

Funding available

Research Theme funds are available to **pump prime activities and events** which will lead to the development of further research activity.

Three criteria will be used to determine the allocation of any research theme funding:

1. Interdisciplinarity / cross-School collaboration
2. Strategic relevance to the theme(s); and
3. Generation of further research activity and / or income.

Requests should usually be in the region of **£50 to £1,500**

Apply at

www.sussex.ac.uk/research/themes/themefunding

Highlights of theme funding....

The **Talking Global Health** conference provided a forum for Sussex and Brighton faculty, the NHS community and NGOs to present a wide range of existing Global Health work. This event laid the foundations for the establishment of the interdisciplinary Centre for Global Health Policy.

The Ethics of HIV testing and transmission brought together an expert group of clinicians, policy-makers, philosophers, lawyers, epidemiologists, health-workers, HIV patients and members of HIV interest groups, to discuss some of the complex and ethically sensitive medical and legal decisions which surround HIV transmission and testing.

A **Food Thinker Day** is planned for April 2013 which will bring together researchers from Sussex and Brighton plus actors in Sussex based civil society organisations who work on food issues. The workshop will develop a research agenda that outlines local civil society research needs and areas for collaboration with academics. Contact Rebecca White for more information. R.White@sussex.ac.uk

A symposium on **Performance and Human-Computer Interaction** in June 2013 aims to create a forum for interdisciplinary connections between researchers and funders interested in ways to quantify intellectual, emotional and physical engagement to accelerate research and project development in the arts, education, and digital development. If interested, contact Harry Witchel H.Witchel@bsms.ac.uk

First Kick Start networks funded

Part of the University's allocation from the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) was used to create a new scheme which aims to connect Sussex academics with non-academic research users. The first round of the Kick Start network scheme received eight applications and four awards were made to:

Jorn Scharlemann, Reader in Ecology and Conservation
The **Planet Use Network** aims to bring together environmental, social and economic researchers with policy experts to develop methods to identify and quantify multiple dimensions and uncertainties of the impacts of human activities on the planet.

Dominic Kniveton, Professor of Climate Science and Society.
The **Network on Adaptation in Humanitarianism (NOAH)** will host an annual Research Hotel to provide Sussex academics with a chance to collaborate with some of the leading researchers in their fields, and forge new connections with operational agencies and funders of consultancy and research work.

Daniel Hough, Director of the Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption (SCSC) was awarded funds to develop a series of **anti-corruption workshops** with Transparency International which will enable the SCSC to continue to build links with the global anti-corruption community.

Sevasti-Melissa Nolas, Rachel Thomson and Janet Boddy.
The **New Publics: Innovating Children and Young People's Communities network** will focus on defining and engaging with emergent practice issues in child and youth development with a view to generating innovative ideas and strategies for new research and practice development. It will bring together Sussex academics, local practitioners, children, young people and their families through a series of knowledge transfer and exchange workshops.

The next call for applications will be issued in March with a June 2013 deadline

Important DATE!

Research Forum

Last year the themes launched a series of video interviews in which Sussex academics explore topics of public interest in which they are experts.

- What now for the eurozone?
- What are the risks of researching a deadly virus?
- Rising to the challenge: Corruption and Anti-corruption in the 21st Century

Upcoming pieces on: personal genomic data, social media and political discontent, and climate change and security.

Watch the videos at www.sussex.ac.uk/research/themes/researchforum



If you would like to participate in a video or submit a written opinion piece, contact researchthemes@sussex.ac.uk

Faculty from science schools needed!

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