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[We have group study spaces for you to use?](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

Important Updates

[Associate Director\(s\) of Clinical Studies, Medical School, part-time position\(s\) available](#) Deadline Monday, 14 April 2014

[Redevelopment of the University website](#). To be launched incrementally from April 2014 until September 2014

[Data Support Services for Researchers](#) [researchdata.ox.ac.uk](#) is a new website designed to support researchers with their research data management and sharing activities

[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

[Cross-discipline open access survey](#) What's your experience?

[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

Funding Opportunities

[Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards](#) These awards require a draft letter of Institutional Support. This draft must be submitted to Associate Head of Division (Research), Professor Matthew Wood (matthew.wood@dpag.ox.ac.uk), 14 days preceding relevant Wellcome Trust deadline

[Collaborative funding opportunities with GSK](#) This month GSK have announced two significant new funding opportunities – the Discovery Fast Track Challenge and funding for projects using GSK's AlbuDAb technology

[Medical Research Fund](#) To support research conducted in the clinical departments of the Medical Sciences Division. Trinity Term: Monday 28 April 2014

[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

[Call for Knowledge Exchange Funding](#). The Social Sciences Division is launching the second round of the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) and Higher Education and Innovation Fund (HEIF) funding activities across the four divisions. Deadline: Wed 30 April

[Saïd Business School Seed Fund](#) Do you have a business idea or a startup that you're working on?

[USIAS Fellowships](#) Call for proposals. Deadline for application: March 24, 2014

[NIHR Blood and Transplant Research Unit Call](#) Internal Expression of Interest: deadline 18th March 2014

Engagement Opportunities

[Communicating Your Science: A Genetics Society Workshop](#) 23–25 April 2014. Applications for the workshop are now open. Application deadline is 3rd March 2014

[BBSRC Public Engagement Training](#) Fri 28 March

[Public speaking masterclass for women in STEM](#) Imperial College London, Wed 19 March

Other Items of Interest

[Academic Opportunities Seminar by Prof. Chas Bountra](#) Patients desperately need new treatments, and the pharmaceutical industry is in a crisis: What are we doing about it? Wed 2 April

[Oxford Research Staff Society \(OxRSS\) event](#) Tango evening for research staff, their friends and partners Sat 12 April

[1st Sir William Dunn School Postdoc Symposium](#) Wed 19 March, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre

[Oxford Cancer Research Centre Open Evening](#) A conversation with world leading researchers and clinicians. Wed 12 March

[Medical Educators Forum](#). Dilemmas in professionalism: too difficult to assess, too important to ignore? Tue 11 Mar

[Leverhulme Lecture Series](#) 'An Unnatural History: The Re-Emergence of Infectious Disease in the 20th Century'

[Clinical Vaccine Trials](#) The Jenner Institute are developing vaccines against Tuberculosis (TB) and require healthy volunteers to take part in clinical trials to study them.

[Oxford Vaccine Group](#) is currently looking to enrol healthy children aged 13 to 48 months and some of their parents to a study evaluating the nasal carriage of pneumococcus.

[Graduate Student Photography Competition](#) Deadline: Friday 21 March

[Oxford SciBar events](#) Two cancer-related talks. Thu 20 and Wed 26 March

[Open University GL Brown Prize Lecture 2014](#) Professor David Eisner – Calcium in the heart: from physiology to disease. Tue 18 March

AND FINALLY...



50th anniversary of discovery of Epstein–Barr virus celebrated

The Epstein–Barr virus was discovered 50 years ago and has been recognised as the first cancer-causing virus detected in humans. It is estimated that around 25% of the world's cancers are caused by viruses, and this discovery led to the creation of vaccines that aim to lower cancer rates worldwide. On Monday 24 February, Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, spoke at the Wolfson College to mark the 50th anniversary of his pioneering research.

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Sixty Seconds with ...

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

We're right in the middle of completely redeveloping the divisional website (www.medsci.ox.ac.uk), using the Haiku model (see [Introducing Haiku, a new web tool](#)) and hope to have it finished later this year. We aim to showcase the diversity of activity taking place across the division, while clearly defining the division and its constituent parts (e.g. departments, units, research groups, etc.). Additionally, by aggregating a variety of information (e.g. news, seminars, events, courses, resources, support, etc.), the new website will act as a one-stop shop to useful information for staff, students and external visitors.

Anne: Right now, I'm finalizing the detailed specifications for the Medical Sciences website. We're using Haiku, but commissioning additional elements which we hope other Haiku websites will also find useful. This is an exciting time – putting the Divisional website on a sound technical footing, ensuring its future and providing a tool to really enhance our communications. I'm also involved in the second phase of the development of the Oxford Talks system. Now that the core development of the Haiku product is over, I'll have more time to commit to projects integrating information systems like Oxford Talks with the web.

Nicole: There are about to be a number of updates to the Haiku websites, which means I'll be busy writing guides on how to use the new features. We are also building a Help Centre providing people with the information they need to edit their websites; adding to and ensuring this information is up-to-date is something that is permanently at the top of my list of priorities.

Alison: I'm constantly thinking about how we might improve communications across the division – which, as I'm sure you can imagine, isn't a simple task in an organisation as disparate as ours! But with this in mind, I set up the MSD Communications Network, a group of about 60 staff members from across the division in communication-specific roles, or with communications as part of their remit. At the moment, I'm organising a series of Show and Tell events, where members will discuss and share best practices for seminar communications, newsletters and intranets. We always appreciate comments from our user community (that's you!), so please do get in touch, if you have any ideas that you'd like to feed into these discussions.

I'm always on the lookout for news from around the division, and am building up a good Twitter following [@OxfordMedSci](#), and am always happy to tweet on behalf of our departments and researchers. So if you have something you'd like me to tweet, just let me know. Also, if you are already a Twitter user, send me your details, and I'll add you to our lists (<http://twitter.com/OxfordMedSci/lists>). Likewise, please send me any news and events you'd like me to promote via our website or feature in this newsletter.

What does the Communications and Web team like to do for fun?

Anne and Alison are both mindfulness fans, so Nicole has to put up with us often 'being in the moment' while sampling tasty coffees from around the world. Outside of the office, Alison is never without knitting needles – you'll catch her knitting on the bus, in cafes, and even at the cinema – and this year she intends to surreptitiously decorate a secret Oxford location in woollen creations (sssh, don't tell anyone). Outside work, Anne spends a great deal of time getting very muddy. She's either wading through mud walking the dog, or washing mud off the dog, or tidying the garden by filling in muddy holes dug by the dog. Anne is also an avid follower of the latest popular literature on dog cognition and behaviour. She hopes that one day she'll teach the dog to wipe its own feet and dig holes where Anne wants them!

Links:

haikuoxford.com

[Haiku Help Desk](#) (university network only)

[Introducing Haiku, a new web tool](#)

[Oxford Talks](#)

MSD Communications Network – to join the network (communications staff or staff/students involved in communications in the division) please email alison.brindle@medsci.ox.ac.uk

MSD Communications Network Show and Tell Schedule:

Show and Tell: Newsletters

Thursday 24 April, 2014

15:00–16:30

Seminar Room 4A, George Pickering Education Centre, Level 3, JR Hospital

Staff e-mail weekly's, public or patient newsletters, electronic or pdf, brochure-type or information-aggregation newsletters, weekly/monthly/quarterly... so many possibilities! Come and hear how five MSD Communication Network members narrowed down the options, as they each briefly discuss their particular newsletter approach. Speakers will be available afterwards to answer questions.

