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## OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

### Important Updates

- Co-ordinated bids process for Wellcome Trust Centres call**
- Co-ordinated bids process for Sir Jules Thorn Award for Biomedical Research**
- Applications invited for Deputy Directorship of the Accelerated Graduate Entry Medical Course**, Tenable for a period of three years from 1 October 2015, at 1 PA (4 hours) per week
- Are you applying for Wellcome Trust funding? Make sure you have an ORCID ID** From August 2015 the Wellcome Trust requires lead applicants to provide an ORCID identifier when submitting a grant application
- Ethical Review: Changes to CUREC 2 Form**
- Lay Research Ethics Committee member sought**
- The Entrepreneur's Journey** Infographic highlighting entrepreneurship resources, networking opportunities and more
- Isis Innovation move to new premises** Their new address is Buxton Court, 3 West Way, Oxford OX2 0SZ
- Smoking Policy reminder (JR and Churchill Hospital sites)** Included on behalf of Mark Power, Director of Organisational Development and Workforce, OUH NHS Trust

### Funding Opportunities

- The Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine** Call for nominations now open, deadline Friday 28 August.
- MRC Proximity to Discovery Second Call Now Open** Funding to support industry engagement. Deadline Wednesday 30 September.
- KE Seed Fund** Start-up funding to support early-stage innovative Knowledge Exchange ideas, deadline 14 September 2015
- Funding available to boost the impact of BBSRC-funded research** BBSRC Impact Acceleration Account funding, deadline 28 September 2015
- NIHR Fellowship Application Day (FAD) – 20 October 2015**
- Wadham College: Senior Research Fellowship** Application deadline: 1 September, 2015
- Oxford Martin School Funding opportunity** Navigating progress: managing the risks and rewards of scientific advances. Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 6pm, Monday 16 November 2015 (6th week)
- Asahi Kasei Pharma Seeking Drug Seeds for Autoimmune Diseases** Candidates sought for industry collaboration, deadline 10 September 2015
- Call for Nominations Heineken Prizes 2016** Biennial awards for internationally acclaimed scientists and scholars

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Women In pain Study, Oxford (WIPSOx) now recruiting participants**
- 'Evaluating Optimal Vaccine Schedules against Ebola' (EVOLVE) study** Oxford Vaccine Group study, recruiting now
- Healthy volunteers and depressed individuals required for brain scanning study**
- Help test the effectiveness of two Ebola vaccines**
- Are you a good sleeper? Are you between 18–30 years old and living in Oxford?** Are you up for pulling an all nighter?
- Children and adolescents needed for study examining number skills and brain development**
- Towards the prevention of RSV: A major cause of infant death** A vaccine study involving healthy adults
- Males 18–40 needed for study** Interested in the workings of the human brain? Want to help Research in Psychiatry?
- The Oxford Vaccine Centre Healthy Volunteers Database**

### Other Items of Interest

- Navigator Development Programme for Men**

**Need advice on research sponsorship, ethics or good research conduct?** Joint Research Office Monthly Drop-In Sessions: Next session 19 August 2015  
**Oxford Biotech Consulting now recruiting** Informal info session Thu 13 Aug  
**Diagnostic Evidence Workshop** Thursday 1 October 2015 to Friday 2 October 2015, Worcester College, Oxford  
**GRAD Challenge, have you got what it takes?** Challenging course for DPhil students, 21 – 23 September 2015  
**Your chance to push the frontiers with the Wellcome Trust**  
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**What do research staff do next?** LERU survey for staff who have moved from university research to work in another occupation  
**Medical Communications Careers Event** 16 September 2015, Manchester  
**Wikipedia Science Conference** 2, 3 September. Hosted in partnership with Wellcome Trust. Conference sharing skills, tools, and ideas in the intersection of STEM subjects and Wikimedia  
**Join the European Systems Biology Community** New online community for systems biology researchers

## AND FINALLY...INTRODUCING PARENTSNET, NEW DIVISIONAL FORUM FOR PARENTS

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## What are the challenges of early phase trials?

It helps that I have a science background because it drives me to question the mechanism behind any purported "wonder drug". I don't want to expose patients to anything that doesn't make scientific sense. The patients entering these (Phase I) studies have exhausted all standard treatments available on the NHS and are coming to us with maybe only a few more months to live. It is vital that we don't waste their time or introduce them to unpleasant side effects.

## How did you get here?

I decided to become an oncologist when I was at medical school. Of all the medical specialities, I found oncology to be the most interesting. You have to be able to establish a rapport with your patients, but at the same time keep up with rapidly evolving science. When I became an oncologist, the cure for cancer was predicted to be only 10 years away. We know now that this was an optimistic estimation but new discoveries are published on an almost weekly basis and we have to adapt our practice in response to them. I was set to become a full time clinician until I spent 3 years in a fruit fly lab in Cambridge. The science was incredibly complex and frustrating but I had a few breakthrough moments. One you have had a "science high" you become addicted! After that, I wanted to bring research more closely into my day-to-day oncology practice and, hence, started working as a clinician scientist. I worked at Imperial College for 9 years and, in April 2015, moved to Oxford.

## What topics are you pursuing in your lab? What are the challenges?

In my lab we look at messenger RNA (mRNA) translation and cancer. Since the human genome was sequenced on 2001, there has been an assumption that cancer behaviour is predominantly dictated by inherited or acquired genetic mutations. In our lab, we have a different focus, not on the genes themselves but how they generate proteins. In cancer, the "middle man", mRNA, is an unreliable messenger and can create much more or less protein than the gene has transcribed. In some situations, these alterations to protein content are enough to turn a cell cancerous and make existing cancers more aggressive and treatment-resistant. The purpose of my lab is to dissect these mechanisms and identify which of them could be targeted with drugs. The challenge of this type of research is the techniques that we use to identify RNA and its protein complexes are new and constantly changing. Also, it has taken a while for the cancer research community to appreciate the importance of mRNA dysregulation in cancer, but thankfully this has changed in recent years.



## How has being at Oxford helped the work of your lab?

Oxford is a hot bed of RNA enthusiasts, so it feels like a homecoming for me. There are the likes of [Nick Proudfoot](#) the RNA polyadenylation expert, [Chris Norbury](#) and [Colin Goding](#), to name just three. There is a very collaborative feel here, so I have no doubt this is the perfect fit for my group.

## Are there any collaborations/partnerships you'd like to pursue with colleagues in Oxford?

I'm really interested in talking to labs with research that might eventually lead to a cancer treatment. Scientists can be daunted by the thought of taking something from the lab into the clinic, the so-called "bench to bedside" transition. It is actually simpler than it seems and I can help develop their ideas into a clinical trial outline that can be included in grant proposals or business plans. It is interesting for me to be involved in new areas of research and have the tantalising thought that they might be the next "big thing" for cancer. I'm also keen to involve scientists in upcoming clinical studies. Quite often, pharmaceutical companies hit upon a cancer drug without fully understanding the science behind it. Scientists here may have devoted their entire profession



to one particular cancer signalling pathway and can advise the companies on what biomarkers can be used or, better still, offer collaborations with them to explore aspects of the biology in more detail. I see this matchmaking role as a very important part of my job.

**What are the bigger questions in your field? How do you see your field developing in the next ten years? What are the obstacles (technical or otherwise) to getting there?**

From a clinical perspective, a big question is how we are going to be able to get the best drugs to cancer patients in the future. With the financial constraints on the NHS, we need to think of creative solutions. One is to bring clinical trials into the mainstream, as a part of the routine care for all patients. At the moment, about 12% UK patients enter a clinical trial during their cancer journey. By increasing the number of studies available nationally, patients will have access to ground breaking treatments at a minimal cost to the NHS. But this requires a



national overhaul of how studies are conducted, particularly their cost and speed. Because Oxford prioritises clinical drug development, these ideas are already embedded into their practice. The Early Phase Trials Unit is impressively efficient and gives cancer patients a choice of studies to participate in.

