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[Oxford Learning Institute – Principal Investigators Programme](#) Free PI seminar programme targeted at early career PIs, who manage staff, or plan to do so, and at those researchers on the verge of becoming PIs

[Development and commercialisation of healthcare-related smartphone apps](#) The Oxford AHSN are hosting an introductory event on Wednesday 29 January for anyone interested in the development and commercialisation of healthcare-related smartphone apps.

[OAHNS Diabetes Clinical Network Launch Event](#) Friday 28th February 2014, 9.30–15.00. Lane End Conference Centre, Bucks, HP14 3HH

[Oxford University Hospitals Medical Staff Council](#) Tuesday 11 February 2014, 5.30pm. Lecture Theatre 1, John Radcliffe Hospital. All consultants

(including honorary) are most welcome to attend

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[The Oxford Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Summer Schools](#) John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, 24-29 June 2014

[Hepatitis C Open Forum Meeting](#) Thursday 23 January 2014, 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Seminar Room 1 & 2, West Wing, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

[The new NIHR Collaboration Platform](#) Oxford Roadshow Thursday 16 January

AND FINALLY...



Congratulations to Professor Peter Ratcliffe, FRS, Head of the Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine (NDM), who was knighted in the New Year's Honours for his services to clinical medicine. Professor Ratcliffe has been the Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine and Head of NDM since January 2004, and his research focuses on understanding the mechanisms by which cells monitor and respond to hypoxia.

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These doctors are combining clinical and academic/research training in the period between graduating and completing their postgraduate clinical training. They are scattered across a wide range of specialties and locations from Primary Care and Public Health through Surgical and Medical Specialties to Psychiatry. All have different training

requirements and different research areas and it is our job to support them through this complex landscape and help optimise their experience. Typically I'm involved in recruitment, research training programme design and organisation, career advice, strategy and policy development and even a research study on the career plans of clinical DPhil students - Clinical DPhil Paths, which has just been launched. In addition I jointly chair the Research Education and Training Working Group of the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre for which I am also the national training lead.

And why is the work that you and the OUCAGS team do so important?

The great thing about what we do is that we are here to support, train and inspire doctors who will develop new treatments that will have a transformative effect on human health and shape the future of medicine. Given the complexities of postgraduate medical training and research the journey to that goal is not straightforward and the OUCAGS team are a 'one-stop shop' for advice along the way. OUCAGS is led by senior clinical academics which really benefits the mentoring and advice that we are able to provide.

Our programme provides an array of opportunities including career and research methods seminars, a weekly Academic Medical Forum to present and discuss research, an accredited programme of research training, overseas research links, regular formal and informal networking events, access to a management and leadership programme and mentoring. There are a couple of more recent initiatives such as the Oxford Women in Academic Medicine group and the two schemes I mention below.

What's currently at the top of your to do list?

Like most people I have a range of things vying for top spot on my to-do list. Just about top is organising the funding awards both for the [Clinical Lecturers with Caring responsibilities scheme](#) and also the [Doctoral Clinical Research Fellowships](#) that close imminently. This will be closely followed by organising a visit from the Chair of Health Education England, and completing a funding proposal for OUCAGS. Other members of the team will be working on the [Clinical DPhil Paths survey](#) to ensure maximum response rate.

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Although OUCAGS is part of the Medical Sciences Division and is based in the divisional office at the John Radcliffe Hospital it also forms the Academic School of Health Education Thames Valley (HETV), which is based at the Oxford Business Park. HETV is the local part of Health Education England responsible for the postgraduate medical education of doctors and the training of other healthcare professionals. Postgraduate medical training is a complex and highly regulated area and our collaborative working with HETV has been crucial to the support that OUCAGS can offer.

There are other external bodies that we have to report to such as the General Medical Council and the National Institute of Health Research and we are very active locally, nationally and internationally in groups and organisations that are interested in clinical academic careers. For example Professor Pugh, the OUCAGS Director, co-chairs the Academy of Medical Sciences Clinical Academic Careers Committee. We are also part of the national Integrated Academic Training Group for academic leads and managers, and the Academic Clinical Careers Manager is the national Training Lead for the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre. An additional role of OUCAGS is to identify funding to provide additional academic opportunities of benefit across Oxford medicine. Through these efforts we have been able to establish Fellowships that are available through national competition and we continue to look for funding opportunities locally, national and internationally, to maximise such opportunities.