Speakers:

- Jacqueline Pumphrey, Communications Officer, Department of Clinical Neuroscience
- Leanne Hodson, University Research Lecturer, BHF Intermediate Fellow, Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism
- Alison Brindle, Divisional Communications Manager, Medical Sciences Division
- Chris Buratta, Media and Communications Manager (Research), Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Andrea Stewart, Head of Communications, WorldWide Antimalarial Resistance Network (WWARN)

Show and Tell: Intranets

Tuesday 13 May, 2014

10:30–12:00

Library, Sherrington Building, Second Floor, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, South Parks Road

During this session, our speakers will briefly show you around five possible intranet solutions, including models based on SharePoint, WebLearn, and Plone and Newt content management systems, discussing the benefits and drawbacks of their particular system. After the Show and Tell session, speakers will be available to answer questions, and give more detailed intranet tours, if required.

Speakers:

- Sara Bouskela, Communications Officer & PA to Tania Boyt, Head of Administration, Department of Physiology, Anatomy & Genetics (Plone CMS)
- Alison Brindle, Divisional Communications Manager, Medical Sciences Division (a non-intranet, intranet solution)
- Paul Harper, Web Developer, Nuffield Department of Medicine (Newt CMS)
- Sean Nightingale, IT Manager, Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences (SharePoint)
- Damion Young, Senior Educational Technologist, Medical Sciences Division (WebLearn)

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Editors can log in with their Oxford user name, set-up and edit web pages using a web browser and delegate management of sections to other members of staff. Researchers can edit their own profile pages with a simple, drag and drop interface.



Who makes it?

Haiku has been built by a consultancy, Fry-IT, in collaboration with the Medical Sciences Communications and Web Team and three pilot departments in the Division. So the initial build combined the professional skills and expertise of developers and designers with the experience of the MSD Web Manager and the requirements of the pilot units. However, every unit buying Haiku participates in the Haiku Development Group (HDG). Delegates meet every three months to decide on the priorities and requirements for ongoing improvements and features – so Haiku continues to be wholly focussed on the needs of those using it.

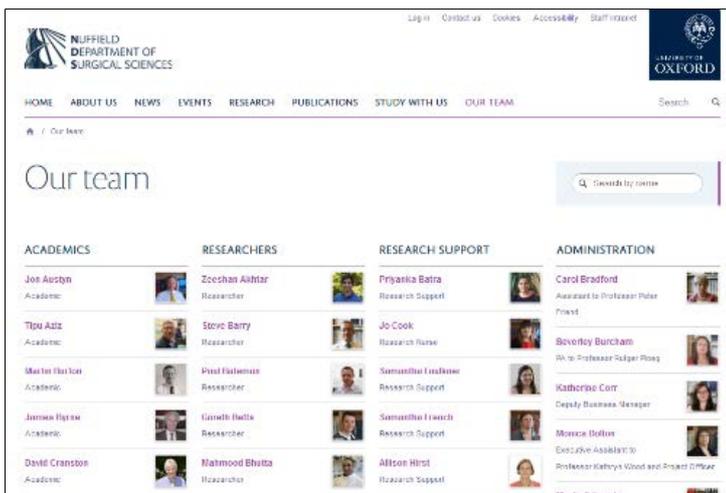
What are the advantages?



In designing Haiku, we thought very carefully about the perennial problems around website management. Haiku has the tools to make editing content easy, but we've also suggested a way of structuring roles in the department to ensure that the content gets written in the first place and stays up-to-date once it's there. Haiku looks good now and has the latest website 'must-haves' but, with ongoing support and development prioritized by the HDG, it will continue to look good and work well in the future. Furthermore, while every department and unit has its own contract with the consultancy, the Division runs a committee, including departmental representatives, to ensure that those relationships continue to run smoothly.

Where do I find out more?

You can go directly to Fry's Haiku website – <http://www.haikuoxford.com> or for more background, investigate the Division's Haiku Project site – <http://sharepoint.nexus.ox.ac.uk/haiku>.



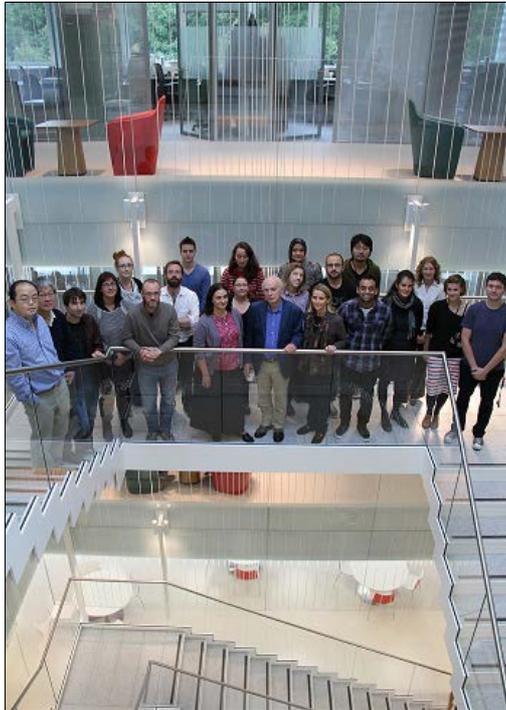
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And who's in your team?

The Centre comprises a core of basic and clinician scientists from the Kennedy Institute working within the fields of cartilage, matrix and bone biology. It also includes several other groups within Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences (largely at the Botnar Research Centre) and further afield within the University such as the Structural Genomics Consortium, Oxford Neurosciences and Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism. We have strong links with teams at the MRC Unit at Harwell, complementing the pre-clinical side of our programme.

How has the move to Oxford helped the Centre?

Although it was a challenge applying for this grant when we were still in London our integration into Oxford has been greatly facilitated by the grant and we have already set up several collaborative projects across the Centre. We are also very fortunate to be in a stunning new building on the Old Road Campus within a five minute walk of the Botnar and Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre. The proximity of the institute to the clinical rheumatology and orthopaedic interface will enable us to create a seamless transition from basic science discovery through preclinical models to patient benefit. The conduits that the Centre has created is already allowing this to occur, for instance in the development of new patient cohorts and acquisition of perioperative tissues.

Where do you see your research heading in the next ten years? And what are the challenges you face in getting there?

There has been a phenomenal paradigm shift in OA pathogenesis in recent years; once considered an 'untreatable' 'inevitable disease of ageing', we now know that this is an active protease-driven disease, where the pathways that drive the proteases are being triggered by abnormal mechanical stress. This means that, at the very least, we should be able to arrest disease in a given individual. But can we go further than this? Another dogma that pervades the OA community is that cartilage, once damaged, is incapable of repair. Old epidemiological data as well as small prospective studies on focal cartilage lesions have suggested that cartilage does repair itself in some individuals. Furthermore, recent clinical trials where the joint has been off-loaded show that established joint damage in OA patients is indeed reversible. We believe that harnessing the pathways that drive this response represents a good future therapeutic strategy in patients.



Perhaps our greatest challenge of all is education. We need to persuade our colleagues and healthcare providers that medical treatments are realisable in this condition. We need to persuade funding bodies that it is worth continuing to invest in basic research in this area. Finally, we need to empower patients with the knowledge that theirs is not a forgotten disease.