From the research point of view, I would like to see mRNA translation inhibitors enter cancer trials in the UK. There is a network of RNA biologists in Oxford, Leicester, Manchester and beyond who share this view and have identified new drug targets. It would be immensely satisfying to conduct some of these studies in Oxford and put my beliefs to the test. I have also been lucky enough to work with biotech companies and labs that have developed effective anti-cancer drugs. It is exciting to watch patients' lives being transformed with a drug that has yet to hit the mainstream. Hence I am here, writing this protocol, and sincerely hoping it will be the next cancer breakthrough.

**Links:**

[Early Phase Trials Unit](#)

[Professor Blagden's webpage](#)

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This new forum has been developed by DPAG following the implementation of their Athena SWAN Bronze Award Action Plan. ParentsNet is hosted on Weblearn, a well-known University system and is subscription-based only:

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/medsci/departement/dpag/parentsnet>

Please visit the site to join or contact Sara Bouskela ([✉admin-pa@dpag.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin-pa@dpag.ox.ac.uk)) with questions.

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### Advance notification of the third rounds of the Vice Chancellor's Diversity Fund and Returning Carers' Fund

A call for bids to the Vice Chancellor's Diversity Fund and Returning Carers' Fund will be made at the beginning of Michaelmas term, with deadlines for applications in November (exact dates yet to be agreed). Divisions and departments/faculties will be formally notified of the calls in late September and full details will be available on the Equality and Diversity Unit's website:

VC's Diversity Fund: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/thevice-chancellorsdiversityfund/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/thevice-chancellorsdiversityfund/)

Returning Carers' Fund: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/thevice-chancellorsdiversityfund/returningcarersfund/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/thevice-chancellorsdiversityfund/returningcarersfund/)

Revised criteria for both schemes will be published with the calls but are not expected to differ greatly from the existing criteria.

In the case of the Vice Chancellor's Diversity Fund it should be noted that no more than £150,000 will be available in total, and that bids that impact on more than one department are likely to be prioritised. In assessing bids, the Advisory Group on the Fund will consider the range of projects already agreed and applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with these: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/thevice-chancellorsdiversityfund/projects/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/thevice-chancellorsdiversityfund/projects/). Bids in new areas and those demonstrating innovation will be welcomed, particularly applications for projects addressing a) inequalities in the Humanities and b) race equality, areas which have been notably underrepresented to date.

Any enquiries from prospective applicants should be directed [✉brid.cronin@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:brid.cronin@medsci.ox.ac.uk) or the Equality & Diversity Unit ([✉gender.equality@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gender.equality@admin.ox.ac.uk)).

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## Staff Networks

The Equality and Diversity Unit run several networks for University Staff. To join a network, please follow the links below.

Oxford women's network: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/gender/own/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/gender/own/)

Race Equality Newsletter: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/race/ren/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/race/ren/)

BME staff network: Contact [✉Hanan.Yanny@sbs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Hanan.Yanny@sbs.ox.ac.uk) (Network Secretary) to join

LGBT staff network: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/sexualorientation/informationforstaff/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/sexualorientation/informationforstaff/)

Disabled staff network: Contact: [✉Caroline.Moughton@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Caroline.Moughton@admin.ox.ac.uk) to join

See also: The Equality and Diversity Unit [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/)

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## Events:

### WISE Returners' Programme

The WISE **Returners' Programme** tackles one of the biggest challenges faced by working parents today – achieving a healthy balance between the demands of work and a fulfilling personal life.

Whether you are returning after your first child or are have been balancing work and family life for some time, this programme will deliver renewed confidence as well as practical tools and targeted interventions to help you focus on specific areas of your work and home life, enabling you to safeguard your professional, personal and mental wellbeing.

This is a two-day course, ideal for women currently on maternity leave and preparing to return to work and women who have returned to work within the last six months.

**Start dates:** Epsom 23 September Bristol 7 October

**Cost:** £500 for non-members, £450 for WISE members plus VAT

**Additional information regarding courses can be found on the WISE [website](#). If you are interested please get in touch with Shagufta on [s.sharif@wisecampaign.org.uk](mailto:s.sharif@wisecampaign.org.uk) for a booking form and any further information.**

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### Women in Science Talk by Prof Dame Carol Robinson

The aim of these sessions is for the speaker to share their own experience of a career in science & how they have balanced this career with lifestyle, and for them to provide advice to scientists.

Professor Robinson is the first female Professor of Chemistry at the University of Oxford and was previously the first female Professor of Chemistry at the University of Cambridge. She is renowned for pioneering the use of mass spectrometry as an analytical tool and for her ground-breaking research into the 3D structure of proteins.

**Date:** Wednesday 30 September 2015

**Time:** 12:00–13:00

**Venue:** Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics (Rooms A & B), Headington OX3 7BN.

**If you would like to attend the talk followed by a sandwich lunch, please notify, Donna ([brcpa@well.ox.ac.uk](mailto:brcpa@well.ox.ac.uk)).**

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### Ada Lovelace Symposium 2015

Registration has opened for the Ada Lovelace Symposium 2015, celebrating the 200th birthday of computer visionary Ada Lovelace. In addition to the main Symposium, there will be a workshop for graduate students and early career researchers on 8 December to discuss the varied cultural legacies of this extraordinary mathematician.

There are a limited number of student scholarships available to cover registration and the conference dinner. These are open to students studying in UK universities in 2015–16. To apply, please send your name, contact details, details of your degree course, a one-page CV, and a statement of not more than 100 words outlining why you would like to come to the conference and what you would get out of it.

Applications should be sent to: Victoria McGuinness at [victoria.mcguinness@humanities.ox.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.mcguinness@humanities.ox.ac.uk) by 13 October. All scholarship winners will have the opportunity to write a blog piece for the Ada Lovelace website.

[Further details](#)

[Registration](#)

Symposium Registration costs £40, and attendance at the Ada Lovelace birthday dinner, in Balliol College, £50.

**Date:** 9–10 December

**Venue:** The Mathematical Institute, Oxford

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## Articles and Resources:

### Athena SWAN appoints new patrons

Athena SWAN celebrated its tenth anniversary on Friday 24th July. The Equality Challenge Unit has managed the Athena SWAN Charter since 2005, and the scheme has made a positive difference for gender equality in participating institutions and science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine departments.

At the event, Athena SWAN announced the appointments of Professor Sir Paul Nurse, President of the Royal Society, along with Professor Helen Beebe and Professor Sir Cary Cooper as patrons of the Athena SWAN charter mark. They join Professor Dame Julia Higgins, who continues in her role as patron.

Earlier this year, the Equality Challenge Unit announced that Athena SWAN would be expanding to cover arts, humanities, social sciences, business and law, in addition to the STEMM subjects it already covers.



Of the appointments, Equality Challenge Unit Chief Executive David Ruebain, said “We are delighted to celebrate the appointment of these outstanding academics, and are very grateful to them for supporting our cause of furthering gender equality within higher education. They are all highly respected in their chosen fields, and we believe their appointments are testament to how seriously our work is being taken by the academic community”.

**You can read more about the celebration and view videos from the patrons [here](#).**

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## Radio: BBC Radio 4, The Life Scientific

Dorothy Bishop, Professor of Developmental Neuropsychology at the University of Oxford, is interviewed about her career and her research.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b060zq8m>

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## Facebook has released its unconscious bias training

Article: [www.cnet.com/uk/news/facebook-shares-its-diversity-training-course-with-all/](http://www.cnet.com/uk/news/facebook-shares-its-diversity-training-course-with-all/)

Training: <http://managingbias.fb.com/>

There are a number of different videos/modules and interesting topics:

- Introductions and First Impressions
- Stereotypes and Performance Bias
- Performance Attribution Bias
- Competence/Likeability Tradeoff Bias
- Maternal Bias
- Business Case for Diversity & Inclusion and What You Can Do

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## Major new report on managing pregnancy and maternity in the workplace

The EHRC's #worksforme campaign on managing pregnancy and maternity in the workplace was launched this month. Their research shows that while many employers are supportive of women who are pregnant or on maternity leave, many women report discrimination, harassment and unfair dismissal: women returning to work after a child are more likely to face discrimination than they were ten years ago.