The OUCAGS programme

OUCAGS has established a comprehensive range of opportunities for Oxford's clinical academics in training, i.e. Academic Foundation doctors, Academic Clinical Fellows, Clinical Research Fellows and Clinical Lecturers. OUCAGS also offers the following support:

- Central point of advice for trainees and supervisors – “One-stop shop”
- Career and research methods seminars
- Regular meetings both formal and informal to build a community ethos
- Weekly Academic Medical Forum to present and discuss research
- Formal Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research for ACFs
- Management and leadership programmes
- Mentoring and career advice by senior academics
- Research funding bursaries and help identifying funding opportunities

The aim is that Oxford's academic doctors achieve at a consistently high level, both clinically and academically, and so deliver the greatest benefit to patients.

Supporting Clinical Lecturers with caring responsibilities

In addition to these activities, OUCAGS provides funding to support Clinical Lecturers with caring responsibilities. The aim of this scheme is to help this group of clinical academics, who are approaching the end of their training, to achieve a better balance between career and caring responsibilities, and so, fulfil their career potential. The scheme provides funding towards a range of activities which support career and professional development, including research assistant salaries, management and leadership courses, and secondments to research laboratories outside Oxford.

Clinical DPhil Paths study

Finally, OUCAGS is conducting Clinical DPhil Paths: A study of the career plans of clinical DPhil students. The study will help OUCAGS to better understand the place of the research degree in medical careers and how clinical academic careers develop. A survey is currently being conducted as part of the study. If you are a medically-qualified DPhil student within Medical Sciences you should have received an invitation to take part. If you qualify but have not heard from OUCAGS and may like to take part in the study, please contact

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Behavioural medicine is the integration of biological, psychological and sociological knowledge to prevent and treat disease and to aid rehabilitation. The aim of our research is to look at changing people's behavior and the culture to either prevent or treat serious disease. We currently have three main areas of focus: interventions to help people stop or reduce their smoking and manage their weight (reduce weight and maintain weight loss) by adopting a healthier lifestyle and following different weight management strategies; and exploring the role

and effectiveness of eHealth, such as using email to communicate between doctors and patients. We are very conscious that our work is destined for primary care, so the interventions we develop need to be simple and quick to implement because of the short time that practitioners have with each patient.

Tell us a little bit about your work within the research group, why it is important and what the implications of your research are

I am a postdoctoral research fellow and co-principal investigator of the BWeL trial – Brief interventions for Weight Loss.



Currently, 25% of the UK's adult population is obese, however no NHS treatment service exists to address this issue and GPs rarely discuss weight management with patients or support behavior change. Evidence demonstrates the effectiveness of brief, opportunistic interventions by GPs for tobacco control and problem drinking. To our knowledge no trial has examined whether screening to identify overweight or obese



adults and brief interventions are effective. Hence the BWeL trial, which is a randomised controlled trial to examine the effectiveness of a brief, opportunistic intervention for weight management and the active engagement of GPs in supporting weight loss in obese adults in primary care. We aim to recruit 1824 obese adults from about 60 GP practices in England. Specifically, we recruit patients who are attending their GP for reasons other than weight management and randomise them to one of two interventions: the GP will either encourage weight loss to benefit health (advice-control) or offer referral to a commercial weight management service available in the NHS (e.g. Slimming World or Rosemary Conley) and a follow up review session one month later (assistance-intervention). The main outcome is weight change at one year (Trial details can be found [here](#)).

Our hope is that the results of the trial could make the case for brief interventions for obese people visiting their doctors. If successful, the intervention could also be introduced in the GPs' pay for performance structure, the

Quality and Outcomes Framework, and influence weight management practice worldwide.

What's a typical day at work like for you?

No one-day is ever the same; it can range from conducting literature reviews, visiting research participants to collect data, conducting data analysis, forming new research questions and completing grant applications for future funding, writing and reviewing articles for publication, supervising students or teaching.



Besides BWeL, I am involved in research about: preventing weight gain during pregnancy; the use of attentive eating strategies to lose or maintain weight; and investigating different dietary strategies to lose weight, such as the 5:2 diet and the use of very low calorie diets, in obese adults. I also co-supervise a PhD student who is exploring different cognitive and behavioural approaches to weight control, in particular regular weighing and self-monitoring techniques. Furthermore, I teach for a MSc programme at Warwick Medical School. Oh, and I recently chaired the local organising committee for the 9th Annual Scientific Meeting for the UK Society for Behavioural Medicine (UKSBM).

(Image: Dr Amanda Lewis)



How do you see your field/area of research developing in the near future?

