

RDM Funding Opportunities Bulletin – June 2016

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Diabetes UK Sir George Alberti Research Training Fellowship	31 st October 2016
Lister Institute Research Prize Fellowship	8th November 2016
NIHR Fellowships (various) – deadlines to be announced, likely to be Dec 2016 and Jan 2017	
BHF Fellowships (various) – apply at any time – no fixed deadlines	

***Please remember that your local admin team and Research Services deadlines will be well in advance of the above deadlines.**

Please contact [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Dr Serena Briant](#)

- With any queries related to funding opportunities
- For advice on potential sources of funding tailored to your career stage
- For guidance and feedback on any funding applications

Internal Funding Opportunities

Proximity to Discovery: Industry Engagement Fund

MRC Proximity to Discovery Fund

Funding to support: activities to build relationships between the University and industry partners.

1. **Knowledge exchange between industry and academia** through innovative strategies and programmes to build a strong academic-led culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.
2. **Staff exchanges:** to exchange skills or knowledge which will enable new collaborative projects to develop. Staff exchanges in the following categories are eligible: a) industry exchanges, b) senior visiting fellowships, c) sabbatical enhancement grants, d) business development exchanges.
3. **Industry showcases:** small funding enhancements to already-funded industry showcase events. This will support facilitated matchmaking to explore future staff exchanges.

Proposals must support MRC-related science areas.

Amount: none stated.

Further details and application form: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 11th July 2016, noon.

Please email your application directly to [Lesley Gurney](#), copying in your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) to demonstrate that your department is aware of the application.

Future deadline: Currently unknown.

Medical Research Fund (MRF)

Funding is available in 3 streams:

- 1) **Bridging funding:** supports salary costs (typically 3 months) pending the application of an externally submitted grant and supports family leave costs. Applications will only be funded if the external research grant “promotes work in the field of **medical research**” (a grant application to the BBSRC or Leverhulme Trust may not count as medical research).
- 2) **Pump priming:** enables investigators to obtain pilot data to support larger scale applications for external research funding in the future (<£10k). **Postdocs are eligible to apply as the PI - an ideal opportunity to secure some funding in their own name.**
- 3) **Clinical pre-fellowship:** provides short-term (up to 3 months) funding to cover the salary costs of clinicians who will shortly begin an externally funded research training fellowship at Oxford.

Further details: [Webpage](#)

RDM internal deadline for MRF bridging funding: 19th July 2016 (end of day). Email applications to [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#). The earlier RDM internal deadline for bridging funding will be *strictly applied* to allow us to review and rank the applications as all departments can submit *no more than 5 applications*.

Deadline for pump-priming and clinical pre-fellowship: 25th July 2016, noon. Email directly to the secretary of the MRF Committee: mrf@medsci.ox.ac.uk copying in your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) to demonstrate that your department is aware of the application.

Future deadlines: For bridging funding, RDM internal deadline is Monday 17th October 2016 (end of day). Other MRF applications, noon Monday 24th October 2016.

OUCAGS Career Development Support for Clinical Lecturers

Funding to support: clinical lecturers in their career progression and professional development. This could include: 1) Research assistant/research nurse support, or other admin support, to generate preliminary data to underpin external grant applications (up to 1 year full-time), 2) secondments or short-term research assignments (e.g. to an external laboratory), 3) attendance at conferences, if no other source of funding is available, 4) training of any kind that will support research career development (e.g. King's Fund programmes). This list is not exhaustive and any reasonable applications will be considered provided the link to career development in clinical/scientific research can be demonstrated.



Eligibility: Clinical Lecturers who are post-doctoral, have not completed their clinical training (except for those in General Practice) and currently hold Clinical Lecturer posts within the University of Oxford (at least 6 months remaining on contract).

Amount: Up to £40k.

Further details: Direct queries and to obtain application form: [Denise Best](#) (Academic Clinical Careers Manager) or [Abby Hipkin](#) (Research Education & Training Administrator).