Useful links:

[Arthritis Research UK Centre for Osteoarthritis Pathogenesis](#)

[Professor Vincent's webpage](#)

Related news:

[Major new research centre to search for solutions to osteoarthritis launched during National Arthritis Week](#)

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Accelerating women's advancement and leadership in academic medicine



On Wednesday 19 February, under the initiative of Prof Alastair Buchan, a workshop was held at Wadham College to review the factors that both facilitate and obstruct women's advancement and leadership in academic medicine. Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser at the Department of Health attended the event. To learn more about the workshop, the attendees, and the resulting actions see

<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/news/accelerating-women2019s-advancement-and-leadership-in-academic-medicine>

<http://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/news/2014/february/accelerating-womens-advancement-and-leadership-in-academic-medicine>

Events

Dorothy Hodgkin Memorial Lecture 2014

This year's Dorothy Hodgkin Memorial Lecture will be given by Professor Dame Carol Robinson FRS on the theme of '*Finding the right balance*'. The event is free, open to all and will be followed by a reception. The lecture is part of the Oxford International Women's Festival. The full events programme can be found here <http://www.oxfordinternationalwomensfestival.co.uk/2014-festival/>

Date: Tuesday 11 March

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road

'Lost leaders: Women in the global academy'

Professor Louise Morley, University of Sussex

This presentation will engage critically with the international literature and explanatory frameworks that have analysed women's absences from senior leadership positions in higher education and with empirical data collected internationally from British Council seminars on Women in Higher Education Leadership. Much of the global literature assumes that counting more women into existing systems, structures and cultures is an unquestioned good, and an indicator of vertical career success. There is scant discussion of women's resistance to entering leadership in post neo-liberal and austerity-driven workplace cultures. It is questionable whether leadership in today's managerialised global academy is a transformational opportunity and object of desire for academic women, or whether indeed, it is a form of incarceration in an identity cage.

Date: Thursday 13 March

Time: 4.00–5.30pm

Venue: Oxford Learning Institute, Level 2, Littlegate House, St. Ebbe's Street

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Communications Masterclass with Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Television scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock will run a presentation and public speaking masterclass. The aim is to inspire women in science, engineering, technology and other expert fields to take a more active and leading role in public life. Maggie who is the new presenter of the iconic BBC astronomy series 'The Sky At Night' will be training delegates alongside award-winning science TV producers and presentation

trainers, Screenhouse. Costs £195 for WISE members (the University is a corporate member). Includes: One-to-one training in public speaking with Dr Aderin-Pocock MBE, working on camera with the Screenhouse team, lunch and refreshments. For more information see: www.wisecampaign.org.uk/events/2014/03/masterclass

Date: Wednesday 19 March

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Imperial College, London

Gender Summit 4 – EU 2014: "From Ideas to Markets: Excellence in mainstreaming gender into research, innovation, and policy"

The GS4 – Europe will bring together experts from research, industry and policy to jointly establish practical and effective ways of improving the quality and impact of research and innovation through the inclusion of gender in science knowledge making and application. The GS4 – Europe will focus on strategies, tools, and processes that promote the concrete integration of the gender dimension into the European Commission's current Horizon 2020, and European Research Area programmes. The Summit will focus on the cross-cutting role of gender and how gender has been and should be integrated within some of the major themes of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme. Speakers and participants will examine the latest research evidence and showcase studies and projects, organisations and strategies that have significantly improved research and innovation quality by integrating the gender dimension into research design and process.

Registration for the event will open on 1 March. The call for Abstracts is open, closing on 30 March. Go to: www.gender-summit.com

Date: Monday 30 June and Tuesday 1 July

Venue: TBC, Brussels

University of Oxford Black and Minority Ethnic Staff (BME) Network Launch

The University have recently set up a BME staff network to assist with a number of areas regarding University working experience. The University has committed to increasing the number of BME support staff within the University Administration Service. The University in conjunction with the BME staff network will look at the areas where the University can increase its BME staff representation. As well as increasing BME staff representation the network will also serve to:

- Offer support, boost confidence and enable professional success among BME staff at all levels and to help them remain authentic in a majority culture.

The network will be open to all staff who identify themselves as BME, this includes academic related as well as academic staff.

Date: 14 April

Time: 12:00– 2:00pm

Venue: Meeting Room 3, University Offices, Wellington Square

For more information and to register your attendance: shakina.chinedu@admin.ox.ac.uk / (2)89936

Unconscious Bias – Train the trainers

There are a number of places available on the next Unconscious bias 'train the trainers' seminar, which takes place on **Tuesday 25 March** at the Oxford Learning Institute.

Learning objectives

The event will enable you to:

1. Develop your own understanding of the impact which unconscious bias based on stereotype can have on decisions at work;
2. Engage with the current research in this field so that you are able to respond to participants' need for evidence;
3. Adapt the OLI's materials to lead unconscious bias training in your own area of the University, setting appropriate objectives for your participants and tailoring the course to meet different needs

To secure your place or for further information, please contact: judith.secker@learning.ox.ac.uk.

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Podcast of the Inaugural Merton Equality Conversation

Dame Athene Donald spoke on the gender gap in academia at last week's Inaugural Merton Equality Conversation. If you missed the conversation, or would like a recap, please go to the [website](#) for links to a podcast of the talk, a roundup of the Twitter discussion, and suggested further reading and listening.

Cambridge academics call for more women professors

More than 50 Cambridge University academics are calling for a different way of making senior appointments to tackle the lack of female professors. The proposals, to be published in a letter to the Times Higher Education magazine, call for a way of measuring applications that they say will not unduly advantage men. They say the step up to becoming a professor depends on too narrow a set of achievements, such as publications in academic journals and research grants. Instead they want to include other experiences from academics' working lives.

www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-26259644

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/news/women-in-stem-still-waiting-for-structural-change/2011447.article>

Facts needed for University website

The main University website is being redeveloped and the Public Affairs Directorate is taking the opportunity to review and update the *On this day* feature which is scattered around the existing site, e.g.: www.ox.ac.uk/about_the_university/index.html

Almost all of the entries (there are at least two for each day of the year) were sourced from the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography so are predominantly historic and sometimes do not reflect the outlook and values of today's University. PAD would like to add many more items to this collection, which highlight Oxford's research outputs, its women academics and alumnae, its global reach and widening access. They have created an online form so that you can submit facts. You can submit as many as you like but they have to be entered one at a time. Possible ideas: dates of birth, matriculation, death and major achievements of well known alumni/academics; date of awards given; opening of new buildings, centres, schools, etc.; launch/publication date of important research; and so on.

This is a great opportunity to raise the profile of Oxford women!

Submit your facts at: <http://bit.ly/on-this-day>

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A key feature of good IT provision is that it is rarely ever noticed. However, when IT problems occur, they can make even the simplest of daily tasks difficult and critically impair our ability to work. The Medical Sciences Division IT committee was established at the beginning of 2013 to consider the IT requirements of the Division. The **committee meets termly** and consists of clinical and non-clinical academics representing Departments throughout the Division. In addition, technical expertise is provided by: MSD IT Services; MSD Communication and Web Team; MSD Learning Technologies; Departmental IT specialists; the University's central IT Services; and NHS representatives.

MSD ITC considers a wide range of topics, including IT governance and information security, central and local IT service provision, the impact of new IT projects and estates developments, as well as looking to support emerging end-user requirements. A key area of the committee's work is to ensure good lines of communication between those involved in IT provision across the University, to ensure that services are consistent and well-integrated wherever possible. In addition, the committee has a real interest in hearing from end-users about their requirements so that we are better able to plan for the future of IT within the Division – watch this space over the coming months for how it hopes to make this easier.

Time to drop that web storage box for your files?