The problem of obesity is not going away anytime soon; we have to think about how we can prevent more people from becoming overweight and obese, as well as treating those who are already overweight and obese.

Our research has previously shown that commercial weight loss providers are effective and cheap for the NHS but not everyone will want to use or succeed using these interventions. No other intervention delivered in primary care has yet shown evidence of effectiveness. We are looking for those elusive low intensity yet effective interventions, using the best science to develop and test interventions based on an understanding of both clinicians' and patients' behaviours. Through our research, we continue to aim to improve

the health care provided to patients, and ultimately the health of the nation.

(Image: Members of the Behavioural Medicine Research Group)

Useful Links:

- [Amanda Lewis](#)
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Reminder that the deadline for applications to the VCs diversity fund is 31 January. Details and application form: <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/thevice-chancellorsdiversityfund>

Good Practice Booklet Available

The November, 2013 Athena Swan awards ceremony was held at Imperial College, London. An awards booklet demonstrating good practice to advance Athena SWAN principles is available here: <http://www.athenaswan.org.uk/content/april-2013-awards-booklet-published>



Update on submissions

The Equality Challenge Unit Athena SWAN (<http://www.athenaswan.org.uk/>) team received 123 award submissions for the 30 November 2013 deadline. 79% were new applications, 71% of which were made at bronze level.

Of the submissions made by institutions and departments which already hold awards, 42% of the applications are for a higher level award, rather than a renewal.

To help meet the demand, the Athena SWAN team has expanded to include two new members of staff.

Equality in HE: statistical report 2013

Equality demographics for staff and students

This report presents an analysis of the gender, ethnicity, disability and age profiles of the HE workforce and full- and part-time students during the 2011/12 academic year.

Using data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency staff and student records the report also shows the progress of equality in these areas over time.

<http://www.ecu.ac.uk/publications/equality-in-higher-education-statistical-report-2013>

'Hints and Tips' for preparing for Athena SWAN awards

The Medical Schools Council has provided a new 'Hints and Tips' resource for preparing for Athena SWAN awards <http://www.medschools.ac.uk/ABOUTUS/PROJECTS/ATHENA-SWAN/Pages/Hints-and-Tips-for-Applications.aspx>

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We are pleased to announce that all members of the Medical Sciences Division now have access to over 1,500 online medical and health care textbooks from the Oxford University Press.

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Research Skills Toolkit for Medical Sciences

Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd January

Need to brush up on your IT and information skills for research? Why not come to a Research Skills Toolkit? These free two hour workshops introduce key software and online tools for your research, hone your searching and information skills and introduce you to subject specialists.

These workshops are open to Oxford graduate researchers during Week 1 of Hilary Term. Find out more and book your place at <http://tinyurl.com/MSDToolkits>

Toolkits take place at IT Services on Banbury Road and are run jointly by the Bodleian Libraries and IT Services.

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Lecture – Lord Nuffield’s Legacy to Oxford Medicine

Wednesday 29 January 2014 1:00pm — 1:30pm, Convocation House, Old Bodleian Library

Dr Eric Sidebottom, Retired University Lecturer in Experimental Pathology and Tutorial Fellow and Nuffield Research Fellow of Lincoln College

A lunchtime lecture accompanying the exhibition [Great Medical Discoveries: 800 Years of Oxford Innovation](#). This event is free but places are limited so please complete our booking form to reserve tickets in advance – <http://tinyurl.com/nuffieldlecture>

Following the lecture, don't miss the opportunity to visit the Great Medical Discoveries exhibition in person!

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Why is Oxford driving Open Access in Drug Discovery?

Tuesday 28 January 3–4pm

Professor Chas Bountra of the Nuffield Department of Medicine discusses the important of open access in drug discovery.

Venue: Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Road.

Please book your place online at <https://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TZO03>

New BHCL Collections Manager

We are pleased to announce that Owen Coxall, until recently one of our Outreach Librarians, has been appointed as Collections Manager at Bodleian Health Care Libraries. Owen's new role will include responsibility for the management and development of our online and print materials as well as continuing his role as Outreach Librarian to Emergency Medicine.



