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Copy deadline for next issue: 9:00am, Monday 7 July, 2014

Thanks to everyone who completed the [seminar communication survey](#) ([find out more](#)). An almost complete [listing of seminars, workshops and events taking place across the division can be found here](#) (Divisional What's On calendar), and [here](#) (Oxford Talks).



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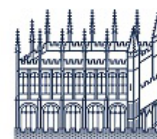
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OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

Important Updates

[Consultation on Seminar Communications](#) Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the seminar communications survey. The response was terrific, with 583 staff members from all 16 departments, taking part

[Medical Sciences Division D.Phil Day](#) Tuesday 8 July, 9 am–6 pm, Tingewick Hall, JR Hospital

[New Divisional Contacts sought for Oxford Research Staff Society \(OxRSS\) Committee](#)

[Medical Sciences Interdivisional Research Ethics Committee \(MSD IDREC\) newsletter now available](#)

[Isis Innovation News](#) New fund available for investments into Oxford technology companies

[Integrated Communications Project \(ICP\)](#) Support for the telecommunications system across the collegiate University will be withdrawn in 2017

[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

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[Institutional Strategic Support Fund \(ISSF\)](#) Deadline for submissions: Friday 27 June. We are now gathering input on strategic priorities for our application to renew the ISSF. If you would like to register a strategic priority or interest, please see <http://www.issf.ox.ac.uk/home>

[Medical Research Fund](#) To support research conducted in the clinical departments of the Medical Sciences Division. Summer Long Vacation: Monday 28 July 2014

[MRC New Investigator Research Grant](#) Applications require the Head of Department letter of support to be counter signed by the Pro-VC (Research), and to be submitted 10 working days before deadline

[The Knowledge Exchange Seed Fund is open for applications](#) Deadline: 26 June 14

Engagement Opportunities

Wellcome Trust Provision for Public Engagement The Wellcome Trust now provide dedicated funding for public engagement within research projects
Making Life Fantastic: telling a story to engage and entertain Alison Woollard, Department of Biochemistry university lecturer and presenter of the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2013, will be talking about her experiences communicating science and developing interactives for these high profile lectures

Science Outreach Awards Call for nominations. Are you, or is one of your colleagues, a passionate promoter of science to the public?

Increasing the impact of health research through policy engagement Monday, 30 June 2014 from 14:00 to 16:00. University of Bristol

Tell us your medical stories! Doctors and medical students are invited to take part in writing project

Volunteer Opportunities

Women needed for a research study on the brain basis of anorexia nervosa

Clinical Vaccine Trials The Jenner Institute are developing vaccines against major global diseases and want healthy volunteers aged 18 to 55 to take part in trials of them.

Volunteers Wanted We are conducting a research study at the University of Oxford to assess if a new medication affects performance on cognitive tasks

OxWATCH study now recruiting! We are looking for women between the ages of 18 and 40 who are hoping to become pregnant with their first child, and have an Oxfordshire home address

Other Items of Interest

Career Service Events Saturday Careers Bootcamp for Researchers; MSD Postdoctoral career mentors; One to one appointments at The Careers Service/Old Road Campus/Churchill/JR

Open Access and Monographs: forum with publishers and funders Wednesday 18 June, 2pm-5.30pm, Radcliffe Humanities Lecture Room

Oxford AHSN App follow-up workshop Tuesday 24th June at the Magdalen Centre, Oxford Science Park

Patient involvement: Whose research it is anyway? Wed 25 June, 5:30pm, George Pickering Education Centre (i.e. Postgrad Centre), Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital (Main Building)

Oxford AHSN Partnership Council meeting Wednesday 18 June 2014 from 16.30 in the Magdalen Centre, Oxford Science Park

NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care Oxford Website has now launched Featuring the latest news, information and updates

Public Health Film Festival and Short Film Prize Friday, June 27, 2014 – 6:00pm to Sunday, June 29, 2014 – 4:30pm

Ever wondered what research staff do when they move out of academia? Ex-researchers called to take part in survey

AND FINALLY...



