

Staff with fixed working hours should seek the permission of their line manager or equivalent in advance. Permission will be granted for 30 minutes' stoppage where this is operationally possible, but staff may need to be flexible over the precise timing of their stoppage to minimise disruption to their work.

Staff whose contract of employment does not have fixed working hours are free to participate in the 30-minute stoppage at a time which minimises disruption to their work.

Please contact your line manager or local HR contact if you have any questions.