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Great Medical Discoveries: 800 years of Oxford innovation

Exhibition, Bodleian Library, Old Schools Quad, 22 Nov 2013–18 May 2014

On the morning of 13 May 1935, T. E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") set out from his cottage, Clouds Hill, on his Brough Superior motorcycle to post a parcel of books to his friend 'Jock' Chambers. It was to be his last journey. On the way home he swerved to avoid two boys on bicycles and was thrown over the handlebars, fracturing his skull. He was treated at Bovington Camp Military Hospital by the neurosurgeon, Hugh Cairns, but died six days later without regaining consciousness. He was just 46 years old. Lawrence had achieved fame for his role in the Arab Revolt against the Ottoman Empire during the First World War, fighting alongside the Arab factions and co-ordinating their guerilla warfare to complement the British military strategy. His account of these years was later published as *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, written during a seven year fellowship at All Souls, Oxford.



Hugh Cairns (1896–1952) was profoundly affected by Lawrence's death and began a campaign to reduce the number of motorcyclists killed by head injuries, by the introduction of appropriate headgear. He conducted research over a number of years to develop the most effective type of crash helmet and to prove their efficacy in reducing death and serious trauma. As a direct result of his research, the British army made crash helmets compulsory in November 1941. Cairns continued to campaign and publish on the benefits of crash helmets, but it was not until 1973 that they were made compulsory for civilian motorcyclists in the United Kingdom. This safety measure has prevented countless fatal injuries throughout the world.



Cairns had specialized in neurosurgery since working at the London Hospital in the 1920s. In 1937 he was appointed the first Nuffield Professor of Surgery at Oxford. In spite of Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler in 1938, Cairns foresaw the advent of war, and formulated the idea of a special hospital for head injuries at Oxford. St Hugh's College was requisitioned and the Military Hospital for Head Injuries, popularly known as 'The Nutcrackers Suite', was created. By the time it was opened in February 1940, the war was underway and it was quickly commandeered by the War Office with Cairns at the helm, co-opted as Lieutenant. The hospital grew rapidly and Cairns and his team were at the forefront of clinical developments in the field of head

trauma. As part of his efforts to improve the outcome for soldiers who had suffered head injuries, he pioneered the use of mobile neurosurgical units which were deployed close to the battlefield, reducing the time between injury and treatment. In addition he worked with fellow Australian and Oxford professor of pathology, Howard Florey, to implement the use of the new antibiotic, penicillin, to reduce the number of deaths from infection following surgery. Amongst his papers given recently to the Bodleian Library, there is a letter written to his wife from North Africa in 1943:

'Today is my first breather since July 3. I have travelled about 1400 miles since then and have seen two of our neurosurgical teams. Florey and I have been together, and we have been making arrangements for the use of penicillin. I think our plans will work all right if put to the test, but that remains to be seen.

We are both very fit in spite of temperatures up to 120oF in the shade and at times a good deal of dust. This is partly due to excellent feeding, perhaps also to the fact that we were both used to this sort of thing as boys...All told the medical services are doing an excellent job (even Florey admits it) and the troops are in fine shape. But what a vast, incredibly elaborate organisation it is, and so much horrible destruction.'

This story is one of many which are revealed in the Bodleian Library's current exhibition, 'Great Medical Discoveries: 800 years of Oxford innovation'. Visit the exhibition online or in person to learn more about the remarkable contribution of Oxford scientists, medics and clinicians through the centuries.

Images:

T.E. Lawrence astride his Brough Superior, talking to the designer of the motorbike, George Brough, who was recovering from two broken legs sustained in a motorbike accident, 1930. *Bodleian Library, MS. Photogr. c. 126, fol. 34*

Lord Nuffield, Brigadier Hugh Cairns and General R.E. Barnsley, St Hugh's College, 1945.

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[Read more...](#)

Important Updates

Update on academic titles and merit pay

For further information, please see http://www.ox.ac.uk/media/global/wwwoxacuk/localsites/gazette/documents/supplements2013-14/Merit_pay_and_titles_for_academics_%28%29_to_No_5036.pdf

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2014 Recognition of Distinction exercise now open.

Call for applications for the conferment of Title of Professor. Deadline: Friday 14 February 2014, 12 noon

For further information, please see <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/recognition/>

HRIS – Medical Sciences Divisional User Feedback Meeting

Friday 31 January 2014, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Seminar room 2B, George Pickering Education Centre, Level 3, JR Main Building

Elena McPhilbin and Swetha Sundaram are the Medical Sciences Divisional representatives on the HRIS User group. **They are looking to collect direct feedback from the HRIS users in our Division and present these at the next HRIS User group meeting to be held in early Feb, with ongoing feedback and review mechanisms.** They plan to categorise the HRIS issues / concerns / feedback under the following categories:

