

## Update from the Research Staff Office

Hello Everyone,

There's not much space for me to write this month as there are a lot of interesting opportunities coming up over the next month or so to tell you about.

I'm looking forward to our joint event with the University of Brighton on 4th December – Enhancing Professional Effectiveness. Places for this event went quickly, so for those that missed out, we will be looking to run another one in 2015.

Don't miss the Online Vitae Hangout (pg 2) this week – 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, there will be plenty of tips on raising your profile both inside and outside academia.

Best wishes,

Natalie James (Research Staff Officer, Research and Enterprise)

## Forthcoming Events....

[How to Raise Your Independent Profile](#) (virtual Q&A) (27<sup>th</sup> November)

[Introduction to Research Professional \(finding funding for your research costs\)](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> December)

[Enhancing Professional Effectiveness](#) (4<sup>th</sup> December)

[Teaching & Communicating science in a digital age](#), Society for Experimental Biology's meeting, in London (15 – 17<sup>th</sup> December)

[Exploring Careers Outside Academia](#) (21<sup>st</sup> January)

## The Collaborative Researcher

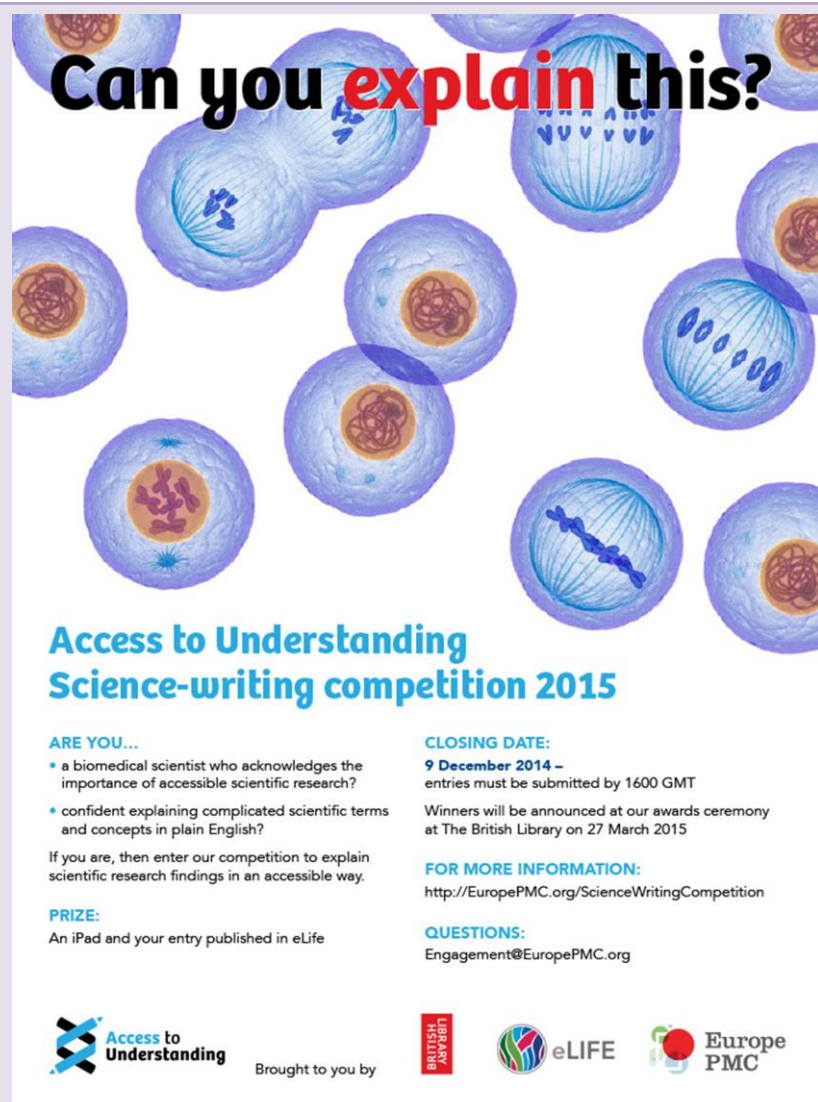
21– 22 January 2015

The Open University are offering free places on this two day training workshop.

This course will look at the building blocks of the collaborative style of research: inclusive communication, cultural awareness, robust planning, negotiation and the ability to work effectively with others.

Whether your collaboration is with another academic in your department, or partners from different subjects, sectors and countries, it will help you to develop winning strategies for connecting and working with others.

Sign up here: <https://www.vitae.ac.uk/events/collaborative-researcher-ou>



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## Postdoctoral Researchers: How to develop your profile in and outside academia – Free Online Event - 27 November, 2-3pm

Are you a postdoctoral researcher? Would you like to raise your profile as an independent researcher? Or perhaps you are thinking of establishing yourself outside academia? Then join us for a free live online event (#vitaehangout). Our panellists will offer their responses to the following questions:

- How do I use networking to work for my career?
- What are the most effective strategies for marketing yourself to potential employers as a postdoctoral researcher?
- How do I increase the impact of communicating with colleagues and stakeholders?
- How to improve my professional online profile?
- What makes me employable?

Sign up here: <https://www.vitae.ac.uk/events/raising-profile-for-postdoctoral-researchers>

### Opportunity:

#### Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowships

**Closing Date 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015**

This scheme is for outstanding scientists in the UK at an early stage of their research career who require a flexible working pattern due to personal circumstances such as parenting or caring responsibilities or health issues.

These fellowships enable early-career scientists and engineers to take the first step into an independent research career. Research may address any subject in the natural sciences, including agriculture, mathematics, technology, medical, environmental or engineering science. Applicants must have completed their PhD but have no more than six years of research experience after receipt of their PhD award.

[More information](#)

### AHRC International Placement Scheme

The AHRC have now launched their International Placement Scheme for 2015. The call for places will remain open until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**.

The annual International Placement Scheme (IPS) provides funded research fellowships at world-leading international research institutions for early career researchers, doctoral-level research assistants and AHRC/ESRC\*-funded doctoral students.

From 2015, IPS fellowships are available at:

- [Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin, USA](#)
- [Huntington Library, San Marino, California, USA](#)
- [Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA](#)
- [National Institutes for the Humanities, Japan](#)
- [Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., US](#)
- [Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut, USA](#)

PLUS one new host TBC, which specializes in Chinese Performing Arts

[See the AHRC website for further information about applying](#)

There will be a briefing for Sussex staff and students about the scheme on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3-5pm**. Please contact Tracy Wallace if you would like to attend the briefing ([T.A.Wallace@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:T.A.Wallace@sussex.ac.uk))

### Contributions

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