Congratulations to Dr Kate Venables, Reader in the Nuffield Department of Population Health, who recently received a commendation for her poem *Bookshelf* in this year's highly prestigious Hippocrates Awards for Poetry and Medicine.

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<http://www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk/policy/concordat-on-openness-on-animal-research>

What is the university doing?

Signatories have pledged to be clear about when, how and why they use animals in research. They have agreed to provide accurate descriptions of the research, realistic information about its potential benefits and open discussion of the ethical and welfare considerations. The Concordat also aims to explain why animal research is necessary and cannot be achieved by other methods.

Oxford has always been in the forefront of the drive for greater openness about research involving animals. Detailed pages on the University [website](#) explain our policy on the use of animals. We also give case studies in which scientists explain the purposes of their research and how this can only be achieved with the use of animals. Earlier this year, the University gave the BBC unprecedented access to Biomedical Sciences Building. Journalists filmed research involving primates and explained how it had helped Oxford scientists to pinpoint decision-making areas of the brain. In support of the Concordat launch, we and the Wellcome Trust provided the media with details of a new [£5m programme of neuroscience research](#).

How does this affect you?

We support and encourage staff involved in animal research to be open and transparent about their work. We believe that the more the public understands about our work, the more they will support it. However, under the Concordat, media activity remains entirely voluntary for all members of staff. We only want you to talk about your work to the media, or engage in any public engagement work, if you are comfortable doing so.

The News and Information Office, Public Affairs Directorate will continue to support and offer you advice with animal-related media issues. Stephen Rouse, the Head of the News and Information Office, is responsible for communications on animal research and can be contacted at stephen.rouse@admin.ox.ac.uk or on (01865) 280533.

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And why is this work important?

Our courses are massively interdepartmental (currently, 29 separate departments and units contribute to the teaching of the Pre-clinical Medicine course and 25 contribute to the Biomedical Sciences programme), so it's a huge exercise in co-ordination. Even the individual modules within each year of the programmes are usually delivered by members of staff from several different departments. We have to ensure as far as possible that things run smoothly for the students. We also administer the examinations, and we organise the selection procedures for admission to the courses.

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

It's been a heavy week for meetings: I've got three lots of committee minutes to write, and I want to get on with some modelling as a result of today's meeting reviewing the mechanism we use to allocate student load to the different departments that contribute to the medical course. I've also got work to do preparing for our visit (i.e. inspection) from the GMC later this year, e.g. improving our procedures for medical students who are causing concern on academic or medical grounds.

How did you get to where you are today?

I studied music at university followed by a PGCE, and my first job was teaching music in a comprehensive school. I quickly realized that my interests lay in administration rather than being in the classroom, so I went to an evening class to learn how to type, and then started looking for jobs in university administration. I chose Oxford because I wanted a town where there would be lots of musical activity. I started work as Assistant College Secretary at St Edmund Hall in 1998. This is my fourth job in academic administration in Oxford, and I have never regretted leaving teaching!

When you aren't diligently dealing with work issues, what keeps you busy?

I have two boys under four, so I am kept pretty busy by them when I'm not at work. I dabble in music in an amateurish fashion: last autumn I wrote a Christmas Carol for the church choir which I conduct occasionally, and earlier this year I was asked by some friends to write an anthem for their wedding service. I'm not a prolific composer by any means (I need a deadline to get motivated), but I do find it extremely rewarding when someone tells me they've enjoyed some music that I've composed.

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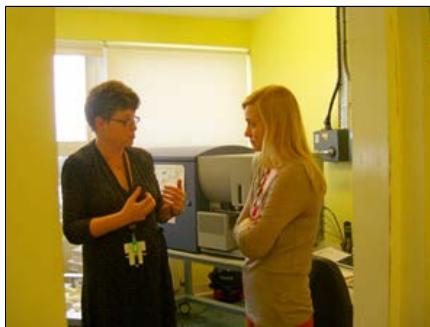
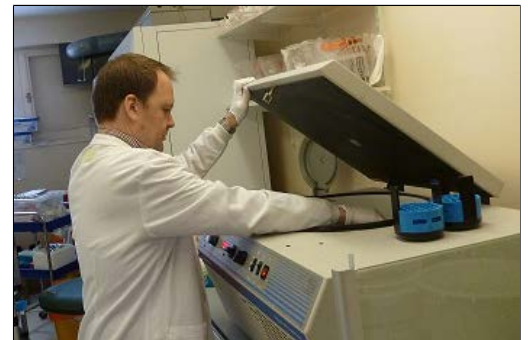
Why is the work of your research group so important?