RDM internal deadline: 13th July (end of day). Please email applications to [Ruth McCaffrey](#). RDM has set an earlier deadline as each application needs a letter of support from the Head of Department.

The E.P. Abraham Cephalosporin Fund

Funding is available to support: research and education in the medical, biological and chemical sciences in the University of Oxford. Support available for bridging funds and equipment.

Eligibility: Only permanent academic members of the university.

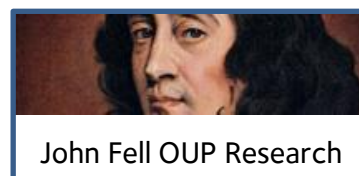
Further details: no website available, contact the [Trust's administrator](#).

Deadline: Enquiries and outline applications must be directed to the Trust's administrator (epa.trust@path.ox.ac.uk). If you are then invited to submit a full application, the deadline to send to epa.trust@path.ox.ac.uk is the 29th August 2016. To submit a full application, please inform your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) in advance as costings and a letter of support are required.

Future deadline: Around February 2017. Contact the Trust's administrator for more information.

John Fell Fund (JFF)

Funding to support: (a) pump priming, (b) early career researcher, (c) other academic activities likely to lead to new research initiatives, (d) Research Facilitators, (e) support related to bids for external funding, (f) strategic investment in research assets.



Amount: small award scheme (< £7.5k) or main award scheme (> £7.5k with no upper limit).

Further details: [John Fell Fund webpage](#). Please contact [Ruth McCaffrey](#) if you have any questions about the online application process, categories to apply for and appropriate levels of funding to request.

RDM internal deadline: 26th September 2016 (end of day). If you would like to apply, please inform your local administrator and [Ruth McCaffrey](#) in advance. Ruth is happy to comment on draft applications before the internal deadline. This earlier RDM internal deadline will be *strictly applied* as departments must rank the applications being submitted. A group of PIs from across RDM will be convened to rank applications.

Future deadline: Likely to be in January 2017.

Goodger and Schorstein Scholarship for Postdoctoral Researchers in Medical Sciences

This is a great opportunity for post-docs to secure a small amount of funding.

Funding is available to support: Salary, consumables or project expenses. Funding varies (from £2k to £25k).

Eligibility: Post docs from Medical Sciences Division with completed PhD.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Applications open: likely to open end of June 2016.

RDM will have an internal deadline of 10 days before the funder's deadline, which will be strictly applied. RDM can only put forward the department's top two applications to MSD for consideration. Please email [Ruth McCaffrey](#) in advance if you would like to apply.

External Fellowship Funding Opportunities

Coordination of Fellowships in RDM

RDM has a process to coordinate and support all fellowship applications* being submitted. This process ensures applicants, (1) receive equal support with their application, irrespective of the RDM division they are based in, and (2) benefit from the extensive expertise within RDM, across a broad range of funding bodies.

This process is co-ordinated by [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#), RDM Research Strategy Coordinator:

- Anyone wishing to apply for a fellowship must notify Ruth as early as possible and provide a summary of their proposed research and a copy of their CV. A minimum of *3 months* in advance of the funder's deadline is advised; the earlier you inform us, the more support we can provide.
- A group of senior PIs in RDM will provide feedback on the strength of the CV and the proposed research, which will be anonymised and fed back to the applicant. We hope applicants find this advice useful and take it on board. It will then be up to the applicant (and supervisor or sponsor, where relevant) to decide whether to proceed with the application.
- Each applicant will then be given an advisor (a PI in RDM who is familiar with the funder, where possible) who will provide support and proof read the application.
- Each applicant will be put in contact with other holders of the fellowship they are applying for, both within RDM and the wider Medical Sciences Division. If an Oxford PI sits on the fellowship review panel, we will seek their input, where appropriate.
- Where needed, a letter of support from the Head of Department will be provided.
- If an applicant is invited for an interview, Ruth will organise a mock interview.

Please see the [RDM website](#) for further details.

You are required to notify Ruth of (1) your intention to submit an application and (2) the outcome of your application. The support being offered is optional, but we hope that everyone will consider availing of it, to ensure they submit the strongest proposal possible.