Why go outside the University when you have so many alternatives for sharing, collaborating on, and storing files of all sizes, on your doorstep – they may not be as slick as some of the commercial alternatives but they come with some winning features and you know where your data are.

For sharing big files, there's **OxFile** (<https://oxfile.ox.ac.uk>) which allows members of the University to share files with other members, and with people outside the University. Individual files up to 25Gb in size may be uploaded and kept on Oxfile for up to 30 days.

For smaller files, but without the time limit, you have a couple of Oxford options:

WebLearn (<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk>), the University's virtual learning environment, provides 100MB of space for every member of the University in their 'My Workspace'. Because this is web-based, it's available anywhere that you have an internet connection and a nifty feature called WebDAV means that you can 'map' this space as a drive on your computer, allowing you to access files just as you would on any other shared drive. Sharing with anyone inside or outside Oxford is as simple as pasting their email address into a box. Email msdlit@medsci.ox.ac.uk if you need help getting started.

SharePoint (<https://sharepoint.nexus.ox.ac.uk>) is the latest addition to the University's offerings. Since just before Christmas, all users are automatically given a 'My Site' with 2GB of storage space. Like WebLearn, this is available anywhere with an internet connection and can be shared, albeit for only 6 months at a time, with those outside the University. Where SharePoint really shines is that you can edit, and collaborate on, Microsoft Office documents online and you can even keep track of previous versions of documents. Keep an eye on the SharePoint Nexus User Group (SNUG) website (<https://sharepoint.nexus.ox.ac.uk/sites/snug/SitePages/Home.aspx>) for details of their next meeting – pencilled in for April 29th

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We Are The Target!

Phishing email attacks are on the increase, here are some tips to help you avoid being caught out by the criminals.

Always remember, IT support staff will never ask for **your password**, especially not by an email or a phone call. Some particularly convincing emails are doing the rounds:

- For example, a targeted "spear phishing" attack links to a page which accurately replicates the University single sign-on pages, and looks like it comes from library@bodleian.ox.ac.uk, with a subject of "Reactivate library account". Emails like these are often used to confirm you have a valid account and get your password or other personal details such as your date of birth or mother's maiden name.
- Logos, email addresses, even the links might look genuine but you'll get more than you bargained for if you do as these emails ask. Double check! E.g. the link you're about to open looks like webauth.ox.ac.uk but it has a suffix which should not be there: webauth.ox.ac.uk.e-du.ir/. This could lead to the download of a virus that wipes your hard disk or encrypts your files and then demands money in return for your data!

To see an example of these phishing attacks and for more details on how to spot phishing emails read the University Information Security Team's [guide](#). Better still go along to one of their free [courses](#). You should also take the new awareness module [from the comfort of your own desk](#).

Events

Don't Lose It: data protection and information security for research

Wulf Forrester-Barker, NIHR BRU IT Manager at NDORMS, will explain the kind of things researchers (and others) need to bear in mind to protect their valuable data. Are your passwords strong enough? Are you at risk from viruses, trojans and phishing attacks? Do you keep sensitive files encrypted or are they at risk if your computer or memory stick is stolen? A little understanding will go a long way in protecting you – and your precious data – from these risks and more.

Tuesday 11 March 2014, 12:30–13:30

G54, Botnar Research Centre, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

<https://talks.ox.ac.uk/talk/index/16379>

And, continuing the theme of information security...

Security and privacy online: How secure is your mobile?

Mobile devices and bring your own device (BYOD) are hot topics in security right now. We now use our mobiles (iPads, phones, tablets, Blackberry, etc.) for anything from checking emails to online banking and shopping so the risks are potentially large. On a mobile device the lines between personal and work use are increasingly blurred. So how secure is your mobile device? This course attempts to explain the actual risks and leave you with some handy tips as to how to ensure your device is configured securely. This is part of a series of one-hour sessions about staying safe and secure online.

Wednesday 26 March, 12:30–13:30

IT Services, 13 Banbury Road

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TSBH>

WebLearn User Group

(WLUG – <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/info/wlug>)

If you're interest in WebLearn has been piqued, the March meeting of the WebLearn User Group is all about creating web pages to enhance navigation and the presentation of materials on WebLearn sites – they even throw in a cream tea!

Monday 17 March, 2:00–4:00 – followed by cream tea

IT Services, 13 Banbury Rd

<https://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TOVD>

A selection of talks from IT Services' IT Learning Programme

E-Publication and multi-touch book creation using Indesign – one day workshop

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TIMIW> (full at the moment, but likely to be repeated)

Digital media: Concepts of planning and shooting a video

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TIMTC>

Writing for the Web

<http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TWWN1>

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We'd like to take the opportunity this month to remind you of some of the ways we can help you with your studies, research or work. Please let us know if there's anything you'd like us to help with, but to start with did you know that...

We have group study spaces for you to use?

Group study rooms are available in the Cairns Library and the Knowledge Centre for use by all members of the library for planned or impromptu student study sessions, project meetings or small group teaching.

Both rooms provide a whiteboard, a flip chart and network access. Facilities available in the Knowledge Centre Study Room also include a data projector and screen, moveable furniture allowing flexible layout, and six laptops with access to the University network. Bookings can be made in advance or if the rooms are free they can be booked and used immediately. The Knowledge Centre room can seat up to twelve people and up to six people can be accommodated in the room at the Cairns.

Contact us for more information or to book a room



You can connect your Laptops, Tablets and Smartphones to the Library WiFi network?

The Bodleian Libraries wireless network can be accessed from both the Cairns Library and the Knowledge Centre. To access it, look for and connect to the Bodleian-Libraries network, open a web browser and enter your University Card barcode number and password (the same one you use to access library PCs and renew your library books online).



You can read the full text of journal articles that the Library subscribes to in PubMed?

The next time you use Pubmed, why not use PubMed@Oxford, a version of PubMed that's linked to the Library's journal subscriptions. If you're not on the University network you can still get the full text of the articles using your Single Sign On. To use Pubmed@Oxford go to http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?myncbshare=Oxford_HCL

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If you are having problems renewing your books online we can help?

Please email: hcl-renewals@bodleian.ox.ac.uk , we can then look into the reason why you may be having problems and if possible will renew them for you. If you have fines of £10 or over with the Bodleian Health Care Libraries you will not be able to borrow any new items until the fine has been brought below £10. You will also not be able to renew items online.

You can pay fines library fines online?

Don't forget you can now pay your Bodleian Health Care Libraries fines online at: <http://tinyurl.com/BHCLfines> Please note however that the removal of fines from your account will not occur during unstaffed library hours.

If you are a Med Student going on electives we can extend your loans?

You can extend your Bodleian Health Care Libraries loans providing you have no outstanding fines with us on your account. Please ask a member of staff about this before you go, incase any current loans cannot be renewed.

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Proposed Cancellation of Current Protocols in Human Genetics.

Following our consultation on the use of the *Current Protocol* titles, we have identified *Current Protocols in Human Genetics* as candidate for cancellation. Of all our *Current Protocol* subscriptions this title had the lowest number of downloads in 2013 and the lowest number of responses expressing an interest in retaining it. We have had only one response so far supporting the retention of this subscription and the cost per download in 2013 for this title was £28.83 at a time when we are facing very significant budget pressures.

It is important to note that this is not yet a notice of cancellation for this title. **As the final part of this consultation we would welcome any further feedback on the impact of cancelling this title. Please respond to Owen Coxall, the BHCL Collections Manager, at owen.coxall@bodleian.ox.ac.uk by March 21st**

To make sure that we minimise any inconvenience associated with withdrawing the current subscription to this title, you will still be able to obtain articles via our document supply service at the Bodleian Health Care Libraries and Radcliffe Science Library, further details at: http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/hcl/using-the-libraries/document_supply or <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/science/use/docsupply>

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Saïd Business School Seed Fund Do you have a business idea or a startup that you're working on?