Transplantation is the most effective therapy for treating organ failure and some forms of cancer. Transplants save lives, but the survival of a transplant is dependent on treatment with powerful immunosuppressive drugs that inhibit the immune system. The immunosuppressive drugs currently available for clinical use are undoubtedly effective, but they act non-specifically, suppressing the entire immune system not just the response targeted at

the transplant.

Moreover, the drug therapy is required for the life-time of the recipient after transplantation. This means that transplant recipients experience a much higher incidence of cancer and infection and they require additional treatment for the toxic side effects of the drugs that can become more pronounced with increasing time after transplantation.

The induction of immunological unresponsiveness and ultimately tolerance to donor antigens, sometimes referred to as drug free or minimal immunosuppression, would have a major impact on improving long term graft survival and the quality of life of transplant patients. This could also mean a reduction on the burden on the NHS and a significant reduction in its costs.



You recently took part in the Royal Society Westminster Pairing Scheme – what was the idea of the scheme?

The scheme is designed to build bridges between Parliamentarians, Civil Servants and research scientists in the UK with a view to establishing longstanding links where both parties gain an understanding of the work behind the fundamental issues involved in each field. I was paired with Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon and in December last year I spent a week in Westminster shadowing Nicola, followed by a reciprocal visit by Nicola to our lab in January 2014. We hope to continue a programme of visits and find ways of collaborating in the future.

How did a week in Westminster compare to a week in the lab, and what did you learn?

The diversity of topics and issues that an MP has to understand and respond to in a 'normal' week in Westminster was impressive. My week in Westminster coincided with the Autumn Financial Statement and as Nicola is Parliamentary Private Secretary to Matt Hancock one of the government finance team, she was very actively involved in the debate and questions that followed.

Having attended the Science and Technology Select Committee question and answer session with the Chief Scientist, Sir Mark Walport, it became very clear that while data and evidence are critically important to the scientific debate at Westminster, not surprisingly, politics has a significant impact on policy development and decision making.

Before spending my week in Westminster, I was aware that there were relatively few MPs and Civil Servants with a scientific training or background, however I was surprised by just how few there are. Developing links with MPs, telling them about your science and submitting evidence to enquiries initiated by Select Committees is valuable and an effective way that scientists can inform and contribute to the debate.

If you would like more information about the Westminster Pairing Scheme see [Westminster Pairing Scheme](#).

TRIG would like to acknowledge and thank its funders: The Wellcome Trust; The Medical Research Council; The European Commission; The British Heart Foundation; Kidney Research UK; Restore; The Oxfordshire Health Services Research Committee; Becton Dickinson; Astellas.

Images:

Top: Professor Kathryn Wood. Middle: Group member, Dr Stephen Juvet at work in the lab. Bottom: Kathryn Wood (left) and Nicola Blackwood discuss research issues during Nicola's visit to TRIG

Links:

[Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences](#)

[Professor Kathryn Wood's webpage](#)

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Related news:

[From Lab bench to Backbench](#)

[Nicola Wood, MP visits Professor Wood and the Transplantation Research Immunology Group](#)

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The University of Oxford has signed up to a new Government initiative, 'Your Life', aimed at encouraging more women to pursue careers in science, technology and engineering. Launched on 7 May, 'Your Life' brings together business, educators, civil society and government, to show how science and maths leads to exciting, successful careers. In joining the campaign, Oxford has pledged to strengthen, develop, and promote activities that encourage the engagement of women in all STEMM subjects and especially technology and engineering within the University and beyond it. For more information see <http://www.yourlife.org.uk/>.