**with the exception of clinical research training fellowships*

Fellowship funding opportunities are listed on the following page in order of external deadline date. Remember that your local admin team and Research Services deadlines will be well in advance.

Investigator Award in Science



Career Stage: Intermediate, Senior.

Funding is available to support: staff costs (e.g. RAs, technicians), consumables, animals, equipment, travel and subsistence, overseas allowances and more. From under £500k to up to £3m.

Duration of funding: Up to 7 years.

Eligibility: Researcher at any stage in their independent research career. Permanent position or written guarantee of having one by the start of the award.

Type: Basic, Clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 27th July 2016

Future deadline: 21st November 2016

Contact [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#) or [Dr Serena Briant](#) to obtain application guidance notes.

European Haematology Association Fellowships



Research area of the following fellowships: haematology in its broadest sense including molecular biology and biochemistry, virology, immunology, cell biology, epidemiology and diagnostic and therapeutic strategies.

1) Non-clinical Junior Research Fellowship

Career Stage: Early

Funding is available to support: Salary, consumables, travel, and equipment. €50k per year.

Duration of funding: 2 years.

Eligibility: 1-4 years' postdoc experience.

Type: Basic.

2) Non-clinical Advanced Research Fellowship

Career Stage: Intermediate.

Funding is available to support: Salary, consumables, travel, and equipment. €80k per year.

Duration of funding: 2 years.

Eligibility: 4-8 years' postdoc experience.

Type: Non-clinical.

3) Clinical Research Fellowship

Career Stage: Early or Intermediate.

Funding is available to support: Salary, consumables, travel, and equipment. €80k per year.

Duration of funding: 2 years.

Eligibility: Clinicians with a PhD or equivalent research experience.

Type: Clinical.

Deadline: 1st August 2016. Future deadline: Annual call

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Cancer Research UK Fellowships



1) Career Development Fellowship

Career Stage: Early, Intermediate. Support to set up independent cancer research group.

Funding is available to support: Salaries and associated running expenses for the fellow, one postdoctoral researcher, and one technician, plus equipment (up to £25k).

Duration of funding: 6 years.

Eligibility: 3-8 years' post-doc experience.

Type: Basic, pre-clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

2) Career Establishment Award

Career Stage: Intermediate. Offers new group leaders support to enhance their group.

Funding is available to support: Salaries and associated running expenses for the fellow, one postdoctoral researcher, and one technician, plus equipment (up to £25k).

Duration of funding: 6 years.

Eligibility: 3-8 years' post-doc experience, *must have a full-time fully-funded post* for the duration of the award. If you are a clinician, must have at least 3 years' post-doc experience.

Type: Basic, pre-clinical, clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

3) Senior Cancer Research Fellowship

Career Stage: Senior / established.

Funding is available to support: Salaries and associated running expenses for the fellow, 2 post-docs, a technician and a PhD student, plus equipment (up to £50k).

Duration of funding: 6 years.

Eligibility: 8-14 years' post-doc experience. Obtained PhD/MD and have extensive research experience, if you are a clinician.

Type: Basic, pre-clinical, clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 11th August 2016 (preliminary application).

Future deadline: Annual call

EMBO Long-Term Fellowship



Career Stage: Early.

Funding is available to support: post-doc research visits to labs throughout Europe and the world. International exchange is a key feature in the application process. Stipend, childcare allowance, travel allowance.

Duration of funding: Up to 2 years.

Eligibility: Within 2 years post-PhD. First author publication.

Type: Basic, molecular life sciences. Travel.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 12th August 2016

Future deadline: February 2017 TBC

Wellcome Trust Sir Henry Dale Fellowship



Career Stage: Intermediate

Funding is available to support: fellow's salary, salary for 1 support post, research expenses, travel.

Duration of funding: 5 years (+3 years)

Eligibility: Up to 7 years' post-doc experience.