Over the next few weeks the #worksforme campaign will showcase useful guidance aimed at making pregnancy and maternity work.

[Managing pregnancy and maternity in the workplace](#)

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## Men adopt 'traditional views on gender roles' after becoming a father for first time, study finds

An article in the Independent describes the findings of a study showing that men become significantly more conservative in their attitudes towards women's roles in the home following the birth of their first child.

[www.independent.co.uk/news/science/men-adopt-traditional-views-on-gender-roles-after-becoming-a-father-for-first-time-study-finds-10417100.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/men-adopt-traditional-views-on-gender-roles-after-becoming-a-father-for-first-time-study-finds-10417100.html)

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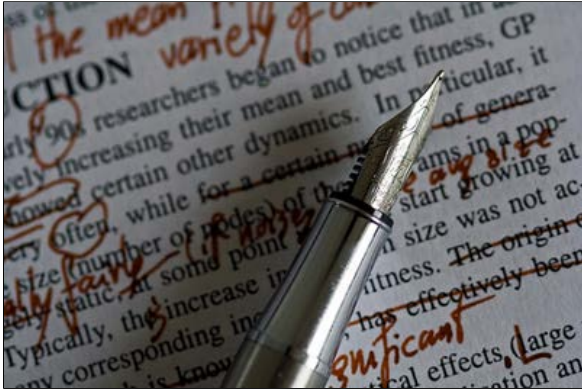
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Would you like to give your students more frequent feedback on their performance, without increasing your marking load? Would you like to explore the potential of computer-marked assessment but have been put off by the limited range of computer-markable question types? Stephen Pulman (Computing Science) and Damion Young (MSD Learning Technologies) are working on a formative assessment system for Oxford which will mark:

- Free text answers (from a phrase to a few sentences) on the basis of semantic similarity/natural language processing
- Algebraic and numerical answers – including significant figures, decimal places and units
- Alongside the full range of 'traditional' computer-marked question types – multiple choice, matching, hotspot, etc.

In order to make the system useful for as many disciplines as possible, we are keen to identify others who might be willing to work with us to turn existing hand-marked short-answer questions into computer-marked questions. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact [damion.young@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:damion.young@medsci.ox.ac.uk) or [stephen.pulman@cs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.pulman@cs.ox.ac.uk)

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## Do you have ideas for how WebLearn could be made more mobile-friendly? Interviewees Needed!

Oxford University IT Services are currently looking into enhancing/extending WebLearn to improve its support for mobile usage. This may involve associated app development and updates to WebLearn itself.

The project is in early stages right now and to make sure that we represent the needs of the student population we want to interview both students (either undergraduates, or graduates) and academics to get your thoughts on what should be done. If you attend an interview you'll have an opportunity to influence the evolution of Web Learn and associated technologies. Also, an Amazon voucher of £15 will be given to all student interviewees!

The interviews will most likely be conducted in groups of approx. 5 people (depending on who signs up) for 1.5 hours at a University meeting room.

Meetings are currently pencilled in for 19/8 (students), 20/8 and 25/8 (academics). But if you can't make these there may be other sessions booked after the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, till early September.

Please contact Marcus Cheetham ([marcus.cheetham@it.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marcus.cheetham@it.ox.ac.uk)) if you are willing to be interviewed. Your participation will be much appreciated!

(Note: Marcus will be on holiday from 3–17/8 inclusive. He'll respond to emails when he returns)

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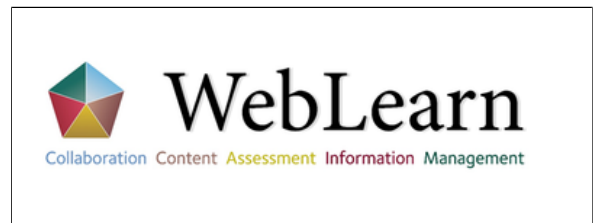
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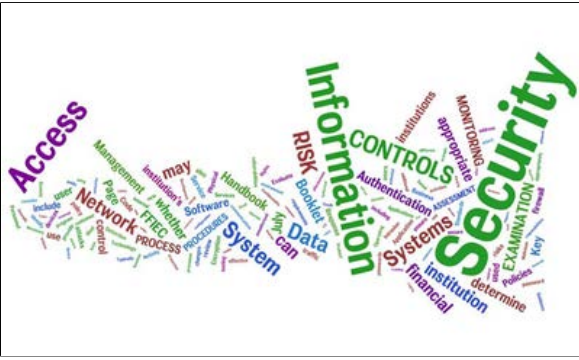
The MSD Information Governance Office (IGO) is available to answer questions and queries about information governance, information security and IT security.

This includes help with NHS IG Toolkit submissions, Information Sharing, IT security (including encryption), information security training, policy templates and queries regarding HSCIC contracts and agreements. Working in collaboration with the Joint Research Office and with Central University information Security team the IGO can be contacted via

[msdigo@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:msdigo@medsci.ox.ac.uk).

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## Henry Stewart Talks

Recent additions to this series of online seminars on a range of biomedical topics can be found at [http://hstalks.com/main/browse\\_recent.php?type=TALK&c=252](http://hstalks.com/main/browse_recent.php?type=TALK&c=252).

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## Improvements to SOLO

SOLO was upgraded on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. New features include:

- Prominent green dots show where we have the item online. Orange dots indicate that online access is subject to legal deposit restrictions.

The screenshot shows two search results for the article 'Model reduction of an elastic crankshaft for elastic multibody simulations'. The first result is from ZAMM Zeitschrift für Angewandte Mathematik und Mechanik, April 2013, Vol.93(4), pp.199-216. It has a green dot indicating online access. The second result is from Zamm - Journal Of Applied Mathematics And Mechanics / Zeitschrift Für Angewandte Mathematik Und Mechanik Volume 93 Issue 4, Page 199, 2012 | John Wiley & Sons, Inc. | electronic. It has an orange dot indicating restricted online access, with a note: 'Online access is restricted: available via Bodleian Libraries reading room PCs only'. Both results have buttons for 'View Online', 'Details & Links', 'Tags', 'Times Cited', and 'More'.

- Information buttons next to the names of libraries which point to contact details and opening hours.

The screenshot shows the 'Find & Request' section of the SOLO interface. It includes a search bar with the text 'Can I use these libraries?'. Below the search bar is a 'Select Location' dropdown menu set to 'all' and a 'Go' button. Below the dropdown are three library options, each with a plus sign and an information icon: 'Bodleian Library', 'Corpus Christi College Library', and 'English Faculty Library'.

- A "Browse Related Titles" tab which displays books with a similar subject classification.

The screenshot shows the 'Browse Related Titles' section of the SOLO interface. It displays a list of books related to 'The Cambridge companion to Thomas Pynchon'. The books shown include 'The Cambridge companion to Thomas Pynchon', 'Pynchon: A Study of the American Postmodernist', 'Understanding Thomas Pynchon', 'Pynchon: A Study of the American Postmodernist', and 'A Hand to Turn the Time'. The interface includes navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Next'.

If you have any problems with SOLO, please let library staff know at [olishelp@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:olishelp@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

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## UpToDate Anywhere

Our subscription to UpToDate is changing to UpToDate Anywhere, there's no change to the content but there is a new way of accessing it via your smartphone, tablet, or computer. To get the most out of UpToDate Anywhere you need to register for a free individual account. Once registered you get:

- Access to the UpToDate Mobile Apps
- Easy access to UpToDate by logging in from any computer with an Internet connection
- A bi-weekly clinical update with selected What's New and Practice Changing UpDate notices

To gain remote and mobile access you will need to complete a 1 minute one-time registration process – look out for instructions on how to register soon via email and our website [www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/hcl](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/hcl)

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## Open Access and the REF

HEFCE policy for the next REF requires 'author accepted manuscripts' (final peer-reviewed version) to be deposited in an institutional or subject repository within three months of acceptance for publication and made open access within 12 months. This condition must be met from 1st April 2016 for all journal articles and conference proceedings with an ISSN.