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RCUK briefing on maternity, paternity and adoption leave and pay

Research Councils UK (RCUK) has published a briefing on Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave and Pay to provide clarity for researchers and their employers. This briefing provides information relating to Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave and Pay from the Terms and Conditions of Grants and Training Grants; and the RCUK Training Grant Guide and Research Council Funding Guides. It is intended primarily for Research Council funded students and researchers to assist their discussions with their supervisors and line managers; it will also be useful for staff in research offices, HR and equality and diversity specialists. You can download the briefing at:

www.rcuk.ac.uk/media/news/140508/

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Right to request flexible working extended

The Children and Families act received Royal Assent in March. Under the new act, with effect from 30 June 2014 the right to request flexible working will be extended to *anyone* with six month's continuous service (it is currently limited in scope to those with caring responsibilities). The aim of these changes is to remove any cultural assumption that flexible working is only for women, or just parents and carers. 'Flexible working' under the terms of act refers to working from home, job shares, working compressed hours/weeks, etc. As with current flexible working arrangements, the right is only to *request* flexible working and have the request considered. For more information on how to make a request, see: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/during/flexible/

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Talks and Events:

Women in Science

The Department of Biochemistry are holding a 'Women in Science' seminar series, which has been designed to highlight the lives and work done by individuals across the South Parks Science Area. The seminars will look at how people at different stages in their careers combine their working and personal lives. The first seminar of this series will be hosted by Judy Armitage and will feature Alison Woollard, Carolyn Carr and Annabel Cook. There will be an opportunity for the audience to participate in a short Q&A session and the chance to network afterwards over coffee and tea. For more information see: <http://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/aspsite/index.asp?pageid=905>

Date: Monday 16 June

Time: 2.30–3.30pm

Venue: Main Seminar Room, New Biochemistry Building, South Parks Road

Careers Bootcamp for Researchers

Are you busy with meetings, teaching or experiments Monday–Friday? Then come to a new careers event especially for researchers on Saturday 21st June. This interactive workshop will allow you to spend some time thinking about what you want in your ideal job, considering how to identify possible career pathways, learning how to develop successful CVs and cover letters, and developing the skills necessary for effective preparation and performance at interview.

Please register on Career Connect (via www.careers.ox.ac.uk), event ID 4895. If you do not have a Career connect account please email reception@careers.ox.ac.uk and they will set one up for you.

Date: Saturday 21 June

Time: 9.30am–5pm

Venue: The Careers Service, Banbury Road

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Articles & Resources:

Case Studies: Careers in Research

RCUK has published further research career case studies, with researchers telling their own personal story of how they got involved in research, what it takes to be a researcher, and their rewarding experiences from their chosen career paths. The case studies are aimed at young people and highlight the opportunities research skills can give, not only in academia but also in the wider world of business, industry and commerce and cover a wide range of disciplines including arts and humanities; engineering; maths; biology; social sciences; and physics. For more information please see the [RCUK website](#).

Report on progress on equality between women and men in 2013

A recent [report](#) from the European Commission on progress on equality between women and men has found that 'there has been progress in most areas, but achieved at an uneven pace. At this rate of change, it will take almost 30 years to reach the EU's target of 75% of women in employment, over 70 years to make equal pay a reality, over 20 years to achieve parity in national parliaments (at least 40% of each gender), over 20 years to achieve gender balance on the boards of Europe's biggest companies and almost 40 years to ensure that housework is equally shared. In other words, if nothing changes, many of us won't live long enough to see equality between women and men achieved'.

Business case for diversity in the scientific workforce

The Royal Society recently published a report on the business case for diversity in the scientific workforce. Conducted by Westminster Business School the research shows that compared with the EU and the USA the UK STEMM workforce is less diverse. Recommendations on how to increase and promote diversity in STEMM include increased development and use of retention policies such as making reasonable adjustments in the workplace to account for disabilities, enhancing flexible working opportunities to achieve better work–life balance, encouragement for women to return after maternity leave, and offering better development and networking opportunities. The full report as well as the Executive Summary can be found [here](#).

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The IT Services Portfolio Review aims to better align our services with the needs of the University, ensuring not only good value for money but also a more rational funding model. It is an opportunity to understand the specific needs of our customers and how our services are being used, and to market our lesser-known but potentially high-value services.