1. eRecruitment
2. Personnel
3. Payroll / Salary / Allowances
4. Reports
5. Information Security / Systems Access & related
6. Training
7. Wish list

Please join them and share your own feedback on **Friday 31 January 2014, 2.00 – 4.00pm in Seminar room 2B, George Pickering Education Centre, Level 3, JR Main Building**. This informal meeting will be followed by refreshments and networking. There are no restrictions on the numbers of attendees from each department, however please RSVP Elena (Elena Mc Philbin (elena@well.ox.ac.uk)) with your name, department and job title. You are also very welcome to talk to other HRIS users in your department (Eg: Finance) and collect feedback on their behalf which you can share at this meeting. If you prefer to email your issues / concerns / feedback, please do and they will include them in their presentation.

Business Development Survey

If you are interested in finding out more about Business Development or already have a project that you would like to discuss, please complete the online form so that they can match you with any relevant opportunities

Link to [online form](#)

Clinical DPhil Paths Study

Clinical DPhil Paths is a study about the career plans of clinical DPhil students and is being conducted by the Oxford University Clinical Academic School (OUCAGS). Survey now live

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For further information, and to take part in the survey, please see <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/rskybz> (University network only)

Oxford University Hospitals

All MSD staff and students are invited to become members of the Trust and can stand for election to the Council of Governors

Do you have an interest in

health and healthcare?

Would you like to have a say in how our health services develop?

Would you like to be able to elect members to OUH's Council of Governors (or stand to be one)?

Would you like to be invited to events about local developments in healthcare?

If you answer 'Yes' to any of the above, **we want you to be part of our future.**

If you have a contract of employment with the **University of Oxford in a department within the Medical Sciences Division** or **hold an honorary contract award with OUH for at least 12 months**, you can join our staff constituency.

University of Oxford staff belonging to other departments and students can join us as public members.

To join us visit www.ouh.nhs.uk/ft or call 01865 743491 for a membership form.

Membership is free!

Funding Opportunities

Medical Research Fund

To support research conducted in the clinical departments of the Medical Sciences Division. Hilary Term deadline: Monday 27 January 2014
The Medical Research Fund supports research conducted in the clinical departments of the Medical Sciences Division.

Awards are made via three funding schemes towards the overall goal to promote work in the field of medical research and to extend medical research training opportunities.

The **bridging salary support scheme** accepts applications to augment existing externally funded research activity, by providing short-term (typically 3 months) funding to cover salary costs needed in order to retain experienced research staff between external research grants, and by providing a limited scheme to support maternity leave costs.

The **startup research funding scheme** accepts applications for small (up to £10k) awards in order to enable investigators to obtain pilot data to be used to support larger scale applications for external research funding in future. All non-staff research costs, including equipment, are eligible. Priority will be given to those applications that demonstrate matching funding from other sources. This scheme will not normally provide research support for students.

The **pre-fellowship scheme** accepts applications for 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.

Please email applications to the secretary of the MRF Committee mrf@medsci.ox.ac.uk by the deadlines listed below. Awards will only be made with start dates that fall after than the relevant deadline; retrospective applications will not be considered. When emailing your application, please copy in your departmental administrator to demonstrate that your department is aware of the application.

2014 deadlines:

Hilary Term: Monday 27 January 2014

Trinity Term: Monday 28 April 2014

Summer Long Vacation: Monday 28 July 2014

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Osler Memorial Fund Travel Grants

To support teachers in the Oxford Medical School Pre-clinical Departments to enable them to pursue some special study connected with medicine outside Oxford.

Maximum grant £1,000. Further details at: <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/y2SZXt> (login required)

George Herbert Hunt Travelling Scholarship announced

Applications are invited for the 2014 George Herbert Hunt Travelling Scholarship to support travel abroad for clinical study or research.

Deadline: Friday 21 February

The scholarship is of the value of about £3,000 and may be held with another award. This scholarship is offered in every second year.

Candidates should *either* have been admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine of the University of Oxford *or* have passed the First Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine of the University and hold a medical degree of another British university qualifying him or her to practise medicine. Current medical students are not eligible to apply; an award can only be made to a medical graduate who fulfils the above criteria.

Candidates are required to submit with their applications a statement of their academic record together with testimonials, and an undertaking that, if elected, they will travel abroad for a period of at least one month for the purpose of clinical study or research in medicine.

In making the award, preference will be given to candidates who intend to engage in the practice of their profession either as surgeons or as general practitioners.