**Outputs will only be eligible for submission in the next REF if HEFCE's OA conditions are met.** The policy applies whether the underlying research was externally funded or not.

Non-compliance will render outputs ineligible for the REF. Non-compliance at the time of paper acceptance cannot be made to be compliant later.

**The University is preparing an implementation plan and will provide further communications about HEFCE's policy and what researchers need to do in Michaelmas Term.**

If you have any questions before then or would like to book a briefing/update session in your department from a librarian please contact [hcl-enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:hcl-enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk) or email the University OA helpline [open-access-enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:open-access-enquiries@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

There's also Open Access Oxford, Oxford's OA website <http://openaccess.ox.ac.uk/> for guidance on main funders, APCs and REF policy.

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## August Bank Holiday Staffed Hours

Library staffed hours over the Bank Holiday are as follows:

- The Cairns Library, John Radcliffe Hospital, will be unstaffed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- The Knowledge Centre, Old Road Campus, will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- The NOC Library, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, will be unstaffed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- The Horton Library, Horton General Hospital, will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Please note that 24 hour access is available at the Cairns Library and NOC Library for library members.

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## Libraries Digital.Bodleian launch

Libraries have just launched '**Digital.Bodleian**' which is an online resource of more than 100,000 digitized items/images from the Bodleian's collections, ranging from beautifully illustrated manuscripts to centuries-old maps to Victorian playbills. Some of these items had been available on separate websites, databases and image galleries managed by the Bodleian, but this is the first time we've brought all our resources together into one easy-to-use site.

The site allows users to download images for non-commercial use, and also to make private notes and annotations, leave public comments on images and share images on social media. The site is openly available for the public to access – no reader's card needed

We're very proud of **Digital.Bodleian** which has taken many years to develop. Have a look and do pass on to friends and/or colleagues.

The website is: [digital.bodleian.ox.ac.uk](http://digital.bodleian.ox.ac.uk)

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Are you a good sleeper? Are you between 18–30 years old and living in Oxford? Are you up for pulling an all nighter?

Children and adolescents needed for study examining number skills and brain development

Towards the prevention of RSV: A major cause of infant death A vaccine study involving healthy adults

Males 18–40 needed for study Interested in the workings of the human brain? Want to help Research in Psychiatry?

The Oxford Vaccine Centre Healthy Volunteers Database

## Other Items of Interest

Navigator Development Programme for Men

Need advice on research sponsorship, ethics or good research conduct? Joint Research Office Monthly Drop-In Sessions: Next session 19 August 2015

Oxford Biotech Consulting now recruiting Informal info session Thu 13 Aug

Diagnostic Evidence Workshop Thursday 1 October 2015 to Friday 2 October 2015, Worcester College, Oxford

GRAD Challenge, have you got what it takes? Challenging course for DPhil students, 21 – 23 September 2015

Your chance to push the frontiers with the Wellcome Trust

Wellcome Trust Committee Member Recruitment

What do research staff do next? LERU survey for staff who have moved from university research to work in another occupation

Medical Communications Careers Event 16 September 2015, Manchester

Wikipedia Science Conference 2, 3 September. Hosted in partnership with Wellcome Trust. Conference sharing skills, tools, and ideas in the intersection of STEM subjects and Wikimedia

Join the European Systems Biology Community New online community for systems biology researchers

# And Finally...Introducing ParentsNet, new divisional forum for parents

ParentsNet, a forum aiming to put people around the Medical Sciences Division in contact, and to give parents the opportunity to share and find a place where to exchange goods and ideas alike.

The forum has been developed in the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics (DPAG) following the implementation of their Athena SWAN Bronze Award Action Plan, in consultation with the Divisional Athena SWAN team. The administration and moderation of the forum is shared between DPAG and the Divisional Athena SWAN team.

People are able to post to and follow posts in any of the categories below:



- **Childcare**

*Disclaimer: Please note that the aim of this section is to provide a useful source of information.*

*ParentsNet cannot accept responsibility for the quality or suitability of any information posted in this section.*

- **Looking for a new home (Offered, for sale & wanted)**

*Equipment; toys; etc.*

- **Is this normal?**

*Parents' offload – Here is where you ask for reassurance that you will sleep again, that teething doesn't last forever, that your teenager will merge into a reasonable adult; etc.*

- **Work/life balance**

*How do you manage? Tips for working mums and dads.*

- **Events**

ParentsNet is hosted on Weblearn and is subscription-based only. If you would like to sign up to the forum, please email: [admin-pa@dpag.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin-pa@dpag.ox.ac.uk)

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## Important Updates

### Co-ordinated bids process for Wellcome Trust Centres call

The Wellcome Trust has launched a call for letters of interest to establish new Wellcome Trust Centres. If you would like to submit a letter of interest to the Wellcome Trust to propose a new centre you must get in touch with [Leila Whitworth](mailto:leila.whitworth@wellcome.ac.uk) as soon as possible.

[Further information](#)

### Co-ordinated bids process for Sir Jules Thorn Award for Biomedical Research

Each year the Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust offers a single award to support a programme of translational biomedical research. Each institution can submit one bid only and we are seeking outstanding applicants for this highly competitive award. Individuals wishing to be Oxford's preferred bid need to provide the Medical Sciences Divisional Office with an expression of interest no later than **noon on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**.

[Further information](#)

### Applications invited for Deputy Directorship of the Accelerated Graduate Entry Medical Course,

Tenable for a period of three years from 1 October 2015, at 1 PA (4 hours) per week

You will support the Director of the Graduate Entry Medical Course, currently Dr Paul Dennis in arranging admissions, teaching and assessment in the first two years of the course, and in the performance of academic managerial duties connected with the course. You will demonstrate substantial recent or current experience of working in a medical education environment in either a teaching, administrative or management role. The closing date for applications is Noon of Monday, 7th September 2015. For further details and how to apply, please see: <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/about/job-vacancies>

### Are you applying for Wellcome Trust funding? Make sure you have an ORCID ID

From August 2015 the Wellcome Trust requires lead applicants to provide an ORCID identifier when submitting a grant application. Please sign up for your ORCID through our new [ORCID at Oxford](#) service, to get a University-affiliated account.



### Ethical Review: Changes to CUREC 2 Form

The Central University Research Ethics Committee (CUREC) recently approved revisions to the CUREC 2 form (for use by researchers applying for ethical review, when research involving human participants raises more complex or higher risk ethical issues). Applications using the CUREC 2 form are considered either by the full Medical Sciences (MS) or Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) IDRECs. This form was introduced in 2004 and had not been substantially updated since then. As part of the revision process, the overall length of the form (and hopefully the time taken by researchers to complete this) has been reduced.

The updating of the form was undertaken by a working group including members of the MS and SSH IDRECs, involved discussion at meetings of both IDRECs, and the revised form was approved by CUREC at its meeting in Trinity Term 2015.

The new form is available from the CUREC website at (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/curec/apply/ms-idrec-process/>). MS IDREC would be grateful for your help in ensuring that this replaces any locally saved versions of the old form and we welcome any comments and/or questions you might have about the form. MS IDREC can be contacted at [ethics@medsci.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@medsci.ox.ac.uk)

## Lay Research Ethics Committee member sought

A volunteer member is being sought by the University's Oxford Tropical Research Ethics Committee (see <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/curec/about/oxtreac/> and <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/curec/about/external/>). The role involves considering the ethics of the University's research studies in medical sciences involving human participants outside the EU. Applicants should not be engaged in, or connected to, research with human participants. The committee meets six times a year in Oxford (reasonable travel expenses are refundable).