Conversations with a range of stakeholders in the form of workshops and interviews, in small groups and one-to-one sessions, are taking place and will continue through Trinity Term. The feedback received will build on existing insights from previous consultations and surveys including DIGE, OUCS Survey, Freshers' Survey, Staff Survey and the IT Strategy.

In addition, the senior managers of IT Services have recently produced a list of changes that we could make to our services which will be combined with the suggestions from stakeholders. We will develop options for changing the way some services are delivered, identify which services could be retired, and what new services might be introduced.

Benchmarking of our services against other HE institutions has already been undertaken in the Value IT report. This work will be updated and used to inform the portfolio review and discussions about funding models and service levels.

This initiative, like other complementary projects underway, is an enabling component of the IT Strategy. The work is being led by Darrell Sturley and feedback can be sent to consultations@it.ox.ac.uk. A draft report is expected in Summer 2014.

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Security Training near you

Starting this term, we will be coming to different parts of the University to provide cybersecurity briefings on a range of information security topics aimed at all staff. Cybersecurity is a key area of the IT Strategic Plan and this is one of the ways which we are promoting the message to staff.

The largest series of briefings will be every Thursday at the [Old Road Campus Research Building](#). Each Thursday lunchtime we will talk about how **'You are the target!'** and then focus specifically on, for example, how criminals could:

- get access to your email account to read or delete your emails, or use your University account to send thousands of spam emails
- log into other online accounts and steal your money
- steal your credit card details and buy things online with them
- take control of your computer to record everything you do, hold you to ransom, attack other computers on the Internet or send spam
- use your personal details to commit fraud using your identity.



But don't panic if Thursday's not your day, or if you can't easily get to Old Road. [We will be at Wellington Square, Hythe Bridge Street and Banbury Road too – on a range of days](#). And, with the new [Online Information Security awareness module](#) you can learn about Information Security from the comfort of your own desk.

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Could you use a set of 35 tablets in your teaching?

Funded in part by an MSD Teaching Excellence Project Award, MSD Learning Technologies (MSDLT) have a set of 35 tablets (with keyboards) that are being used in a number of innovative teaching and learning initiatives:

- Mobile online assessment
- Polling/Audience Response in seminars/lectures
- Virtual microscopy alongside traditional histology teaching



However, we're keen to explore their use in as wide a range of situations as possible so, if you would like to be involved in any of these, have other ideas, or would like to discuss how tablets might benefit your teaching, please get in touch with us at msdlt@medsci.ox.ac.uk.

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Looking for free and open source software (FOSS) projects for student work experience – OSSWatch and the VALS Semester of Code

[OSSWatch](#) will be participating in the upcoming [VALS](#) Semester of Code. This project (which will run during the 2014–15 academic year) will work with universities and FOSS (free and open source software) communities to give students real-world experience of working in software projects, for which they'll be able to gain academic credit as part of their degree courses. They are currently looking for FOSS projects which would be willing to provide mentored projects for students. To find out more, or to learn how to get involved, see the [OSSWatch blog](#). The OSSWatch team is based at IT Services, and provides guidance on the use and development of free and open source software.



In related news, OSSWatch is also supporting the Jisc [Summer of Student Innovation](#) again this year. Their role will be to provide advice to the student teams on areas such as licensing and IP, sustainability and business models, and community building.

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News from IT Services

The Trinity term edition of News from IT Services [<http://www.it.ox.ac.uk/about/newsletter/issue2/>] has now been published. Keep up to date with major IT projects and service developments through this termly e-newsletter from IT Services. The latest edition includes overviews of the IT Strategic Plan, which has recently been published, and the Integrated Communications Project, which will replace the University's telephone system by 2017. You can sign up to receive future editions by sending a blank email to it-services-news-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk.

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The SNUG [<https://sharepoint.nexus.ox.ac.uk/snug>] is a great opportunity to meet with members of the Nexus SharePoint team and fellow University SharePoint site owners to discuss ideas regarding the use of SharePoint, in an informal setting (For added incentive lunch is also provided!).