The scholar will be required to complete his or her period of travel within twelve months from the date of election, and within a reasonable period thereafter to submit to the Secretary of the Medical School for the approval of the electors a detailed report of his or her tenure of the scholarship. Payment of nine-tenths of the scholarship will be made shortly before the period of travel, and the remaining one-tenth following the approval of the report. The election will be made on 9 April 2014.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Laura Morgan, Medical School Office, Academic Centre, Level 2, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU by **Friday 21 February 2014**.

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For further details and the application form, please see <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/nohf> (University network only)

Please note that applications must meet the criteria for funding and forms should reach [Maria Kendall-Belcher](#), at the Medical Sciences Divisional Office, no later than **Friday 31 January 2014**.

Novo Nordisk postdoctoral fellowship programme

Novo Nordisk has established an international postdoctoral fellowship programme with the University of Oxford to support research within the fields of diabetes and metabolism

The goal of the new programme is to support the development of a new generation of research leaders while further developing scientific excellence within the field of diabetes.

Novo Nordisk has provided £3.4m of funding to the University which will be used to fund 12 postdoctoral fellows, each for a 3 year period. While the programme is being administered through the Radcliffe Department of Medicine (RDM), any research group in the Medical Sciences Division with a focus on diabetes will be eligible to host a postdoctoral fellow. The fellowships will be advertised in mid Feb 2104 with the first 4 postdoctoral fellows expected to start in the autumn of 2014. Full details on the programme will be available shortly on the [RDM website](#). Any enquiries should be directed to Dr Ruth McCaffrey (ruth.mccaffrey@rdm.ox.ac.uk).



“This new programme will support the best young researchers doing novel work in the understanding of diabetes and its treatment. It is these early career researchers that will produce the new ideas, discoveries and advances that will improve diabetes treatment and care in the future. We’re delighted to partner with Novo Nordisk to provide this level of funding and support which will be important in enabling both their research and their career development,” said Professor Hugh Watkins, Head of the Radcliffe Department of Medicine.

A joint steering committee with members from both Oxford University and Novo Nordisk will oversee the programme.

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The 2014 research grants will be available to apply for online on the BMA website from 10 December this year – www.bma.org.uk. The application deadline is **14 March 2014**.

Subject specifications for each grant vary. For example, in 2014, research areas range from rheumatism and arthritis, cardiovascular disease and cancer to neurological disorders and clinical outcome measures. For more information on the grants on offer in 2014 and details of how to apply, please see: www.bma.org.uk/researchgrants

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Dr Cedric Tan

Winner of several competitions, including “Dance your PhD” (<http://vimeo.com/30211782>)

Hear about how to use the arts to engage an audience with your scientific research, then have the opportunity to meet with other researchers from across the sciences.

For further details and to register:

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/course-signup/rest/course/4D004D0111>

Networking event: Focus on Twitter for public engagement:

1230–1330, Tuesday 4 February 2014

Professor Dorothy Bishop @deevybee

Regular Tweeter about developmental neuropsychology, with over 12,000 followers.

Hear about how to use Twitter to engage an audience with your scientific research, then have the opportunity to meet with other researchers from across the sciences.

For further details and to register:

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/course-signup/rest/course/4D00D40108>

Networking event: Focus on blogging for public engagement:

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Dr Rob Simpson

Author of the popular ‘Orbiting Frog’ blog <http://orbitingfrog.com/>

Hear about how to use blogs to engage an audience with your scientific research, then have the opportunity to meet with other researchers from across the sciences.

For further details and to register:

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/course-signup/rest/course/4D00D40109>

Social media for communicating science

1200–1400, Friday 28 February 2014

A practical introduction to using social media tools to develop and maintain an online presence, and how to start defining your audience and developing strategies for engagement.

For further details and to register: annabel.cook@mpls.ox.ac.uk

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/course-signup/rest/course/4D00D40110>

These courses will be available to all graduate students and research staff, and are part of a wider range of researcher training opportunities: <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/researcher-training>. Further information on training opportunities in public engagement and science communication, at Oxford and further afield, can be found on the Oxford Sparks website: www.oxfordsparks.net/pe_training

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[Find out more](#) (Wellcome Trust website)

[Related news](#)

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The Engagement Fellowships champion the leaders of tomorrow by fostering the most promising upcoming talent of today. They are looking for people with a strong track record of engaging the public with ideas around biomedical science and/or medical humanities, looking to make a step-change in their careers.



Support is provided for up to two years and includes a salary or salary buyout, project costs, training, access to office space and facilities at the Wellcome Trust, and opportunities to work with trust's staff to develop project ideas.