For further details, please contact Dr Rebecca Bryant, [rebecca.bryant@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rebecca.bryant@admin.ox.ac.uk), from whom further particulars are available.

## The Entrepreneur's Journey

Infographic highlighting entrepreneurship resources, networking opportunities and more  
If you have ever wondered what entrepreneurship is all about, Enterprising Oxford has put together "The Entrepreneur's Journey", a useful infographic highlighting the different ways students and researchers can find out about entrepreneurship. From co-working spaces, online resources and startup drinks, there is something for everyone. So be enterprising, and check it out!



## Isis Innovation move to new premises

Their new address is Buxton Court, 3 West Way, Oxford OX2 0SZ



## Smoking Policy reminder (JR and Churchill Hospital sites)

Included on behalf of Mark Power, Director of Organisational Development and Workforce, OUH NHS Trust



We continue to receive a large number of complaints concerning members of staff smoking on and nearby the JR Hospital and Churchill Hospital sites. The most recent complaint, received via the office of our local Member of Parliament, highlighted the problem of staff smoking and leaving litter within the confines of the public play area opposite the Children's Hospital.

Understandably, members of the public do not expect to see uniformed healthcare staff smoking in and around our premises. Consequently, many people make complaints about the effects of this behaviour, ranging from the poor impression it makes, to the unsightly litter caused by piles of discarded cigarette ends and other rubbish.

Please be reminded of the references within our Trust's Smoke-Free Policy which relate to the responsibilities of all members of staff, and which have been in force since early 2012, namely:

"... staff will not be permitted to smoke whilst they are on duty (on duty refers to the time at which an individual is at work, excluding official breaks), irrespective of their location within the Trust. This applies to all staff working within the Trust, including employees of PCTs, other Trusts, Universities and Agencies. Staff who wish to smoke can only do so in their lunch break (or equivalent), off-site and must not smoke in their uniform.

"Staff who smoke in the vicinity of the hospitals (but not on OUH premises) must not do so in uniform and are expected to be respectful of the neighbours to the hospital and the environment.

"... any member of staff found to be acting in breach of this policy will be dealt with informally in the first instance ... If the staff member is found to be in breach of the policy on a second occasion, this will be dealt with formally under the Conduct/Disciplinary Action Procedure."

I would ask you to please abide by these requirements and, in doing so, respect your colleagues, users of our services, and other members of the public.

The NHS encourages good health and advice is available to all members of staff on our website – [considering ways to quit smoking](#).

# Funding Opportunities

## The Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine

Call for nominations now open, deadline Friday 28 August.

The American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and the Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals have announced the call for nominations for The 2016 Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine. The Harrington Prize, to be awarded in late 2015, will honor a scientist for notable achievements in innovation, creativity and potential for clinical application.



The Harrington Prize is the result of collaboration between The American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI), one of the United States' oldest and most respected medical honor societies, and the Harrington Discovery Institute, an international initiative dedicated to enabling physician-scientists to transform their discoveries into therapies that improve human health. Both organizations understand the hurdles in the way of this process and are eager to highlight physician-scientists who have navigated the path successfully.

Nominations are open to all physician-scientists both nationally and internationally and we would be honored if Oxford would submit a nomination.

**The deadline for nominations is August 28, 2015.**

Nomination guidelines can be found at: [HarringtonDiscovery.org/ThePrize](http://HarringtonDiscovery.org/ThePrize).

A committee comprising members of the ASCI Council and the Harrington Discovery Institute Scientific Advisory Board will review nominations and select the recipient. In addition to a \$20,000 prize honorarium, the awardee will deliver The Harrington Prize Lecture at the 2016 ASCI/AAP Joint Meeting (April 15 -17), participate at the annual Harrington Discovery Institute Symposium and publish an essay in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*.

For information on prior winners of The Harrington Prize please visit [HarringtonDiscovery.org/ThePrize](http://HarringtonDiscovery.org/ThePrize) or [the-asci.org/HarringtonPrize/](http://the-asci.org/HarringtonPrize/)

## MRC Proximity to Discovery Second Call Now Open

Funding to support industry engagement. Deadline Wednesday 30 September.

**Do you have an innovative idea for engagement with industry? Are you planning staff exchanges or developing new ways of showcasing your work to industry partners?**

The Medical Research Council's industry engagement fund, Proximity to Discovery (P2D), has been awarded to the University of Oxford to support creative approaches to building relationships with industry partners.

The MRC P2D will support activities to build relationships between the university and industry partners and promote a culture of innovation, including knowledge exchange projects between industry and academia, industry showcases and communications and staff exchanges with industry.

For further details and how to apply [click here](#).

**Deadline 12 noon on Wednesday 30 September 2015.**

## KE Seed Fund

Start-up funding to support early-stage innovative Knowledge Exchange ideas, deadline 14 September 2015

The KE Seed Fund is an internal grant scheme for KE (knowledge exchange) projects. Researchers, departments, sub-departments and centres/units, research facilitators, Business managers, and KE professionals are invited to apply for grants for KE.

Potential KE activities are many and varied. Ideas include, but are by no means limited to:

- Innovative marketing and communication of research impacts
- Meetings to develop co-ordinated bids for external funding, for projects involving external partners
- Engagements with knowledge generation and R&D through crowdsourcing
- Market assessment as part of a commercial opportunity
- Workshops/seminars and networking events with industry, the 3rd sector and/or public policy makers exploring key issues arising during or from research

Innovative KE projects, beyond the suggestions above, are very welcome. A list of awards made is provided [here](#).

For more information and how to apply visit the Knowledge Exchange and Impact internal funding [webpage](#). Enquiries about the KE Seed Fund are welcome and should be directed to [Matt Smart](#).

## Funding available to boost the impact of BBSRC-funded research

BBSRC Impact Acceleration Account funding, deadline 28 September 2015

The objective of the BBSRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) is to boost the impact of BBSRC-funded science. Applications to the BBSRC IAA are invited to support a range of activities, such as, but not limited to:



- developing ways to enable potential users to understand the benefits of the ideas / technology e.g. initiate product design, develop virtual demonstrations, mock-up and models etc.
- 'buying-in' relevant expertise such as those relating to 'market intelligence', understanding the regulatory landscape, establishing early stage freedom to operate
- undertaking initial desk based 'market research', and early stage user intelligence activities
- enabling academics / PDRAs to engage for small amounts of time with a potential user (i.e. pre BBSRC supported schemes such as Flexible Interchange Programme-FLIP and KTP)
- delivering activities to support the engagement of users across BBSRC investment where there is clear value in this approach
- delivering activities to support the development of a KE and Commercialisation culture

Underlying work must be BBSRC-funded, current or previous, or from multiple funding sources which must include BBSRC. The BBSRC-funded work does not have to have taken place at the University of Oxford (i.e. staff who held BBSRC awards elsewhere can apply for funding to develop the impact of that work). BBSRC studentships, and Funding schemes which are or were co-funded between BBSRC and other Research Councils or other funders, count as BBSRC funding for this purpose.

For more information and how to apply visit the Knowledge Exchange and Impact internal funding [webpage](#). Enquiries about the BBSRC IAA are welcome and should be directed to [Matt Smart](#).

## NIHR Fellowship Application Day (FAD) – 20 October 2015

**Are you thinking of applying to Round 9 of the NIHR Fellowships Programme (Jan 2016) or the ICA HEE / NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Programme for non-medical healthcare professions (summer 2016)?**

**If you are, then register for our Fellowship Application Day (FAD)!**

**What:** A proactive, dynamic and free to attend all-day masterclass, funded and hosted by the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) South Central (SC) on how to improve your chances of success when applying for an NIHR Fellowship. The day will include sessions on how to "sell yourself" and hints and tips for success, with expert advice from RDS Advisors and key presenters who have knowledge of NIHR Fellowship funding panels.