Date: Thursday 3 July 2014

Time: Lunch 12:30 to 13:15, meeting 13:15 to 15:30

Venue: IT Services, 13 Banbury Rd

Book a place via <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TXE12>



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Come and meet with fellow WebLearn users and members of the WebLearn team to give feedback and share ideas and practices. Ensure that your voice and ideas are heard and shared in order to inform the ongoing development and support of the system.

Programme:

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3. Adam Marshall (WebLearn Service Manager): WebLearn system updates

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Date: Monday 7 July 2014

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm, followed by cream tea

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OpenAthens is the username and password system used by the NHS to provide access to nationally and locally purchased online resources. Access is available from anywhere with an Internet connection.

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And Finally...

Bookshelf by Kate Venables

Your 10th edition *Hutchison's Clinical Methods*

sits next to my *Hutchison's 15th*.

Your *Gray's Anatomy* became mine.

But I had no need for

Surgery of Modern Warfare

Volumes I and II.

And I didn't come back through Suez

a cigarette box in my kitbag

with a caduceus and laurel wreath

carved on the lid.

I didn't spend time out

from war

drawing a temple lion

in Indian ink.

But then my shelf goes on

beyond yours.

You didn't live long enough

to need *Diseases of Occupations*

or, for that matter,

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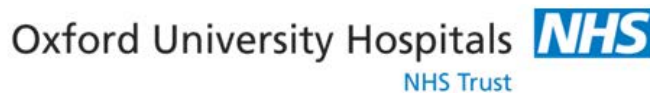
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Saturday Careers Bootcamp for Researchers

Saturday 21st June, 930–5, The Careers Service

Are you busy with meetings, teaching or experiments Monday–Friday? Then come to a new careers event especially for researchers on Saturday 21st June.

This interactive workshop will allow you to spend some time thinking about what you want in your ideal job, considering how to identify possible career pathways, learning how to develop successful CVs and cover letters, and developing the skills necessary for effective preparation and performance at interview.

Please register on Career Connect (via www.careers.ox.ac.uk). Event ID 4895. If you do not have a Career connect account please email reception@careers.ox.ac.uk and they will set one up for you.

Postdoctoral Careers Mentors

Within Medical Sciences there are four Postdoctoral Careers Mentors who have been trained by the Careers Service to offer CV reviews and mentoring to DPhil students in their department. They can be contacted directly and their names and responsibilities are:

Myrte Merkestein – Biochemistry, Experimental Psychology, Pharmacology, DPAG, MRC Harwell

Elise Pegg – Nuffield Dept of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Kennedy IBME

Sarah Floud – Population Health

Cheryl Hunter – Psychiatry, Primary Health Care, Old Road Campus Research Building

One to one appointments at The Careers Service/Old Road Campus/Churchill/JR

Call reception on 01865 274646 to book longer 30/45minute appointments, or book online through [Career Connect](#) for 15 minute appointments (only at Careers Service).

Patient involvement: Whose research it is anyway?

Wed 25 June, 5:30pm, George Pickering Education Centre (i.e. Postgrad Centre), Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital (Main Building)

Speaker: **Dr Sophie Petit-Zeman**, Director of Patient Involvement in Research,
NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre



For more information about other Oxford University Clinical Academic Graduate School events, please see (via Oxford Talks):

- [Academic Medical Forum \(AMF\)](#)
- [Academic Opportunities Seminars \(AOS\)](#)

NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care Oxford Website has now launched

Featuring the latest news, information and updates

Hosted by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, the NIHR CLAHRC Oxford is a collaboration of 19 partners, including 5 MSD departments, committed to tackling some of the nation's most pressing health problems.

Visit it here: <http://www.clahrc-oxford.nihr.ac.uk>

Wellcome Trust Provision for Public Engagement

The Wellcome Trust now provide dedicated funding for public engagement within research projects

This new Provision for Public Engagement enables researchers to incorporate public engagement activities, and their associated costs, into research projects.

The Provision for Public Engagement can be included in new grant applications

or can applied for to suppliment existing grants with at least two years of funding remaining.



Science Outreach Awards

Call for nominations. Are you, or is one of your colleagues, a passionate promoter of science to the public?