USIAS Fellowships Call for proposals. Deadline for application: March 24, 2014

NIHR Blood and Transplant Research Unit Call Internal Expression of Interest: deadline 18th March 2014

Engagement Opportunities

Communicating Your Science: A Genetics Society Workshop 23–25 April 2014. Applications for the workshop are now open. Application deadline is 3rd March 2014

BBSRC Public Engagement Training Fri 28 March

Public speaking masterclass for women in STEM Imperial College London, Wed 19 March

Other Items of Interest

Academic Opportunities Seminar by Prof. Chas Bountra Patients desperately need new treatments, and the pharmaceutical industry is in a crisis: What are we doing about it? Wed 2 April

Oxford Research Staff Society (OxRSS) event Tango evening for research staff, their friends and partners Sat 12 April

1st Sir William Dunn School Postdoc Symposium Wed 19 March, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre

Oxford Cancer Research Centre Open Evening A conversation with world leading researchers and clinicians. Wed 12 March

Medical Educators Forum Dilemmas in professionalism: too difficult to assess, too important to ignore? Tue 11 Mar

Leverhulme Lecture Series 'An Unnatural History: The Re-Emergence of Infectious Disease in the 20th Century'

Clinical Vaccine Trials The Jenner Institute are developing vaccines against Tuberculosis (TB) and require healthy volunteers to take part in clinical trials to study them.

Oxford Vaccine Group is currently looking to enrol healthy children aged 13 to 48 months and some of their parents to a study evaluating the nasal carriage of pneumococcus.

Graduate Student Photography Competition Deadline: Friday 21 March

Oxford SciBar events Two cancer-related talks. Thu 20 and Wed 26 March

Open University GL Brown Prize Lecture 2014 Professor David Eisner – Calcium in the heart: from physiology to disease. Tue 18 March

And Finally...

On Monday 24 February, the audience in a packed Leonard Wolfson Auditorium was treated to a glimpse into the work behind one of the most important scientific discoveries of the twentieth century.

Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, Honorary Fellow at Wolfson College and Royal Society Royal Medal holder, spoke at the Wolfson College to mark the 50th anniversary of his pioneering research.

The Epstein-Barr virus was discovered 50 years ago and has been recognised as the first cancer-causing virus detected in humans. It is estimated that around 25% of the world's cancers are caused by viruses, and this discovery led to the creation of vaccines that aim to lower cancer rates worldwide. Over 30,000 journal articles have been written on the research carried out by Sir Anthony and his team, and its cultural significance is exemplified in the existence of a bar, a band, and a cuddly toy all named after it.

Sir Anthony's lecture focused on the series of chances and coincidences that fortuitously came together to create the conditions for the discovery. From an unexpected death giving him access to one of the earliest electron microscopes in 1946, through funding arrangements providing continuing support that would be unheard of in academia today, to the final breakthrough, which was helped in no small part by an extended flight due to fog, he acknowledged the role of chance throughout his work.

Illustrated by images of key collaborators, notes from his lab-book, and images of viruses taken through an electron microscope, Sir Anthony's talk was engrossing and entertaining in equal measures, and served as a fitting celebration of his great work.

Professor Dame Hermione Lee added her warm congratulations to those from other College members, and praised Sir Anthony's 'autobiography of chance, revelation, determination, collaboration... and hard-work'.

Image: Courtesy of Stuart Bebb



Important Updates

Associate Director(s) of Clinical Studies, Medical School, part-time position(s) available

Deadline Monday, 14 April 2014

Three programmed activities (with the possibility of up to three appointments)

This vacancy arises in the Medical School following the retirement of the current Deputy Director of Clinical Studies. It is a part-time post to support and develop the Oxford clinical medical course working with a team co-ordinated by the Director of Clinical Studies (DCS). Three programmed activities are available in total, and one or more individuals may be appointed, depending on interests and relevant expertise. The post will be based in the Medical School Office at the John Radcliffe Hospital. The responsibility of the post-holder(s) will be to maintain and develop the education and support provided to Oxford medical students as agreed with the Director of Clinical Studies, and this may encompass a range of administrative and educational tasks. There will, however, be three main areas of responsibility:

1. Co-ordination and delivery of the Medical School's appraisal and careers advice service (1PA). The post-holder will work with others to ensure that students have access to high quality careers advice and will be responsible for delivering an annual appraisal, including careers guidance, to each medical student in the fifth year of the course. The post-holder will be responsible for developing policy and practice in respect of the student portfolio.
2. Co-ordination and support of the Medical School's network of pastoral support for medical students including provision of support on pastoral issues for students. The post-holder will also be responsible for disability policy and support. This work will include liaising with, and supporting, college tutors and others involved in pastoral support (0.5 PA).
3. Innovation and quality improvement. The post-holder will work with the DCS and others to support and develop innovation, special projects and continuous quality improvement across the medical course (1.5 PAs). The post-holder will be encouraged to think creatively and critically about the future of medical education in Oxford, and to develop innovative solutions to help move the course forward.

Selection Criteria

Essential criteria

- A strong record of current and continuing commitment to the teaching and support of Oxford medical students.
- Good knowledge of the Oxford Medical Course and the ability to network widely across the collegiate university and the Oxford NHS teaching network.
- Excellent communication and organisational skills.
- Currently registered with the GMC with a licence to practise and either on the Specialist Register or the General Practitioner Register as appropriate, and clinically active within the Oxford teaching network.
- Ability to free up dedicated PAs. The work will require face to face contact with students on a regular basis, within normal working hours.

Desirable criteria

- Higher qualification in medical education or a relevant related field.
- Experience in appraisal and/or coaching.
- Experience of developing and delivering innovation in medical education, including curriculum, assessment or faculty development initiatives.
- Experience of quality assurance and improvement in medical education.

How to apply

Please send a supporting statement outlining how you meet the selection criteria for the post(s) together with a current CV to Mrs Swetha Sundaram at Divoff.jobs@medsci.ox.ac.uk. The closing date for the receipt of applications for this post is 12 noon on Monday, 14th April 2014.

For informal enquiries or further information, please contact Dr Tim Lancaster, Director of Clinical Studies (tim.lancaster@medsci.ox.ac.uk, telephone 01865 221682).

Redevelopment of the University website

To be launched incrementally from April 2014 until September 2014

The oxweb domain (www.ox.ac.uk) comprises the top-level pages of the University website, including the Homepage, Undergraduate Admissions pages, Graduate Admissions pages, the University news and research pages and the Staff and Student Gateways. As the University's main prospective student and public-facing channel, it acts as a key interface with audiences.

The website is being redeveloped to update the design, feature images and video

more prominently, move to a new Content Management System (CMS) and ensure the website works effectively on mobile devices.

