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Update from the Research Staff Office

Hello Everyone,

October has been an interesting and busy month as we have been starting off a number of new initiatives for researchers.

It has been great to see many of you at the various events including the inductions for the Women in STEMM mentoring scheme, research staff welcome lunch and research staff forum. It is especially nice to see lots of new faces at our events. Welcome to those of you that have recently joined us at Sussex, I know there are a number of you this term.

We also held the Autumn Term meeting of the Research Staff Working Group, (the University committee that oversees support for research staff) where we were discussing ideas and plans for how we can support researchers over the next two year period. We will be sharing our plans and asking you for input and feedback in the Spring and would really value your comments, ideas and suggestions. Of course you don't need to wait for an invitation to feedback to us – we welcome your input and ideas at any time and if you want to get more involved, why not consider being a rep for your school (see pg 2).

Best wishes,

Natalie James (Research Staff Officer, Research and Enterprise)

Registration Now Open for Spring Term Research Staff Workshops

[Spring Term development workshops](#) for research staff are now open for registration.

There is an interesting programme of events covering everything from how to find funding for your research to public engagement and communicating impact, to exploring alternative career paths.

Some places are also still available on the Autumn Term workshops. Please see the [full programme listing](#) for further information and workshop outlines.

Highlights from the spring term calendar include:

- Exploring Careers Outside Academia – 21st Jan ([Book Now](#))
- Effective Networking – 3rd Feb ([Book Now](#))
- Engaging Researcher: Getting started in Public Engagement – 25th Feb ([Book Now](#))
- Getting Research Funded (Sciences and Medicine) – 5th March ([Book Now](#))

Forthcoming Events....

[Research Ethics and Integrity Workshop](#) (4th November)

[Research Funding Coffee Morning: Charities](#) (20th November)

[Every Researcher Counts Workshop](#) (25th November)

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

[Introduction to Research Professional](#) (3rd December)

[Enhancing Professional Effectiveness](#) (4th December)

[Public Speaking and Communicating your research – Masterclass for Women in Science](#) (11th December)

Technology Enhanced Learning at Sussex

For the 14/15 academic year, the TEL team have put together a series of workshops that will assist staff with their use of technology in teaching, learning and research. Click on the themes below to jump to the corresponding workshops:

- [Interactive teaching and learning](#)
- [Digital assessment](#)
- [Creating and using digital resources](#)



Skills in Action

Confessions and Realities of Early Career Research:

Lifting the lid on today's challenges and skills for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and just being an early career researcher

(<http://www.skillsinaction.eca.ed.ac.uk/digital-skills-festival/>)

Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 November, 2014

Grassmarket Community Centre, 86 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh
Tickets are free but space is limited (travel bursaries available).

Sign up via Eventbrite

@ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/confessions-and-realities-of-early-career-research-tickets-13920168599>.

Join us as we bring together leading academics, early career researchers (ECR), creative practitioners and media experts to share experiences and discuss the importance of knowledge exchange and the challenges for early career researchers.

Opportunity:

Research fellowships in science or engineering

Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, GB

These fellowships are intended to give early-career scientists or engineers of exceptional promise the opportunity to conduct a research project of their own instigation. Approximately eight fellowships are available for up to three years, each carrying a stipend of £30,000 for the first year, and £31,500 for the second and third years. A London weighting of £2,500 per year is payable where appropriate. Fellows may also receive sums of up to £3,000 towards additional research costs.

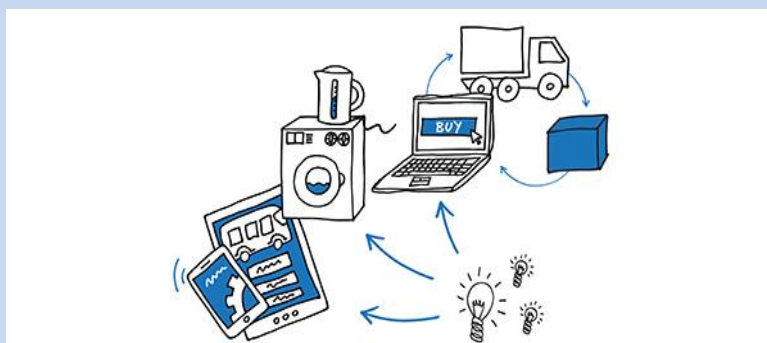
Award amount max: £109,500

Closing date: 19 Feb 15

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NESTA Inclusive Technology Prize

Through the £50,000 Inclusive Technology Prize, NESTA is looking for ideas for products, technologies and systems that offer disabled people, their families, friends and carers equal access to life's opportunities. Innovations can relate to any aspect of life including education, home, leisure, transport and work. Find out how you can get involved or submit an idea.



Autumn Term Research Staff Forum – Open Access Publishing

There was a good turnout to the Research Staff Forum on 15th October, where Helen Webb talked about the practicalities and benefits of open access publishing. Many thanks to those that came and contributed to the discussions. If you missed the event you can download the presentations from the [research staff webpages](#).

As part of [International Open Access Week](#) the Library Research Support team have recently re-launched the [Open Access Webpages](#) to provide information on the relevant policies, as well as practical advice on how researchers can make their work Open Access. You can also get direct support or information by emailing library.researchsupport@sussex.ac.uk

Wanted: Research Staff Representatives

- Want to make a difference to your own and others experiences at Sussex?
- Want to influence University Policy?
- Want to boost your CV with University committee experience?
- Want to work with colleagues from across the University?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above then we want to hear from you. Being a research staff rep for your school will not require a big time commitment but could make a big difference to your own and others careers. Email Research Staff Officer, Natalie James N.A.James@sussex.ac.uk to find out more.

Contributions

If you have an article or information you would like included in the Research Staff Newsletter please send it to N.A.James@sussex.ac.uk