**Aim:** Applying for a Fellowship is becoming increasingly more and more competitive. We have therefore organised this one-day programme to give attendees the skills and knowledge to improve the quality of their application and make sure that it is focused on what NIHR are looking for.

In addition to the event, attendees can obtain methodological advice for the project element of their application by requesting [RDS support here](#).

*Make sure your NIHR Fellowship application gives you the best chance of success – make sure it makes the most of you!*

- **When:** Tuesday 20 October 2015
- **Time:** 10:00 – 16:30
- **Where:** Wide Lane Sports Ground, University of Southampton, Eastleigh, Southampton, Hampshire, SO50 5PE (5 minute walk from Southampton Airport Parkway Train Station)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Who should attend:** Any researcher, clinician and / or academic from across the South Central region (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire) who are intending to apply to Round 9 of the NIHR Fellowships Programme (Jan 2016) or the ICA HEE / NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Programme for non-medical healthcare professions (summer 2016).

**Register for the event and further information at:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fellowship-application-day-fad-tickets-17876968494](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fellowship-application-day-fad-tickets-17876968494)

## Wadham College: Senior Research Fellowship

Application deadline: 1 September, 2015



Wadham College invites applications for a fixed-term non-stipendiary Senior Research Fellowship from holders of RSIV (Research Scale IV)

posts or equivalent professorial-level research posts in the University.

For further information, please see <https://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/about-wadham/jobs/academic/senior-research-fellowship>

## Oxford Martin School Funding opportunity

Navigating progress: managing the risks and rewards of scientific advances. Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 6pm, Monday 16 November 2015 (6th week)

As the first stage of our selection process we invite Expressions of Interest on researchable questions into how society can steer a path through the unpredictable consequences of scientific progress. Topics might include issues as varied as coping with the consequences of increased longevity, managing scientific interventions in our food supply, the governance of new and potentially dangerous technologies, dealing with diseases of affluence, or mitigating environmental damage as a result of economic development. The theme is designed as a spur to imaginative thinking and so these examples are merely illustrative; the School is open to broad and creative interpretations of the theme.



More information is available at: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/research/funding/>.

## Asahi Kasei Pharma Seeking Drug Seeds for Autoimmune Diseases

Candidates sought for industry collaboration, deadline 10 September 2015

With the ageing of the Japanese population, we face an ever-increasing incidence of metabolic bone diseases and rheumatoid arthritis. Asahi Kasei Pharma has strived to improve the standards of care for these diseases through the development of the synthetic calcitonin derivative Elcitonin®, the human parathyroid hormone Teribone®, and the immunosuppressant Bredinin®.

By combining Asahi Kasei Pharma's drug development capability within musculoskeletal disorders with the drug seeds of development partners, Asahi Kasei aims to bring innovative treatments to patients with autoimmune diseases including rheumatoid arthritis.



The drug seeds from potential development partners should satisfy the following requirements:

**Targeted disease:** autoimmune diseases including rheumatoid arthritis

**Types of drug seeds:** new drug candidates

**Requirements for each drug seed:**

- New drug candidates: Low molecular weight compounds, proteins, nucleic acids, etc.
- Basic research stage or pre-clinical stage
- Efficacy verified via *in vivo* tests (animal models)
- Preferable for the safety to have been evaluated in pre-clinical stage

**New drug candidates lacking efficacy in *in vivo* models will not be considered.**

The research period will be determined at the time of adoption, for a maximum of 3 years. However, contracts will be renewed each year.

Budgets will be a maximum of ¥10 million per year per project and will be determined at the time of adoption.

Asahi Kasei Pharma will review proposals/key publications and select suitable candidates for collaboration. Once candidates are selected, Asahi KaseiPharma will execute confidential disclosure agreements (CDAs) in order to seek further information disclosure and discuss possible research approaches.

Once the best candidates are selected, Asahi Kasei Pharma will execute licensing/contracts/joint development agreements with partners.

Responses should include the following items in English: Overview of the drug seeds; Development status; Development plan; Desired collaboration with Asahi Kasei Pharma; Related intellectual properties; Overview of the potential partner's organization and prior results

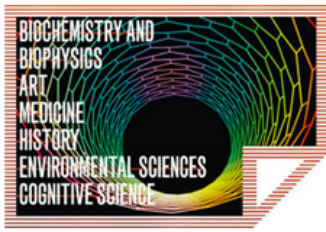
By submitting a Response you represent that the Response does not and will not be deemed to contain any confidential information of any kind whatsoever.

Your Response should be an executive summary (about 3 pages) in English. The Response should briefly describe the technical approach and provide information on technology performance, background, and description of the responding team and their related experience.

Responses and inquiries about the application process should be sent via [e-mail](#).

## Call for Nominations Heineken Prizes 2016

Biennial awards for internationally acclaimed scientists and scholars



## Heineken Prizes

Nominations are now being accepted for the prestigious Heineken Prizes 2016. The deadline for nominations is 15 October 2015.

These international prizes, worth \$ 200,000 each, reward outstanding achievement in the fields of:

- Biochemistry and Biophysics
- Cognitive Science
- Environmental Sciences
- History
- Medicine

They are intended explicitly for scientists and scholars who are currently active in their field and whose research still holds considerable promise for future innovative discoveries. International juries will select the winners.

These prizes are offered by the Dr H.P. Heineken Foundation and the Alfred Heineken Fondsen Foundation. The selection of the prizes is entrusted by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Who can nominate?

Both institutes and individual researchers may nominate suitable candidates for these prizes. You will find a digital version of the nomination form and background information on the Heineken Prizes on our website: [www.knaw.nl/heinekenprizes](http://www.knaw.nl/heinekenprizes).

For additional information on the Heineken Prizes and the digital nomination form, please visit our website [www.knaw.nl/heinekenprizes](http://www.knaw.nl/heinekenprizes)

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Women In pain Study, Oxford (WIPSOx) now recruiting participants

If you are female, between 18–50 & have experienced musculoskeletal (including Fibromyalgia) or pelvic pain for longer than 6 months you may be eligible to take part in this study.

If you would like more information about participating please contact the study team via a private FB message, email, text or call.

Email: [Lisa.buck@obs-gyn.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Lisa.buck@obs-gyn.ox.ac.uk)

Text or call: 07802 861 666

The purpose of this research is to determine the levels of a variety of hormones in women with chronic pain who are of childbearing age. This study aims to investigate the extent to which hormone production is altered in women with chronic pain and whether we can identify scientific clinical features that relate to these changes. This would allow us to identify which women with chronic pain may require further investigations and treatment (for example with hormone replacement and Vitamin D) to prevent long term complications. Additionally, these results will inform the design of future research investigating whether hormones can be used to reduce the suffering associated with chronic pain in women.

<http://www.obs-gyn.ox.ac.uk/research/pain-in-women>

[www.facebook.com/WomenInPainStudyOxford](http://www.facebook.com/WomenInPainStudyOxford)



## 'Evaluating Optimal Vaccine Schedules against Ebola' (EVOLVE) study

Oxford Vaccine Group study, recruiting now

You are invited to take part in a study investigating new vaccines against Ebola virus disease (EVD). The current outbreak of EVD in West Africa is estimated by the World Health Organization to have caused more than 10,000 deaths to date and is still ongoing. There is no specific treatment or cure for Ebola and an effective vaccine would be an important step in controlling the spread of disease. The study is being run by the Oxford Vaccine Group, part of the University of Oxford.

- ▶ If you are aged 18 to 65 years old and in good health you may be eligible to take part in the study
- ▶ We will provide reimbursement for your time, inconvenience and travel

Interested individuals may attend a screening visit at Oxford Vaccine Group's site to discuss this further and for their suitability for the study to be assessed. If you would like to find out more, you can contact Oxford Vaccine Group on 01865 857420, via e-mail [info@ovg.ox.ac.uk](mailto:info@ovg.ox.ac.uk) or visit their [website](#).