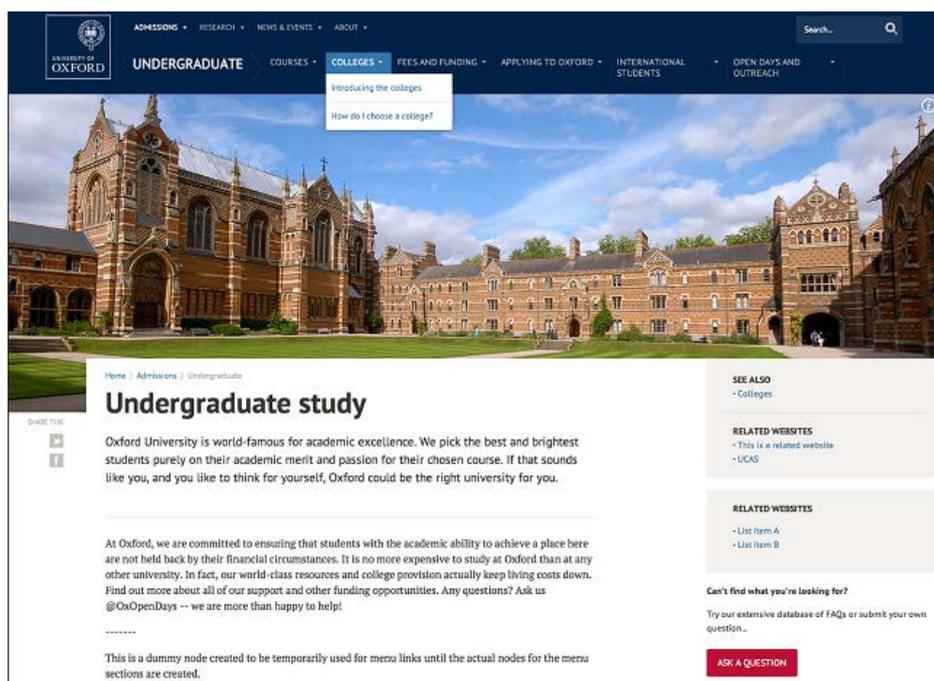
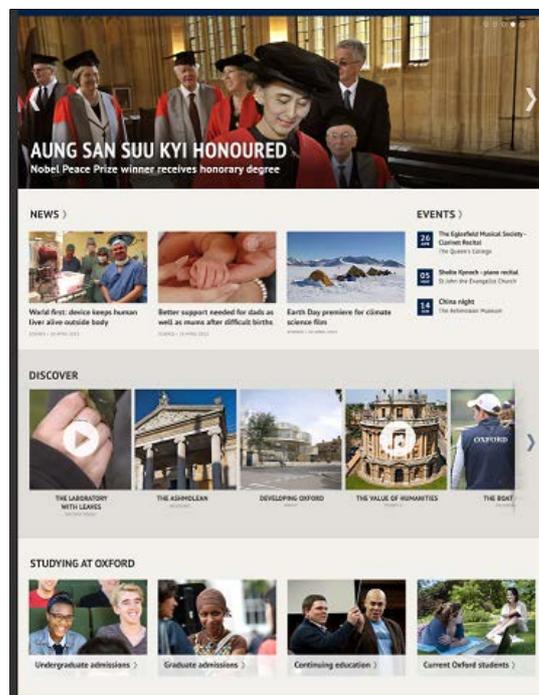
As part of the redevelopment process the structure of the information in the website has been reviewed and tested with user groups to ensure that all information can be easily accessed.

The earlier phases of the web development project such as Discovery and Design occurred in 2011/12 and the actual building of the website started in September 2013 and will be completed incrementally from April 2014 until September 2014. The Homepage, Undergraduate Admissions pages, the University news and research pages and the Student Gateway as well as new Local Community and Visitor sections of the site will go live on 23rd April, the Staff Gateway will go live in August and the Graduate Admissions website in September.

Once the site is live it will be continually optimised and refined, using website analytics and user testing to ensure it meets audience requirements and expectations.

For more information and updates please see the project blog at <https://sharepoint.nexus.ox.ac.uk/sites/eap/pad/oxweb/default.aspx> and if you have any questions for feedback please email edigicomms@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Images: (Right and below) Screen shots showing examples of the home page and undergraduate landing page on new university website



Data Support Services for Researchers

researchdata.ox.ac.uk is a new website designed to support researchers with their research data management and sharing activities

- How can I store my data securely? How can I organise my data and ensure my data can be cited?
- I want to preserve and share my data – what are different ways of doing this?
- What does my funder expect me to do with my data? Can I get help with costs?
- Are there tools and resources to help me deal with my data on a day-to-day basis?
- What training can I attend or recommend to colleagues on looking after data?
- I have a question relevant to my subject area. Who should I direct it to?



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Researchers can:

- ask questions via the contact us page and a member of the research data enquiries team will respond;
- get advice about dealing with data on a day-to-day basis as well as what to do with data in the longer-term;
- find out about funder requirements and what can be done to meet them;
- be directed to Oxford and external tools and services to help them manage their research data;
- find out about training opportunities.

*This site replaces www.admin.ox.ac.uk/rdm. Where bookmarks exist to the old url, please update these and replace with the new url: <http://researchdata.ox.ac.uk>. Please contact sian.dodd@admin.ox.ac.uk with any feedback.

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](#)

Cross-discipline open access survey

What's your experience?

Professor Thomas Eger, Vice-Dean for Research and International Affairs at the University of Hamburg, together with doctoral student, Marc Scheufen is conducting a survey on the experience of academic scholars with and their perception of open access publishing.

[Read more and complete the survey](#)



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

Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards

These awards require a draft letter of Institutional Support. This draft must be submitted to Associate Head of Division (Research), Professor Matthew Wood (matthew.wood@dpag.ox.ac.uk), 14 days preceding relevant Wellcome Trust deadline



All Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards (New and Senior) require a detailed letter of support from the Head of the Division. The process for generating this supporting letter is that a draft letter should be submitted to the Associate Head of Division (Research), Professor Matthew Wood ([✉matthew.wood@dpag.ox.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.wood@dpag.ox.ac.uk)), for review and approval prior to obtaining the Head of Division's signature.

Draft letters should be submitted for approval no later than 14 days preceding the relevant Wellcome Trust deadline to ensure timely Divisional review and approval.

Collaborative funding opportunities with GSK

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- The **Discovery Fast Track Challenge** from the **Discovery Partnerships with Academia (DPAC)**
- Up to £300,000 for projects using GSK's **AlbuDAb™** technology

Discovery Fast Track Challenge

This is an opportunity for researchers to enter into partnership with GSK scientists to discover new pharmacologically active molecules via High Throughput Screening (HTS) and/or Encoded Library Technology (ELT). It is hoped that, for successful applicants this will help drive their research forward—and could lead to a longer term partnership with GSK for the development of a new medicine.

Up to **ten** projects from Europe will be selected in the 2014 Challenge. The Challenge opens 24 February and **one-page non-confidential proposals will be accepted online until 23 April in Europe.**

More details can be found on their website www.gsk.com/discoveryfasttrack. If you have any specific queries you can email [✉DiscoveryFastTrack@gsk.com](mailto:DiscoveryFastTrack@gsk.com). For more information about DPAC, please visit www.dpac.gsk.com.

Please feel free to share news of the Discovery Fast Track Challenge with your colleagues.

For further information, please see <http://intranet.medsci.ox.ac.uk/collaborative-funding-opportunities-with-gsk/further-information-for-the-gsk-discovery-fast-track-challenge-1> (university networks only)

AlbuDAb™ Half-life Extension Programme

The Technology

Peptides and proteins offer a differentiated therapeutic approach compared to monoclonal antibodies. However, transforming such molecules into patient-friendly and safe medicines presents a huge challenge due to their short plasma half-life. A major cause of such a short half-life is the rapid elimination of these molecules via the kidneys. Artificially increasing the size and weight of the peptide or protein can overcome this limitation.