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When?

In Hilary Term, we will be holding them at the WIMM building at the JR on 26th Feb, and 5th, 12th, and 19th of March 2014.

Further details

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- Defibrillator locator (South Central Ambulance)
- Monster Manor blood glucose measurement game for children with Type 1 diabetes



This project is supported by NHS Innovations South East who will also present a roadmap for app development and commercialisation.

There will be **first-hand demonstrations** as well as the opportunity to have your questions answered, find out what **support** is available and **network** with others who are also considering, or are already, developing apps.

Oxford AHSN plan to follow up this event with **practical workshops**.

Light refreshments will be provided.

To find out more or to book your free place, please contact [✉ Amy Shearman](mailto:amy@oxfordahsn.org)

Oxford AHSN are **also interested in finding out about app development within our network region**, and results will be presented at the event.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey below.

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Question today; Discover Tomorrow

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- Speed up adoption of innovation into practice
- Create wealth



Diabetes is a priority for the Oxford AHSN. We are inviting all those with an interest in improving care for people with diabetes to attend the Diabetes Clinical Network Launch Event.

Whether you work in clinical practice or research, or have an innovative product or service for people with diabetes, come along to find out how you can contribute !

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The discussion will centre around the route to becoming a successful scientist and is aimed at students at both undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as young post-docs. The event will take place on **Wednesday 22 January 2014 (1st Week HT) in New Biochemistry Seminar Room, from 5.30 to 6.30pm**. Short bios of the speakers are included below.



OxFEST is a well-established Oxford society promoting women in science, engineering and technology. We organise a range of events (not limited to female participants) varying from speaker events and workshops to our annual symposium in Hilary term. Have a look at our website to find out more: <http://ox-fest.org/>

Prof. Alison Noble OBE FREng is the Technikos Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the Oxford University Department of Engineering Science, Director of the Institute for Biomedical Engineering (IBME), and a Fellow of St Hilda's College. She is a Fellow of the IET, a Fellow of the MICCAI Society, and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. She is also the current President of the MICCAI Society. She was awarded an OBE for services to Science and Engineering in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June 2013. Professor Noble is a founding director of the Biomedical Image Analysis (BioMedIA) Laboratory, a multi-disciplinary research group working in the area of biomedical imaging and image analysis. She heads a large research activity in cardiovascular image analysis, women's health imaging and microscopy image analysis and has combined academic research with technology translation throughout her career. Her most recent venture is as a co-founder and CTO of Intelligent Ultrasound Ltd, spun-out from her laboratory in 2012, which focuses on software solutions to make medical ultrasound a simpler and effective technology to use in existing and new areas of healthcare.

Dr Kylie Vincent is a University Lecturer and Tutorial Fellow in Inorganic Chemistry at Jesus College. Her PhD research was conducted in the group of Stephen Best (University of Melbourne, Australia) and involved a 12-month collaborative visit to the group of Chris Pickett (John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK) supported by a Rae and Edith Bennett Travelling Scholarship. She carried out postdoctoral research at the University of Oxford with Fraser Armstrong from 2002 to 2007 and held an R. J. P. Williams Junior Research Fellowship at Wadham College from 2003 to 2007. In October 2007 she took up a Royal Society University Research Fellowship in the Chemistry Department at Oxford University and a Senior Research Fellowship at Wadham College. In October 2008 she was appointed to an RCUK Academic Fellowship in the Chemistry Department and a Senior Research Fellowship at Jesus College, and she took up her current position in 2013. Her research interests include the application of electrochemical and spectroelectrochemical methods to biological systems, in particular enzymes involved in energy cycling.

Prof. Amanda Cooper-Sarkar is a Professor of Particle Physics and has been a fellow at St Hilda's College since 1990. Before returning to Oxford she did research in experimental particle physics in several of the world's major international laboratories (CERN in Switzerland, KEK in Japan, RAL in the UK). She is an internationally recognised expert in the deep structure of the proton (Parton Distribution Functions) and a member of the PDF4LHC advisory board for the experiments at the world's highest energy accelerator, the LHC at CERN, Geneva. She is currently part of the ZEUS collaboration, finalising the analysis of the data from the HERA electron-proton collider at DESY Hamburg, and of the ATLAS collaboration at the LHC CERN Geneva.

