

TechNet Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the TechNet newsletter aimed at providing relevant information to all Warwick University technicians. This newsletter is produced quarterly and if you have anything you would like to add, please email: technicians@warwick.ac.uk.

Technician's commitment-update

We are coming to the end of the first year of our action plan on the commitment and lots of good progress has been made. We have held focus groups, a window at Warwick event for technicians, A Technicians showcase and produced a Technicians commitment Brochure, a dedicated website for technicians as well as the lanyards. The link below is to the online copy of the brochure:

[https://warwick.ac.uk/research/technicians/ourtechniciancommitment/19498k -
_uow_technician_commitment_brochure_print.pdf](https://warwick.ac.uk/research/technicians/ourtechniciancommitment/19498k_-_uow_technician_commitment_brochure_print.pdf)

Papin Prizes

A huge congratulations to Steve Hindmarsh who won a Papin prize at HETS 2019. Steve was a core research facility winner and is a technician in the Electron Microscopy RTP facility. It was great to see the lifetime achievement award being renamed after Lord Bhattacharyya, who as many know was a great supporter of technicians.



HETS 2019

A large number of Warwick University technicians attended this event on a very rainy day and the feedback so far has been positive. We hope those that went enjoyed the presentations and workshops. One workshop which proved extremely popular was called implementing the technician commitment and was ran by our very own Ian Hancox and Paul Johnson.

Technician's report: providing frontline and vital support for mental health and wellbeing

A collaborative report undertaken by the Technician's commitment in partnership with the Science Council, IOP, RSB, RSC, University of Nottingham and the University of Liverpool identifies and highlights the role that technicians play in supporting Student's mental health and wellbeing. The report offers a number of recommendations to the higher education sector, individual employers and to technicians themselves. To access the report in full, please click on the link below:

<https://www.technicians.org.uk/assets/technician-commitment/pdfs/report-technicians-student-well-being.pdf>

Professional Registration Fund

The fund pays for the first year of your professional registration. Once the expression of interests form has been completed on the Technet website (link below) and support from line managers have been collected, a short application form will be emailed to those interested. This fund is available to applicants on the basis of the strength of their application and the support from their line manager. However, the fund is not unlimited, and therefore applications will be prioritised in monthly cycles by the Steering Group until the fund is spent. We encourage all technicians to apply for professional registration as it is good for personal development.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/research/technicians/professionalregistrationfund/>

Industry Day

Industry day will take place on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at the Slate. This event will benefit those technicians whose role involves supporting industrial R&D

Social media

Don't forget for all information related to technicians please visit the website:

TechNet at Warwick:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/research/technicians>

Also please follow us on our twitter:



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