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## Note from the Research Staff Officer

Hello and welcome to Research Staff Newsletter, I hope you are all having a good start to the new academic year.

It's a packed issue this month, so I'll keep it brief. I am very pleased this month to be able to bring you the full details of the new Research Staff Development Series of events/workshops (see below). There are a wide variety of workshops on offer for you throughout the year, so I hope that you will find something of interest to further your professional development.

Do you have your own idea for a professional development related activity for researchers? If so, take a look at the Researcher Led Initiative Fund (page 2) that can help get your activity off the ground.

We kick off the Autumn term events for research staff in October with the Research Staff Forum on 15<sup>th</sup> and also by welcoming those new to Sussex at the welcome lunch for new research staff on 22<sup>nd</sup>. I look forward to seeing many of you at these and future events throughout the year.

Best wishes,

Natalie James (Research Staff Officer, Research and Enterprise)

## New for 2014/15 - Research staff development series of events and workshops

### [Programme information and booking](#)

In the recent Research Staff Training and Development survey, 89% of you stated that you would be interested in participating in a tailored training and development programme for research staff.

Following your feedback, for 2014/15 the Research Staff Office is launching a new series of bespoke training and development workshops for research staff.

[A full list of the Autumn and Spring term events](#) is now available and covers a range of topics including:

- Research Ethics and Integrity ([Book now](#) for 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2-4)
- Every Researcher Counts: Introduction to Equality and Diversity and Unconscious Bias ([Book now](#) for 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2-4.30)
- Establishing yourself ([Book now](#) for 4<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30 – 4.30)
- Effective Networking
- Exploring non-academic careers
- Public Engagement
- Getting Research Funded
- IP and commercialisation
- Impact in grant applications
- Managing your academic career
- Aiming for a lectureship

Booking for Autumn Term events is open now and booking for Spring Term events will open soon. We look forward to welcoming you to these events and hope you will find them both useful and enjoyable.

## Forthcoming Events....

[Research Staff Forum](#) (15<sup>th</sup> October)

Welcome Lunch for new research staff (22<sup>nd</sup> October)

[Research Ethics and Integrity Workshop](#) (4<sup>th</sup> November)

[Every Researcher Counts Workshop](#) (25<sup>th</sup> November)

[Establishing Yourself Workshop](#) (4<sup>th</sup> December)

## Cumberland Colloquia

A opportunity for Early Career Researchers to run a fully-mentored interdisciplinary colloquium.

Deadline for proposals 1pm on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – [further information here](#)

## Research Staff Forum

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> October (1-2.30pm) Medical School 3.07A**

We are looking forward to the Autumn term Research Staff Forum, which this term will be themed around Open Access Publishing.

Along with the usual open discussion, networking and lunch, we will be joined by Helen Webb from the Library Research Support Team who will talk about the practicalities and benefits of making your work Open Access.

Hope to see you there!

## Two thirds of the British public feel 'uninformed' about research

A recent survey of 1000 people conducted on behalf of the Department for Business Innovations and Skills (BIS) has revealed that the proportion of people who feel 'informed' about science and research has fallen 8% since 2004 to 31%.

The survey revealed that people with a University degree make up half of those who feel informed. Around 1/3 of those who feel informed are white and male. A quarter of those who feel uninformed were over the age of 65.

If you want to know more about engaging the public with your research, look out for the forthcoming 'engaging researcher' workshop in Feb 2015.

## EPSRC Science Photo Competition

Share your photos to support excellence and promote the benefits of outstanding UK engineering and physical sciences. Be in with a chance of winning £500 worth of camera equipment.

The EPSRC Photo Competition is an event for all **EPSRC-supported researchers and EPSRC-supported doctoral students** to share their research using images.

[More information](#)



## Researcher Led Initiative Fund

Putting on a conference? Looking for some support for a training and development event for researchers?

The Researcher-Led Initiative (RLI) fund supports peer-led professional development activities for researchers. We are keen to sponsor initiatives that benefit a broad range of researchers (across disciplines and career stages). You may seek funding for activities that expand or build on current provision for researchers.

### Call for applications

The deadline for the current call is **Friday 31st October 2014**. Applications should be received by 5pm.

Go to the [Doctoral School funding pages](#), to download the application form and guidance notes.

### Award amount

Up to £1,000 per project.

### Contact

Contact Laura Chapman, Researcher Development Coordinator at [researcher-development@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:researcher-development@sussex.ac.uk) with any queries.

## Do you know someone who wants to return to a research career?

The University is sponsoring four [Daphne Jackson Research Fellowships](#) for those wishing to return to research in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths following a career break of two or more years for family, caring or health reasons.

Fellows will carry out a research project of their own design in a University of Sussex research group. [Further information about the scheme](#).

If you know someone that might be interested in this opportunity please pass on this information. Closing date for [applications](#) – **Fri 31<sup>st</sup> October**

## 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](mailto:N.A.James@sussex.ac.uk)

## Research Professional: Finding Fellowship Opportunities

This is the time of year that many major funders are releasing calls for their fellowship schemes.

Schemes are too numerous to list them all here, but you can keep on top of what's out there by registering for free with [Research Professional](#) to create tailored searches and email alerts.

## Newton Fund Advanced Fellowships and Mobility Grants launched

New government initiative for funding collaborative research with international partners. See [Newton Fund](#) for more details.