The MPLS Division has launched a new award to recognise the contribution made by people across the collegiate University who work in science outreach.

The awards are for any role, whether it's helping out behind the scenes or giving presentations to school children.

The criteria for assessing contributions include:

- demonstrating initiative and resourcefulness;
- developing new and innovative resources; and
- playing an exceptionally beneficial role in promoting STEM subjects.

All nominees will receive a certificate and an invitation to a drinks reception on 13 October, while outstanding science ambassadors will be awarded a cash prize. **Nominations should be made by 1 August 2014.**

For further details, visit the [MPLS science outreach awards website](#).

Increasing the impact of health research through policy engagement

Monday, 30 June 2014 from 14:00 to 16:00. University of Bristol

The Elizabeth Blackwell Institute for Health Research in collaboration with Policy Bristol is partnering with the Houses of Parliament Outreach Service to deliver a training event around the best ways to increase the impact of health research through policy engagement.

Engaging with parliamentarians and policy makers is an important way of raising awareness of health research findings at the highest level of decision-making. The session will bring academics together with staff from the Houses of Parliament, including Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) and Select Committees, to discuss how research can influence government policies. The session is geared primarily for researchers in health-related fields, but will have relevance beyond medical sciences.

Confirmed speakers include:

1. **Liz Price**, Regional Outreach Officer: Wales and South West England, Public Information and Outreach Service| Houses of Parliament
2. **Dr Sarah Bunn**, Scientific Adviser at Houses of Parliament, Biological Sciences & Health at Houses of Parliament
3. **Stephen Aldhouse**, Committee Specialist, Health Select Committee, House of Commons
4. **Prof Marcus Munafo**, Professor of Biological Psychology, Tobacco and Alcohol Research Group, University of Bristol

This one-off practical and interactive session will cover topics such as:

- Engaging with Parliament and pathways to informing health policy
- The use of research papers in briefing notes and events that inform members of Parliament
- What Select Committees are and how they are used in scrutinising the work of Government departments through the use of research and evidence

As a specific example, we will hear how the Tobacco and Alcohol Research Group (TARG) from the University of Bristol engaged with the Behavioural Insights Team, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health and POST to inform policy on plain packaging for tobacco products.

DATE: Monday, 30 June 2014 from 14:00 to 16:00. Followed by a drinks reception and an opportunity to network and talk to the speakers

VENUE: University of Bristol, School of Chemistry, Lecture Theatre 2, Bristol BS8 1TS

This event is free to attend but registration is required: <http://health-policy-engagement.eventbrite.com>

Places are filling fast so hurry up and book now to avoid disappointment!

Tell us your medical stories!

Doctors and medical students are invited to take part in writing project

Publish your (true) funny stories in a book containing the best clinical vignettes in the country for the general public audience.

Whether you are an emeritus professor, or a 1st year medical students, every medical school, hospital and proactive has a story made of legends,

Medical Students at the University of Edinburgh will be working with leading publishers

www.osceguide.co.uk to make you stories immortal, make you an author and give your CV a gilt-edged edge.

If you are interested, please email UNOFFICIALGUIDETOMEDICINE@GMAIL.COM with your idea. If it's a good one, they'll ask you to expand it into a 500–1000 word vignette.

Women needed for a research study on the brain basis of anorexia nervosa

Oxford Brain–Body Research into Eating Disorders (OxBREaD) would like to invite you to take part in a study investigating the brain processes that underlie anorexia nervosa using neuroimaging. They are interested in hearing from **females with experience of anorexia nervosa (current or recovered)** and **healthy volunteers** between the ages of 18 and 60.



You will be asked to take part in an **MEG and fMRI scan**, and complete some computerised tasks.

You will be reimbursed for your time and travel.

Interested? Email: oxbread@psych.ox.ac.uk / Tel: 01865 223918 *for more information.*

Volunteers Wanted

We are conducting a research study at the University of Oxford to assess if a new medication affects performance on cognitive tasks. The study involves completing an online questionnaire and visiting our research facility in Oxford on 3 occasions.