GSK has developed the AlbuDAb™, a half-life extension technology, to circumvent this problem and unleash the therapeutic potential of peptides/proteins. Using this versatile platform, payloads are covalently attached to an AlbuDAb™, a human domain antibody with a high binding affinity for the large serum Albumin molecule thereby preventing renal clearance and conferring benefits of FcRn mediated recycling of Albumin.

The funding, up to **£300,000/year** for a two year period in the first instance, will be made available to selected research project(s) of interest. Successful applicants will also be given access to the AlbuDAb™ technology for research purposes including; materials, technology transfer and technical advice/ support as required.

For details about how to apply, and information setting out more details of the call for proposals, the timelines for the application process as well as the preliminary request form, and an information sheet providing more background to the AlbuDAb™ technology itself, please see <http://intranet.medsci.ox.ac.uk/collaborative-funding-opportunities-with-gsk/further-information-for-gsk2019s-albudab-half-life-extension-platform> (university network only).

Scientific Seminar to discuss AlbuDAb™ technology with your Investigators:

GSK have offered to arrange a time, between now and April/May to a visit Oxford to give a scientific seminar in which their scientists can

present the AlbuDAb™ technology in more detail, and at which interested investigators will be free to ask questions about the technology as well as the funding proposals and application process. If you are interested in attending such a talk, please contact [Oliver Voss](mailto:Oliver.Voss@medsci.ox.ac.uk) at the Divisional business development office

Medical Research Fund

To support research conducted in the clinical departments of the Medical Sciences Division. Trinity Term: Monday 28 April 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:

Trinity Term: Monday 28 April 2014

Summer Long Vacation: Monday 28 July 2014

For further information, please see <http://intranet.medsci.ox.ac.uk/processes/research/mrf-medical-research-fund>

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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)

Call for Knowledge Exchange Funding

The Social Sciences Division is launching the second round of the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) and Higher Education and Innovation Fund (HEIF) funding activities across the four divisions. Deadline: Wed 30 April

Are you seeking funding for knowledge exchange activities? Would you like to build relationships with non-academic research users? Could a placement within an external partner organisation enhance the impact of your research? Would you like to bring an external practitioner to work with you in Oxford?

The Social Sciences Division is launching the second round of the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) and Higher Education and Innovation Fund (HEIF) funding which is intended to fund these kinds of activities across the four divisions.

Type of activity: Knowledge Exchange

Deadline: 12 noon, 30th April 2014

Amount: £7,500 – £30,000

Schemes: KE Awards, Kick-start Awards, KE Fellowships, Visiting Practitioner Fellowships

Eligibility: Oxford academics carrying out social science research (fundable under the ESRC's remit) which fully engages external partners.

Application: Submit via your departmental administrator.

For more detail please see the guidance and application form. Applications should be submitted to the division by your departmental administrator. You can download these documents from our Sharepoint site:

<https://sharepoint.nexus.ox.ac.uk/sites/socsci/ke/Funding/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Briefing session | Wednesday 12th March, 13:00 – 15:00

A seminar and Q&A session will be hosted by the KE team at Hayes House; all interested parties are welcome to attend. This session will

include an overview of the schemes being funded and a Q&A with two current IAA grant holders. Please sign up for this session here: <https://ke-funding-briefing.eventbrite.co.uk>

Agenda:

13:00 – 14:00 – Aileen Marshall-Brown, the Knowledge Exchange Facilitator for the Division, will outline the IAA funding schemes, eligibility, criteria and application process, and take questions from delegates.

14:00 – 15:00 – Professor Susan Bright (Faculty of Law) and Professor Robert Picard (DPIR) will talk about their respective successful bids to the IAA. They will take questions on their projects and experiences, sharing best practice on building and maintaining successful partner relationships, and developing KE projects.

KE Surgeries | Friday 4th – Tuesday 8th – Tuesday 15th – Wednesday 23rd April

These half hour surgeries are intended for researchers who are applying to the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account which is being administered by the Social Sciences Division. This will be an opportunity for applicants to discuss any questions they have relating to the fund and/or their proposals, with the Knowledge Exchange Facilitator Aileen Marshall-Brown. Please select the date and time which you would like to book by choosing the corresponding ticket on this event page: <https://ke-applications-surgeries.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you are keen to see exemplar applications, please do get in touch with us, as some award holders have kindly agreed to allow their applications to be shared in confidence.

If you have any questions please email ke@socsci.ox.ac.uk for further advice and assistance.

Saïd Business School Seed Fund

Do you have a business idea or a startup that you're working on?

The SBS Seed Fund (<http://sbsseedfund.com>) is a student-run committee looking to invest £15–25K in start-ups led by Oxford students and alumni. If you have an early stage venture and require funding or support, we would love to hear from you! We made two investments in undergraduate and graduate businesses last year, which have gone on to achieve £200k of follow-on funding, and to which we are still providing business support.

Applications accepted until 1st March, 2014

For further information, please email us at hello@sbsseedfund.com or visit <http://sbsseedfund.com>

USIAS Fellowships

Call for proposals. Deadline for application: March 24, 2014

The University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study offers ten to twenty Fellowships each year,

- to conduct original, high quality research
- in all disciplines and scientific fields
- for both promising young scholars and excellent advanced researchers
- for a period of between three months and two years in Strasbourg

More information: <http://www.usias.fr/>

NIHR Blood and Transplant Research Unit Call

Internal Expression of Interest: deadline 18th March 2014

The upcoming [NIHR Blood and Transplant Research Unit call](#) limits each university to submit only one bid to each of four priority areas. Although we do not anticipate a high number of bids from Oxford, we must ensure that we do not submit more than one bid per priority area. We are therefore asking potential applications to fill in a one page [Expression of Interest form](#) and to return it to Leila Whitworth (leila.whitworth@medsci.ox.ac.uk) in the Medical Sciences Divisional Office by no later than close of play on **18th March 2014**.

[More information about the NIHR BTRU call.](#)

Engagement Opportunities

Communicating Your Science: A Genetics Society Workshop

23–25 April 2014. Applications for the workshop are now open. Application deadline is 3rd March 2014

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Fri 28 March

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Apply now!

The course is open to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers working in genetics and related areas.

Note: They will email your supervisor for a reference using the email you have provided and also email you on the progress of your application.

An important part of science is getting your results and ideas across to others, through papers, presentations, theses, grant proposals, conversations and interviews. Your audience may include specialists in the field, those from other disciplines, industry, or the general public.

How can you best communicate your science?

This workshop brings together experts in different fields – writers, broadcasters, publishers, industrialists, computer scientists, and presenters – to help you explore and develop your communication skills. Working together with others on the course you will learn how to structure presentations, develop writing skills, bridge disciplines and have hands-on experience of broadcasting.

The Genetics Society will cover travel, accommodation and meals for successful applicants.

Tutors include:

Enrico Coen (author and Professor of Genetics at the John Innes Centre, Norwich)

Nicola McCarthy (Chief Editor of Nature Reviews Cancer)

Mark Miodownik (author, broadcaster and Professor of Materials & Society, UCL)

Tim Radford (freelance journalist and former science editor at The Guardian)

Chris Smith (broadcaster, medical doctor, lecturer in Virology, Cambridge University)

Organisers:

Enrico Coen, Dominique Kleyn, Jonathan Pettitt, Jon Slate and Chris Smith

The course will take place at Chicheley Hall (<http://www.chicheleyhall.co.uk/>)

Other Items of Interest

Academic Opportunities Seminar by Prof. Chas Bountra

Patients desperately need new treatments, and the pharmaceutical industry is in a crisis: What are we doing about it? Wed 2 April

Oxford Research Staff Society (OxRSS) event

Tango evening for research staff, their friends and partners Sat 12 April

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Oxford University Clinical Academic Graduate School

For further information about this seminar, please see <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/n6Qzxm>

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

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

Clinical Vaccine Trials

The Jenner Institute are developing vaccines against Tuberculosis (TB) and require healthy volunteers to take part in clinical trials to study them.