Dr Blanca Rodriguez is a Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow and a University Lecturer in Computational Medicine. Blanca graduated as an Electronics Engineer from the Universidad Politecnica de Valencia, Spain, in 1997. She then started a PhD in the Integrated Laboratory of Bioengineering supervised by Prof. Chema Ferrero and at the same time became an Assistant Professor in Electronics and Biomedical Instrumentation at the Universidad Politecnica de Valencia. During her PhD studies, she investigated the causes of extracellular potassium accumulation during acute ischaemia using a mathematical model of single cell action potential. After graduating in 2001, she joined Prof. Natalia Trayanova's group at Tulane University in New Orleans as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow, to explore the mechanisms of cardiac vulnerability to electric shocks in normal and globally ischemic hearts. In 2004, she won the First Prize in the Young Investigator Award Competition in Basic Science of the Heart Rhythm Society. After spending two years in New Orleans, she joined Oxford University in August 2004, as a Senior Postdoctoral Fellow with Prof. David Gavaghan, funded by the Integrative Biology Project. From 2007 to 2013, Blanca Rodriguez held a Medical Research Council Career Development fellowship and she has also been awarded funding by European Commission, Royal Society, EPSRC, Wellcome Trust, BHF and Leverhulme Trust. From 2013, she is a Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow and a University Lecturer in Computational Medicine.

Dr Katie Jennings is a Postdoctoral Research Assistant at Cragg Group in Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics. She conducted her undergraduate studies at the University of Manchester, earning a BSc in Pharmacology before starting her DPhil with Prof. Trevor Sharp in Oxford in 2001. There, her interests expanded into neuropsychiatric disorders. During her DPhil and a subsequent post-doc in collaboration

with Dr Stephanie Cragg, she explored the way in which changing a single point of control in serotonin transmission, the serotonin transporter, causes a cascade of downstream effects on brain neurochemistry and behaviour. In 2008 she moved to Cragg's lab and shifted her focus to dopamine, exploring its relation to parkinsonian lesions. Together with Dr Cragg, she was jointly awarded MRC funding to explore the role of brain dopamine release and its regulation in motor learning.

The Oxford Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Summer Schools

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, 24–29 June 2014

The Schools

The Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Institute (SCNi) at the University of Oxford will host a sleep medicine and a circadian neuroscience summer school in 2014. The five-day Schools will consist of a common first day of introductory lectures for the two schools followed by separate, subject specific workshops to give all attendees a practical understanding of their subject area.

Costs

The registration fee of £150 covers the costs of lunches and socials but unfortunately cannot cover accommodation costs. A list of accommodation in Oxford will be circulated to all attendees. A small number of travel bursaries will be available. Please state in your covering letter if you would like to be considered for this.

How to apply

In order to be eligible you must be a PhD/ DPhil student or an early career scientist.

To apply for a place please submit the following to scni@ndcn.ox.ac.uk:

- A covering letter, including confirmation that, if offered a place, you will be able to attend.
- A research abstract of your current work, no more than one page of A4 in Arial font, size 11 (approx. 300 words), to include one table or figure if applicable. If accepted this will form the basis of your poster presentation at the School.
- A short CV including research interests.

Important dates

Closing date for applications: 31 January 2014

Announcement of decisions: 10 February 2014

Online registration: 11 February–1 March 2014

For further information, please see www.ox.ac.uk/research/news-and-events or email scni@ndcn.ox.ac.uk



Hepatitis C Open Forum Meeting

Thursday 23 January 2014, 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Seminar Room 1 & 2, West Wing, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

Would you like to hear about the latest developments in Hepatitis C?

You are welcome to attend an OPEN FORUM Meeting

The Open Forum includes:

- Updates and information on current Clinical Trials and latest developments.
- Information about our new Interactive Database which enables patients to update their own personal details.

Everyone is welcome – just turn up with no need to book

For further information, please contact [Toby Cade](mailto:Toby.Cade@ouh.nhs.uk) on 01865 222024 or email toby.cade@ouh.nhs.uk

The new NIHR Collaboration Platform

Oxford Roadshow Thursday 16 January

The NIHR is in the process of implementing a new, modernised collaboration platform, to deliver a single workspace to improve health research. This platform will be replacing the current SharePoint portal and will be being rolled out in three phases over the coming months.

The NIHR want to make the transition between the old and new system as smooth as possible and are running a series of roadshows to demonstrate the system. Each roadshow event is divided into three drop-in sessions at 10:00, 12:30 and 15:00, so you don't need to attend the whole day.

For details and to register: http://www.nihr.ac.uk/events/Pages/Forthcoming_Events.aspx