This study is being run by the Oxford Vaccine Group, part of the University of Oxford and is funded by Crucell Holland BV.

## Healthy volunteers and depressed individuals required for brain scanning study

The Department of Psychiatry are looking for both healthy volunteers and depressed individuals aged 18–50 to take part in a brain scanning study. The study compares brain activity in people who are depressed, and in people who are not depressed and investigates how an antidepressant medication (bupropion) affects information processing. The study involves two brain scans using magnetic imaging (MRI) which are completed before and after taking bupropion. Please note that healthy volunteers will NOT take the bupropion.

Currently, we are particularly looking for healthy volunteers in their late 30's and above who would be able to attend the two MRI scans at The Oxford Centre for Magnetic Resonance Imaging during normal working hours.

**For information in confidence, with no obligation to participate, please contact:**

**Annabel Walsh**

[bupropion.study@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:bupropion.study@psych.ox.ac.uk)

**01865 226464**

Participants will be reimbursed for their time and expenses



## Help test the effectiveness of two Ebola vaccines

The Jenner Institute, part of the Nuffield Department of Medicine, is looking for healthy volunteers to take part in a vaccine study testing the effectiveness of two Ebola vaccines. If you are aged 18–50 and are in good health, you may be eligible to participate. The study involves up to 13 visits to their outpatient clinic, over approximately 4–5 months. Volunteers are compensated for their time and travel.



To find out more [email the Volunteer Co-ordinator](#), call 01865–857406 or visit their [website](#).

## Are you a good sleeper? Are you between 18–30 years old and living in Oxford?

Are you up for pulling an all nighter?

Dr Kate Porcheret and Dr Dalena van Heugten are looking for healthy individuals for their study on sleep and emotional processing. They want to know how staying awake for 36 hours affects your emotional processing of an emotive experience. The study will involve four visits to their department and you will be compensated for your time. The study is non-invasive (no blood sampling) and ethically approved (Rec no: 14/EE/0186).

If you are interested, then please contact Dr Kate Porcheret and Dr Dalena van Heugten at [sleepemotions@gmail.com](mailto:sleepemotions@gmail.com).

## Children and adolescents needed for study examining number skills and brain development

We are looking for children aged 6, 10 and 14 years and adolescents who are about to start studying for AS-levels to participate in a study examining number skills and brain development.

The study involves a safe brain scan using a Magnetic Resonance scanner (1.5 hours) and several puzzles and games (3 hours). These sessions will be repeated 18 Months to 2 years later.

Participants will receive a small gift for taking part and reasonable travel expenses will be refunded.

The study is starting from August 2015.

For further details and study eligibility, please contact Dr Charlotte Hartwright & Dr Francesco Sella ([charlotte.hartwright@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.hartwright@psy.ox.ac.uk))

<https://sites.google.com/site/brain4maths/welcome>

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TAKE PART IN BRAIN RESEARCH

Oxfordshire children & adolescents wanted for long-term study of number skills & brain development

For information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/brain4maths/> or email [charlotte.hartwright@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.hartwright@psy.ox.ac.uk)

Word cloud terms: investigate, resonance, neuroethicists, biological, spectroscopy, mod, methods, e.g., multidisciplinary, cognitive, mathematical, cognitive, research, cognitive, impact, including, anxiety, neuroplasticity, theoretical, developmental, technical, learn, functional, cognitive, research, cognitive, impact, including, cognitive, research, cognitive, impact, including.

Brain scan images: 12 colorful brain scan images showing different regions of the brain.

## Towards the prevention of RSV: A major cause of infant death

A vaccine study involving healthy adults

You are invited to take part in a study investigating a new vaccine against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). The study is being run by the Oxford Vaccine Group which is part of the University of Oxford.

Please be in touch if you:

- are aged 18 to 45 years old and in good health
- are able to attend visits at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford
- are interested in preventing a major cause of global infant deaths





We will provide reimbursement for your time, inconvenience and travel. The total study participation time is 1 year.

Before you decide whether you would like to take part, it is important for you to understand exactly what the study is about and what participation would involve.

If you would like to read more about the study and see if you are eligible to take part, please go to

[trials.ovg.ox.ac.uk/rsv](http://trials.ovg.ox.ac.uk/rsv) or [www.ovg.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ovg.ox.ac.uk)

## Males 18–40 needed for study

Interested in the workings of the human brain? Want to help Research in Psychiatry?

We need healthy male non-smokers, aged between 18 and 40, for a study of the effect of a gene and a drug on the performance of simple computer tasks. Taking part is simple and involves:

- Providing a cheek swab – to see which form of a gene you have, if suitable you will then be invited to the lab
- Completion of some questionnaires
- Taking a single dose of a drug or dummy pill
- Carrying out simple reward tasks and tests of the processing of emotions



The study will take only 6 hours of your time for which you will be reimbursed.

**INTERESTED?** For more information, without any obligation, please email [comt.study@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:comt.study@psych.ox.ac.uk)

*University of Oxford, Department of Psychiatry, Neurosciences Building, Warneford Hospital*

*South Central – Berkshire Research Ethics Committee REF number: 14 SC 0035*

## The Oxford Vaccine Centre Healthy Volunteers Database

The Oxford Vaccine Centre is one of the largest clinical trial groups in the UK, conducting studies of new vaccines against key global diseases including malaria, tuberculosis, HIV, meningitis, typhoid and hepatitis C.

Healthy volunteers interested in taking part in Oxford Vaccine Centre clinical trials can be added to a database to receive regular updates of studies currently recruiting volunteers at the Oxford Vaccine Centre. If you would like to be added to this database, please see <http://www.ovg.ox.ac.uk/lists/?p=subscribe>



## Other Items of Interest

### Navigator Development Programme for Men

- Do you want to take a step back to think about how to achieve your career goals?
- Do you sometimes find it hard to balance the demands of work and life?
- Would you value talking to other researchers from across the University about what it's like to be a researcher at Oxford?

Navigator results in long term, high quality benefits for individuals. Grounded in reality, it enables men to identify the clear and practical steps they want to take in their lives, and then develop the skills and determination to do something about them.

Navigator consists of four whole-day workshops spread over three months (attendance at all four workshops is required); a workbook for individual work and reflection; the encouragement of effective networks within the group; peer coaching (organised by participants between each of the workshops) to enable long term, sustainable progress. It will help you to find ways to build upon your own experience to date and support you in deciding the future direction of your career, whether that is within or outside academia.

The University also offers a sister programme to Navigator, [Springboard](#) for women.

For more information, please see <http://www.mpls.ox.ac.uk/training/course-programme-for-graduate-students/navigator-development-programme-for-men>

### Need advice on research sponsorship, ethics or good research conduct?

Joint Research Office Monthly Drop-In Sessions: Next session 19 August 2015

The Joint Research Office offers a monthly lunchtime drop-in session for researchers seeking advice and support related to applications for research sponsorship, ethics approval, or good conduct of research. The next session will be 19 August 2015, 12.30-1.30 pm, Meeting Room 1, Joint Research Office, Churchill Hospital.

### Oxford Biotech Consulting now recruiting

Informal info session Thu 13 Aug

Over the last few months Oxford Biotech have been working hard to establish OB Consulting: a platform which provides talented PhD students and postdocs with the opportunity to work on consulting projects for industry clients.

They are now recruiting ambitious young scientists who would like to register their interest as potential consultants.

#### What do we mean by 'biotech consulting'?

Put simply, it means using your scientific or other expertise to advise life sciences, healthcare and pharmaceutical organisations. In some projects, this might involve using the kind of business skills employed by professional consulting companies to generate primary research data. In others, it might involve combining your own scientific expertise with that of other team members to produce a report in a particular disease area or niche scientific topic.