If you are aged 18 to 55 and in good health, do get in touch to receive more information. Participants will be paid compensation for time, travel and expenses.

For more information, please email zita-rose.manjaly@ndm.ox.ac.uk or phone 01865 857476



Each study will require several short visits to an outpatient clinic over 4–12 months depending on the trial. A response to this advertisement will be recorded, but carries no obligation to take part. If you volunteer, you can withdraw at any time from the trial. Your general practitioner will be informed if you take part in any study.

www.jenner.ac.uk/clinicaltrials

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To find out more information, visit www.ovg.ox.ac.uk/understanding-pneumococcal-carriage-and-disease.”

BBSRC Public Engagement Training

Fri 28 March

The course is designed to support BBSRC-funded researchers to carry out effective public engagement that reflects upon the social and ethical perspectives of their work. Participants will learn about what public engagement is and why it is important, and will begin to develop some of the skills required to carry out public engagement. It will be an interactive day, combining information provision with activities and discussion.

It is open to any researcher supported by BBSRC, working on a BBSRC grant or based at a BBSRC-funded institute and is free of charge.

Places are limited so for more information, to register your interest in this course, please go to: www.bbsrc.ac.uk/petraining.

Public speaking masterclass for women in STEM

Imperial College London, Wed 19 March

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE is hosting a public speaking masterclass for women in STEM, at Imperial College London on March 19th 2014. Maggie, who is the new presenter of the iconic BBC astronomy series "The Sky At Night", will be training delegates alongside award-winning science TV producers and presentation trainers Screenhouse.

The intensive hands-on workshop is presented by WISE as part of National Science and Engineering Week, co-ordinated by the Science Association.

£225 exc VAT, £195 for WISE members. Limited STFC bursaries for qualifying scientists. Details on application.

Includes: One-to-one training in public speaking with Dr Aderin-Pocock MBE, working on camera with the Screenhouse team, lunch and refreshments.

For more information please contact rebecca.webb@screenhouse.co.uk or call 0113 266 8881

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For further information, please see <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/HYsOUK>

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Wed 19 March, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre

Agenda:

08:40 Registration

09:15 Opening remarks

09:30 Molecular microbiology

11:00 Cell biology

11:45 Poster session

13:45 Immunology

15:15 Molecular biology

16:15 Closing remarks

Everybody is welcome to listen to the talks and visit the poster session; however, lunch will be provided for registered participants only.

You can register for free at <http://tinyurl.com/postdoc-symp>.

Oxford Cancer Research Centre Open Evening

A conversation with world leading researchers and clinicians. Wed 12 March

Join us for hands-on activities, drinks reception, discussions.

Everybody welcome!

Registration: <http://ocrc-open-day.eventbrite.co.uk> or email isabelle.travis@cancer.org.uk

Medical Educators Forum

Dilemmas in professionalism: too difficult to assess, too important to ignore? Tue 11 Mar

5.30 pm to 7.30 pm, Wing Tat Lee Room, William Osler House Osler Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9BL

Academics, doctors, students and patients are all invited to contribute to the debate.

Professionalism in medical practice is a complex construct which includes competence; interpersonal behaviour; learning and reflection; integrity and commitment to service.

How much of this should we expect from medical students? How should we be supporting medical students to develop their professionalism while at medical school?

This forum aims to explore the issue of teaching and assessing professionalism at medical school.

Do tutors and students have a shared view of how professionalism should be managed? What do the GMC and the NHS National Patient Safety Agency have to say on the matter? Brief presentations will be followed by group discussions centred around the following topics:

- The experience of Oxford medical students
- How can students support each other to promote both group and individual responsibility?
- Does policing professionalism destroy trust and erode professionalism?
- What additional training/resources could the Medical School provide to help students develop their professionalism?

For more information, please see

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/medsci/meded/mededforum> (university network only)

Leverhulme Lecture Series

'An Unnatural History: The Re-Emergence of Infectious Disease in the 20th Century'

Hosted by *The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities*.

All lectures will take place at the Seminar Room, Radcliffe Humanities Building, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – 4:00pm to 4:45pm

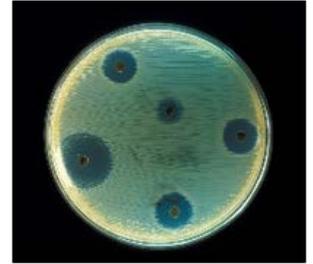
Infectious Disease and the Therapeutic Revolution 1930–1970

Thursday, May 15, 2014 – 5:00pm to 5:45pm

Stalking Microbes: Antibiotic Resistance, Nosocomial Infections and the Demise of the Modern Hospital 1950–1990

Thursday, June 5, 2014 – 5:00pm to 5:45pm

The Return of Natural History: Re-Emerging Infections, the End of Antibiotics and New Public Health



Please visit www.torch.ox.ac.uk for more information. To sign up for the TORCH mailing list simply send a blank email to: torch-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk

Graduate Student Photography Competition

Deadline: Friday 21 March

The annual Graduate Student Photography Competition is now open. Students are being asked to use their creativity to show prospective students what a particular graduate course at Oxford is all about.

First prize is £250 in Amazon vouchers and the competition is open until Friday 21 March 2014.

For more information visit: www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/gpc2014.

Oxford SciBar events

Two cancer-related talks. Thu 20 and Wed 26 March

Title: Why haven't we cured cancer yet?

Speaker: Prof Colin Goding from the Ludwig Institute, University of Oxford.

Thursday 20 March, 6:30pm Port Mahon, 82 St Clements St.

Around half of people diagnosed with cancer die of the disease, and despite the enormous advances made over recent decades surgery remains the most effective treatment. Join us to hear Prof. Colin Goding discuss what the barriers are to effective anti-cancer treatment and how these can be overcome.

Free event, no prior knowledge required.



Title: Cancer Virus

Speakers: Dorothy Crawford, Emeritus Professor of Medical Microbiology, University Of Edinburgh and Alan Rickinson , Professor of Cancer Studies, School of Cancer Studies, University of Birmingham (<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199653119.do>)

Wednesday 26 March, 6:30pm Port Mahon, 82 St Clements St.

Join us for this fascinating story of the discovery and importance of the Epstein-Barr virus, the virus that can cause cancer.

For further events, please see <http://www.oxfordscibar.com/upcoming-events.html>

Missed it? We record all of our SciBars so that you can listen to them after the event from our [Podcast Section](#). The Podcast even includes an interview with our speaker after the talk. You never need to miss a SciBar again!

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Open University GL Brown Prize Lecture 2014

Professor David Eisner – Calcium in the heart: from physiology to disease. Tue 18 March

The GL Brown Prize Lecture is awarded by The Physiological Society to a researcher who has made outstanding contributions to the knowledge of physiological systems. Professor Eisner has a highly distinguished research profile, and is one of the UK's leading cardiac physiologists.



The GL Brown Prize Lecture is aimed at scientists, academics, researchers and health practitioners.

For further information, please see <http://www.open.ac.uk/biomedical-research-network/brown-lecture-2014>

To register, please email science-biomed@open.ac.uk