Type: Basic

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 17th August 2016 (preliminary applications)

Future deadline: December 2016 TBC

Human Frontier Science Programme Postdoctoral Fellowships

- 1) **Long-Term Fellowship** - applicants with a PhD in a biological discipline to embark on a new project in a different field of the life sciences.
- 2) **Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship** - applicants with a PhD from outside the life sciences (e.g. physics, chemistry, maths engineering or computer sciences), who have had limited exposure to biology during their previous training.



Career Stage: Early.

Funding is available to support: Living allowance, research and travel allowance, relocation allowance, parental leave and child allowance (amount depends on country).

Duration of funding: 3 years.

Eligibility: up to 3 years after PhD; less than 12 months in host country at start of fellowship.

Type: Basic, all areas.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 25th August 2016

Future deadline: Annual call

Action for Medical Research for Children Training Fellowships



Area: Child health. Areas include cancer, heart disease and motor disorders.

Career Stage: Early.

Funding is available to support: Salary and consumables, up to £200k.

Duration of funding: 2-3 years.

Eligibility: Medical and bioengineering graduates, clinicians, bioengineers, research nurses, with research experience. Medical graduates with limited research training but wish to develop a long-term career in academic medicine in the UK. Normally within 6 years post MRCP (or equivalent).

Type: Clinical, translational.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline to submit outline: August 2016 TBC

Future deadline: annual call

MRC Clinical Research Training Fellowships



- 1) Pre-doctoral** – gives clinical professionals the chance to undertake a PhD or MD.

Funding is available to support: salary of fellow (up to but not including NHS consultant level), £20k per year (to cover PhD fees, consumables, travel, equipment).

Eligibility: MRCP (or equivalent) and undertaking specialty training.

- 2) Post-doctoral** – for clinicians who did their PhD more than five years ago but have not been research active since due to clinical training commitments.

Funding is available to support: salary of fellow (up to but not including NHS consultant level), research expenses, and travel costs, under full economic costs.

Eligibility: Clinically qualified and received a PhD (or equivalent).

Career Stage: Early, intermediate.

Type: Clinical professionals (basic, translational, clinical research).

Duration of funding: 2-3 years (up to 4 years for projects requiring patient contact).

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 8th September 2016

Future deadline: 12th January 2017

EC Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska–Curie Individual Fellowships

Career Stage: Early-Intermediate. Provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in a European context. Involves travel.



Funding is available to support: living, mobility and family allowances; research, training and networking costs. Up to €86k a year (depends on circumstances and country).

Duration of funding: 1 to 3 years.

Eligibility: PhD with at least 4 years of research experience.

Type: Basic or clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 14th September 2016

Future deadline: Annual call

Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowships



1) Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship in Basic Biomedical Science

Career Stage: Senior

Funding is available to support: salary of fellow, research expenses (incl. research support), travel. You can also apply for public engagement funds.

Duration of funding: 5 years, renewable.

Eligibility: 7-12 years' post-doc experience. Internationally recognised track record.

Type: Basic.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

2) Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship in Clinical Science

Career Stage: Senior. Gives clinical academics the opportunity to develop their research potential and to establish themselves as leading investigators.

Funding is available to support: Salary and research expenses.

Duration of funding: 5 years, renewable.

Eligibility: PhD/MD and at least 4 years' post-doc experience. Must be a clinician scientist with a medical, dental, veterinary or clinical psychology qualification.

Type: Clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 19th September 2016 (preliminary application)

Future deadline: December 2016 TBC

MRC Award/Fellowship



1) Career Development Award – ‘Transition to independence’

Career Stage: Intermediate

Funding is available to support: salary of fellow, consumables, travel, equipment and support for research staff. £600k - £1m.

Duration of funding: 5 years

Eligibility: No eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience. Productivity across past appointments. Clear plans to establish own research ‘niche’.

Type: Basic and translational/clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

2) Senior Non-clinical Fellowship

Career Stage: Senior. Proven independent researcher with an effective track record of internationally competitive independent research to make the transition to research leadership.

Funding is available to support: fellow’s salary, consumables, travel, equipment and support for research staff. £2-2.5m.