You will receive compensation for your time and reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

To participate in this research you must be:

- Male or female aged between 18 and 45 (inclusive)
- Fit and well, both physically and mentally
- A light or a non-smoker
- Right handed
- A fluent English speaker
- Willing to take one dose of study medication or dummy medication

Please complete the online questionnaire here: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sep>

CONTACT:

Call: 07760486222

Email: sep_study@psych.ox.ac.uk to find out more.

Or Text STUDY to 70099

Open Access and Monographs: forum with publishers and funders

Wednesday 18 June, 2pm–5.30pm, Radcliffe Humanities Lecture Room

An update on policies and initiatives in open access monograph publishing, and an opportunity for academics & researchers to feed into [HECFE's Monographs and Open Access Project](#). Speakers include Geoffrey Crossick (HEFCE project, Chair), Cecy Marden (Wellcome Trust), Frances Pinter (Knowledge Unlatched), Rhodri Jackson (OUP and OAPEN-UK).

To book a place please visit <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TZ005> .

You may also be interested in:

WISER: Protecting your work – what you need to know about copyright (Tue 17 Jun 11.00 – 12.30)

Intellectual property and copyright are key concerns for today's researchers. This event will raise your awareness of issues to look out for, both in using other people's work and in publishing your own work.

Who is this session for? Postgraduate students, researchers, academics and staff

Presenters: Tim Padfield

Venue: Seminar Room A, Manor Road Building > [Book your place](#)

Oxford AHSN App follow-up workshop

Tuesday 24th June at the Magdalen Centre, Oxford Science Park

Reception and presentations from 16.30 will be followed by light refreshments from 18:10-19:00 and the opportunity for networking.

Contributors to include:

- Cambridge Medtech Solutions & Pix Medical Ltd- Stuart Kay & Sebastien Cuvelier Mussalian
- Routine Health Outcomes Ltd - Tim Benson
- LDnH Learning and Development Ltd - Neil Hoskins
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust - Lauren Morgan
- Centre for the Advancement of Sustainable Medicine (CASMI) - Megan Morys



Book your free place at the event here <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/map-that-app-follow-up-workshop-tickets-9860280364>

(If booking is closed, please email [✉ amy.shearman@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:amy.shearman@ouh.nhs.uk))

When and where: Tuesday 24th June at the Magdalen Centre, Oxford Science Park (<http://www.oxfordsp.com/>).

Oxford AHSN Partnership Council meeting

Wednesday 18 June 2014 from 16.30 in the Magdalen Centre, Oxford Science Park

Speakers will include Nigel Keen, Chairman and Professor Gary Ford, Chief Executive Officer. The Annual Report will be presented and there will also be a presentation/talk on Mental and Physical Comorbidity and the importance of looking at the whole person. (The Annual Report will be available on the website in due course - www.oxfordahsn.org)



There will be the opportunity for questions and discussion and the meeting will be followed by light refreshments

Public Health Film Festival and Short Film Prize

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Oxford will host the UK's first Public Health Film Festival from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June at the Phoenix Cinema on Walton Street and the Radcliffe Humanities Building, which will include a variety of feature films, short films, workshops, panel discussions and events. The theme of the festival is 'Past, Present and Future,' and the festival will showcase films that demonstrate how the understanding of population health has shaped the past, our present; and how it will undoubtedly shape the future.

For further information, please see <http://torch.ox.ac.uk/public-health-film-festival>



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Vitae, in collaboration with Naturejobs and other partners, are investigating the careers of research staff who moved from research posts in European higher education institutions to other employment sectors.

Our aim is to develop a better understanding of how these researchers transition, what careers do they have and their reflections on the transition process and current career paths.

We have some knowledge of the first few years of researchers' career paths after their doctoral degree through Vitae's '[What do researchers do?](#)' series, but very little is known about subsequent career stages, particularly for those who were initially employed as researchers in higher education. The project will examine how and why early career researchers who have been employed in postdoctoral positions leave higher education and enter other occupations.

If you have previously worked in a European higher education institution (as research staff, postdoctoral researcher or on fellowships), we would love to hear about your career path. Please participate in our '**What do research staff do next?**' survey at:

<http://svy.mk/1mK1Xu8>