Crucially, you need no prior consulting experience to run a project with OB: projects are designed to make the most of your existing expertise, and will also usually be overseen by a professional consulting advisor.

So whether you're interested in a future career in consulting, or you just want to apply your scientific expertise in a non-academic setting, joining OB consulting will provide you with unique opportunities to develop your skills outside of the lab.

**OB will be running an informal information and networking session on Thursday 13th August.** To be eligible to join this and/or future events, first register with Oxford Biotech via our website ([www.oxfordbiotech.org/membership](http://www.oxfordbiotech.org/membership)), then send an email to [michael.tallis@oxfordbiotech.org](mailto:michael.tallis@oxfordbiotech.org), by Tuesday 11 August briefly explaining:

1. Why you want to join OB Consulting
2. What your areas of scientific or other expertise are

Please also include your name, research group and department. OB will then contact you with an invite to our info session (places at this session are limited, so register early to avoid missing out!)

Even if you cannot attend this first info session then still do get in touch – OB will be running similar events in the future, and will be marketing our future opportunities exclusively to registered members.

### Diagnostic Evidence Workshop

Thursday 1 October 2015 to Friday 2 October 2015, Worcester College, Oxford

The NIHR Diagnostic Evidence Co-operative (DEC) Oxford two day course on diagnostic test development, evaluation and regulation will be held at Worcester College on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 October 2015.



This course is aimed at all professionals working on diagnostic tests including people working in industry, academia, funding and regulation. During these two days we will provide you with the latest information on what evidence is needed to obtain regulatory approval, how NICE evaluates new diagnostic technology and how to collect evidence to support adoption in routine clinical practice. In addition we will teach you about different study designs including quality assessment and where to look for funding opportunities.

The course combines talks with hands-on activities. To stimulate interactive discussions and maximise the learning experience the number of places for this course are limited to 25.

For further information and to register [click here](#).

## GRAD Challenge, have you got what it takes?

Challenging course for DPhil students, 21 – 23 September 2015

GRAD Challenge is going University-wide this year! The course is being run for DPhil students (in year 2+) from all departments in the University.

Come and spend these three days being challenged and challenging yourself. You'll get the opportunity to assess and audit your skills and motivation, develop new skills, think about your future career and what your next steps towards it are going to be. If you take up the challenge, you will go away with more than you expect.

During the course you can expect to:

- Meet, network and work with DPhil students from across the whole University
- Tackle a range of activities and exercises, mostly in a group of about 10 students led by a tutor
- Be stretched intellectually and interpersonally
- Experience peer coaching
- Review where you are and plan what comes next

Go away with:

- An increased awareness of your skills and abilities
- New and enhanced skills
- Clarity about what your next steps will be

GRAD Challenge is designed to take an experiential or 'learning by doing' approach. While there is some element of presentation and information giving, for most of the time you will be actively participating in sessions and activities.

GRAD Challenge is being offered jointly by the Humanities, Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences Divisions. The course is free to attend for DPhil students in the University of Oxford.

For more information and how to apply [click here](#).

## Your chance to push the frontiers with the Wellcome Trust

*As the Wellcome Trust grows and evolves, it is important that we take a step back to look at the bigger picture and ensure we're heading in the right direction. This is not a journey that we are taking alone and so we are inviting you to help us decide which are the frontiers we should be pushing.*



Frontiers meetings are provocative meetings that challenge and disrupt thinking on a subject concerning the future of health, medicine, science or society that the Trust uses to inform our strategic thinking and help identify possible new directions for us to focus on to drive

change. The scope of our Frontiers meetings is broad and their topics can relate to any area of the Trust's work. This can include research possibilities – such as those relating to major disease areas, health challenges or developments in basic sciences, innovative ways of supporting training and development, or how science is given context in culture and society.

The primary idea behind Frontiers is to address issues where we are at the limit of our current understanding or capacity in an area, and where we need new thinking and innovative solutions to progress. They are provocative, and bring together experts from different sectors and nations to disrupt thinking and encourage fresh perspectives, to help catalyse new thinking and drive change in important areas.

As an organisation, we are currently looking at our strategy for the future and we would like input from the community. This is your chance to help shape our thinking. We are inviting you to share your ideas for future topics for our Frontiers meetings. What should we be discussing, and what role do you see for the Trust in contributing to these subjects?

If you have an idea for a topic, please let us know by submitting your idea on the [Frontiers webpage](#) outlining the key questions that need to be addressed, the different sectors that could feed the discussion, and how you think that we could help to shake up thinking on the issue.

We are interested in all suggestions, and we're keen to hear from a range of different communities, including researchers, the corporate sector and anyone with an interest in health and science. If your idea is selected we will give you the opportunity to work with us and see it evolve. Frontiers meetings will take place two or three times a year so there will be additional opportunities to share your ideas going forward.

**Further information about our [Frontiers meetings](#) and the current topics we are thinking about can be found on the [Wellcome Trust website](#). Contact Holly Baines ([h.baines@wellcome.ac.uk](mailto:h.baines@wellcome.ac.uk))**

**if you have any questions, and submit your ideas [here](#).**

## Wellcome Trust Committee Member Recruitment

Wellcome Trust funding committees and review groups play an essential role in helping the Trust decide which of the thousands of grant applications they receive each year should be supported. Ongoing refreshment of these committees is critical and in an effort to enhance the diversity of opinion and to increase opportunity and transparency, they will for the first time be **inviting open applications for new members of our funding committees and expert panels** this week.



Their aim is to establish a pool of prospective committee members in our Science, Innovations and Humanities & Social Science portfolios, from which they can draw to create new committees, refresh membership of existing committees and co-opt members for specific meetings.

If you know of colleagues, here or abroad, who you think would make great committee members for the Trust and fit our criteria, please do let them know of this opportunity. Of course if you would like to be considered yourself please do get in touch.

A webpage (<http://wellcome.ac.uk/committeerecruitment>.) has been established with more information and application details. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday 9 September.**

## What do research staff do next?

LERU survey for staff who have moved from university research to work in another occupation

Vitae, in collaboration with Naturejobs, Science Europe and LERU, is leading a European research project exploring the career transitions of former research staff who have moved into other occupations.

The project is being conducted through an online survey. The results will provide a valuable resource to aid current and prospective researchers to make well-informed career choices, to support research performing organisations in the careers provision they provide to their researchers, and to help inform future policy-making.

The project will form part of the highly successful 'What do researchers do?' publication series and will further support the body of evidence about the value and impact that researchers contribute to society, culture and the economy.

If you are a former research staff member and have left a university or research institute research post to work in another occupation and would like to contribute to the survey [click here](#).

The survey takes approximately 15–20 minutes to complete and all responses will remain anonymous and confidential. Your responses will support us to make a significant impact on the career development agenda for researchers.



## Medical Communications Careers Event

16 September 2015, Manchester

Are you interested in a career in medical communications? MedComms Networking will be running it's fifth networking and careers event in Manchester on 16 September 2015. For more information and how to register [click here](#).

## Wikipedia Science Conference

2, 3 September. Hosted in partnership with Wellcome Trust. Conference sharing skills, tools, and ideas in the intersection of STEM subjects and Wikimedia

This is prompted by the growing interest in Wikipedia, Wikidata, Commons, and other Wikimedia projects as platforms for opening up the scientific process.

A quick overview of the event:

<https://blog.wikimedia.org.uk/2015/06/booking-open-for-wikipedia-science-conference/>

and further details and a programme:

[https://wikimedia.org.uk/wiki/Wikipedia\\_Science\\_Conference](https://wikimedia.org.uk/wiki/Wikipedia_Science_Conference)



## Join the European Systems Biology Community

New online community for systems biology researchers

The [European Systems Biology Community](#) aims to facilitate networking and interactions, as well as to create a communication platform, for systems biology researchers.

To join the SB community visit the [website](#) and search for your name, you can then claim and customise your automatic profile (generated by a survey conducted by ISBE).