Duration of funding: Up to 7 years.

Eligibility: PhD (or equivalent). No eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience.

Type: Basic and translational/clinical.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 22nd September 2016

Future deadline: April 2017 TBC

Wellcome Trust Fellowships

1) Wellcome Trust Career Re-entry Fellowship

Career Stage: Intermediate or Senior.



Funding is available to support: salary of the fellow, research expenses, can apply for public engagement allowance.

Duration of funding: Up to 4 years.

Eligibility: Researchers in basic biomedical or clinical science who have had a continuous career break of at least 2 years. Have (or have demonstrated potential) of a strong research track record.

Type: Basic or Clinical

Further details: [Webpage](#).

2) Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship

Career Stage: Early - opportunity to start independent research careers.

Funding is available to support: Salary and research expenses (£250k). Can apply for public engagement funds.

Duration of funding: 4 years.

Eligibility: Final year of PhD or no more than 2 years post-PhD viva.

Type: Basic

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 10th October 2016

Future deadline: May 2017 TBC

ERC Starting Grant

Career Stage: Early

Funding is available to support: Staff costs, travel, equipment, consumables, publication costs. Up to € 1.5 million.

Duration of funding: Up to 5 years.

Eligibility: 2-7 years' post-doc experience.

Type: Basic

Further details: [ERC Starting Grant Webpage](#). Internal advice will also soon be given on the Oxford [Gateway to Europe Website](#). See [Other Relevant Information](#) section for details of application workshops being run by Research Services.

Deadline: Expected to be mid-October 2016

Future deadline: annual call.



Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund Junior Research Fellowships

(both scientific and clinical)

Area: leukaemia in its broadest sense e.g. molecular biology and biochemistry,

virology, immunology, cell biology, epidemiology, diagnostic and therapeutic strategies.

Career Stage: Early.

Funding is available to support: Fellow's salary, £17k consumables and £1k travel p.a. Approx £200k.

Duration of funding: 3 years (possible 1 year extension).

Eligibility: Non-medical scientists - 1-4 years' post-doc experience. Clinicians – those seeking funding for a PhD in the field of leukaemia research.

Type: Both clinical and basic fellowships advertised.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 21st October 2016, annual call.



Diabetes UK



1) RD Lawrence Fellowship

Career Stage: Intermediate. Fellowship enables postdoctoral researchers to establish their independence in diabetes research.

Funding is available to support: Salary of fellow, up to £15k consumables per year, salary for a technician or research assistant may be allowed. £500-600k.

Duration of funding: Up to 5 years.

Eligibility: 3-6 years' post-doc experience.

Type: Basic, diabetes.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

2) Sir George Alberti Research Training Fellowship

Career Stage: Early, training. For graduate healthcare professionals to work towards a PhD or MD in diabetes research and develop a career in research.

Funding is available to support: fellow's salary, up to £15k consumables per year, PhD fees. c.£230k.

Duration of funding: 3 years.

Eligibility: Doctors, nurses, midwives, psychologists and dietitians.

Type: Clinical, diabetes.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 31st October 2016

Future deadline: Annual call

Lister Institute Research Prize Fellowship



Career Stage: Intermediate. Aimed at those in early years of running their own groups and for whom receipt of the Prize would 'make a real difference'.

Funding is available to support: consumables and other research costs, but not salaries. £200k.

Duration of funding: up to 5 years.

Eligibility: 3-10 years' post-doc experience.

Type: Basic and Clinical. All biomedical fields.

Further details: [Webpage](#).

Deadline: 8th November 2016

Future deadline: Annual call

NIHR Fellowships

The NIHR offer several different types of fellowship opportunities – details of these should be announced soon.



Further details: [Webpage](#). The NIHR recently held a webinar on applying for their fellowships. A recording of it is available for potential applicants to listen to – follow the link to register: <http://bit.ly/NIHRfellowshipsintro>.

Deadlines: Likely to be December 2016 and January 2017.

British Heart Foundation Fellowships

There are various BHF Fellowships opportunities, which have no fixed deadlines.



Further details: [Webpage](#).

Other relevant information

Act on Acceptance



Had a paper accepted since 1 April 2016? If so, did you Act on Acceptance and deposit a copy of the paper into ORA (Oxford's repository) via Symplectic? Failure to deposit in ORA within 3 months of having your paper accepted will mean **your paper will not be eligible for submission in the next REF.**

Background

HEFCE has introduced a new policy on Open Access that states that, from 1 April 2016, to be eligible for submission to the next REF, researchers must deposit a copy of the 'Author Accepted Manuscript**' into their institutional repository on acceptance for publication. In Oxford's case this means that when you've had a journal article or conference paper accepted for publication, you need to 'Act on Acceptance' and deposit the 'author accepted manuscript' into ORA (Oxford's repository), **within 3 months of acceptance. Failure to do so from 1 April 2016 will make your research outputs ineligible for the next REF.**

So if you had a paper accepted on 1st April 2016 and have not deposited it in ORA by the end of June, you will not be able to return that paper in the next REF. Please act now!

Depositing is easy and you do it via Symplectic

(<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/awards/symplectic/>)

- Log into your Symplectic account (every Oxford researcher now has an account) – you'll need your single sign on details.
- Click on "Deposit your work" and follow the simple steps. A step by step guide is available on the [Open Access Oxford website](#).
- Only one Oxford author needs to deposit the paper. Just add all the Oxford author's names into the correct field.
- A PA can deposit on behalf of their PI, if they are set up to "impersonate" their PI in Symplectic. Details on how to set this up can be found [here](#) (requires SSO).

The Bodleian team will check copyright and licensing conditions, create an ORA record and make the full-text available after the embargo period has ended (typically 6 months for papers published via the green open access route).

Further information can be found on the [University Open Access website](#) or email: openaccess@bodleian.ox.ac.uk or contact [Ruth McCaffrey](#) if you have questions.

IMPORTANT: you must still comply with your funders' Open Access requirements. Act on Acceptance does not replace the funders' requirements, it is an additional step.

*** Author Accepted Manuscript is the final version of the paper that the journal accepts for publication. If it has comments and annotation on it, I would recommend you remove those before depositing.*

Important update on The Charity Open Access Fund (COAF)

The Charity Open Access Fund (COAF) is a block grant to the University from 6 charities (Arthritis Research UK, Bloodwise, Breast Cancer Now, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Parkinson's UK) that you apply to, to cover the cost of making your publications open access (paying for article processing charges, APCs).

Oxford's block grant from the Charity Open Access Fund (COAF) for the year Oct 2015-Sep 2016 has now been fully spent.

From now on, researchers should, until further notice:

- Contact the funder to see if they will pay the APCs associated with making your publication open access and ask if they want you to pay for Gold (publication made immediately available but the APC charges are very high) or Green access (6 mth embargo before the publication is made open access).
- Obtain and pay the invoice via their departments.
- Send claim to funder for reimbursement.

There is no need currently to fill in Oxford's APC application form as unfortunately the Bodleian's APC Team is unable to process these payments centrally on behalf of researchers.

Please note that the Wellcome Trust block grant for paying APCs has also been fully spent, but the University expects to receive an additional allocation, with the possibility of further funds being approved if required. This means that Wellcome-funded authors should continue with the usual procedure whereby the Bodleian's APC Team handle invoicing and payment.

The latest procedures are outlined in more detail on the [University Open Access website](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact [Dr Ruth McCaffrey](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

ERC 2017 Starting Grant application workshops

The Research Services European Team will be running two workshops over summer for University of Oxford ERC Starting Grant applicants. The workshop will be useful for applicants, administrators and anyone else also supporting a Starting Grant application.

- Wednesday 27 July – 09.30 to 12.00 in the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics on the Old Road Campus, Headington.
- Wednesday 17 August – 09.30 to 12.00 in the Hume-Rothery Building, Department of Materials in the Parks Road Science Area: (No 1, see [map](#))

Registration for both workshops is open by [doodle poll](#).