

FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

JUNE 2014 E-NEWSLETTER

SUPPORT OVERVIEW

Learning and Development support for all Research Active Staff at Warwick focuses on five main areas of support:

- ⇒ Career Development
- ⇒ Enterprise & Entrepreneurship
- ⇒ Equality & Diversity
- ⇒ Leadership
- ⇒ Skills

Please contact Sandy Sparks:
Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk with any queries or to discuss your needs.

Visit the website for Research Active Staff (below) for details on current support.

The Learning and Development provision for research active staff (research, academic and teaching) for 2014/15 is currently being developed.

Please contact Sandy with specific requests by the end of June 2014.

Learning & Development

Research Active Staff



Update from the Research Staff Forum

The most recent Research Staff Forum was held on 21 May. The minutes will be available by mid-June on the website below, detailing the interesting discussions and comments from representatives across the university. These will include the update from PVC Tim Jones on pertinent developments in:

- ⇒ Research Impact
- ⇒ Open Access
- ⇒ Research Data Management
- ⇒ Funding

The next meeting is being held on 8 October 2014.

Details about the forum can be found at:
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/rsf/>

View the list of department representatives, or consider joining the Forum. For further information or to book a place on the next forum meeting please email:
researcherqueries@warwick.ac.uk

NEW THIS MONTH:

EVENT NEWS:

- ⇒ Academic Blogging and Online Writing
- ⇒ Events around the country

SUPPORT UPDATE:

- ⇒ Research Staff Forum on 21 May: key points.
- ⇒ Survey: What Do Research Staff Do Next?

FOCUS ON: EVENTS & ACTIVITY AROUND THE COUNTRY

With the summer approaching and just a few development events still to run at Warwick before the end of the academic year, we wanted to make you aware of a number of externally led events and activities taking place around the country in the coming months.



New Challenges for Researcher Development in the Evolving Landscape of Doctoral Education

**A Vitae Open Space event on 19 June 2014,
10.00–16.00
Bloomsbury Holiday Inn, London.**

Vitae is providing an opportunity for all those involved in researcher development and the running of Doctoral Training Centres to discuss and address the overarching theme 'how can we, together, support researchers, ensuring an equality of professional development provision for all, in light of the changing structures for doctoral education, such as doctoral training centres?'

The event will centre on sharing experiences and identifying collaborative and innovative ways to help researchers manage their careers within a complex and changing landscape of choice and opportunity.

The day is open to directors or administrators of doctoral centres, academics, including researchers themselves. For further details and to book, visit:
<https://www.vitae.ac.uk/events>

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What Do Research Staff Do Next?

Vitae, in collaboration with Naturejobs, are investigating the careers of research staff who have moved from research posts in European HE institutions to other employment sectors. The aim is to develop a better understanding of how these researchers transition, what careers they have and their reflections on the transition process and current career paths.

If you are still in contact with former colleagues who have moved away from academic research and who may wish to participate in a survey, please direct them to:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/wdrsdn

Midlands Research Staff Association Career Development and Networking event

**17 July 2014—10.00am—4.00pm
University of Nottingham**

Warwick has a strong network of staff associations across the institution, but if any research staff are interested in looking at more regional networking opportunities, you may be interested in signing up to the Midlands RSA and attending this event ...

The aim is to draw together Midlands research staff who have signed up to the Midlands Research Staff Association (MRSA), co-ordinated by the Vitae Midlands Hub. Over 90 people are now registered to the MRSA and receiving regular updates on events, job opportunities and activities.

This is an opportunity for the following:

- ⇒ to attend a morning career development skills session giving guidance on unconscious bias (awareness in the research environment); interview success; career progression and career change outside academia.
- ⇒ participate in a networking afternoon to shape the direction of the MRSA going forward to meet individual and collaborative researcher needs across the region.

Expert careers consultants and researcher developers will facilitate the day.

The day is free to attend, including refreshments and a buffet lunch.

Contact Lisa Lavender for more details (L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk) or visit the event booking site at:
<https://www.vitae.ac.uk/events/midlands-rsa-career-development-networking-event>

The latest Vitae Midlands Hub blog explores the provision of academic writing support for research staff and students: based on the presentations and discussions at a recent forum of researcher developers across the region.

The range of support at different institutions with ideas for collaborations and best practice are highlighted.

For this and other blog posts visit:
Vitaemidhub.wordpress.com

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@MidlandsHub



EVENTS & ACTIVITY AROUND THE COUNTRY CONT'D



Future Directions in Academic Writing

**The 15th Biennial Writing Development
in HE Conference: 9–11 July,**

**Hosted at the Centre for Academic Writing (CAW),
Coventry University.**

The network was founded in 1994 in response to national concerns about the standards of students' writing. This year's conference will consider the pedagogy and scholarship needed in order to sustain and develop further the teaching and researching of writing in higher education.

For further details please visit:

<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/events/WDHE2014/>

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6th ESRC Research Methods Festival

8-10 July 2014

St. Catherine's College, Oxford

The Festival offers a varied programme with over 50 sessions and 200 speakers. Festival Themes:

- ⇒ Cross-national methods and international knowledge exchange.
- ⇒ Secondary data analysis initiatives
- ⇒ Methodological innovations
- ⇒ Social media and creative methods
- ⇒ Careers and skills development

For more information visit:

<http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/RMF2014/home.php>

British Council Researcher Links Workshops: Call Now Open

British Council Researcher Links provides opportunities for early career researchers from the UK and partner countries to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations.

Researcher Links is calling upon leading researchers to propose themes for bilateral workshops to be held in one of the 18 partner countries, which will bring together early career researchers to discuss their research and start to build international relationships.

Unless specified otherwise in the guidelines, all research areas are covered, including the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.

The deadline for applications is 9 June 2014.

For further details visit:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/society/science/funding-opportunities/researcher-links-workshops-call>

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RCUK Careers in Research: new career case studies published.

Research Councils UK (RCUK) has published further research career case studies, with researchers telling their own personal story of how they got involved in research, what it takes to be a researcher, and their rewarding experiences from their chosen career paths.

The case studies highlight the opportunities research skills can give, not only in academia but also in the wider world of business, industry and commerce and cover a wide range of disciplines including arts and humanities, engineering, maths, biology, social sciences and physics.

The case studies can be found at:

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/skills/percase/>

The press release for RCUK Careers in Research is available at:

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/media/news/140520/>

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT WARWICK

Women in Science and the Media Communication and Personal Impact Training for Early Career Female Scientists

30 July—1 August 2014

Cumberland Lodge, Windsor and
BBC Broadcasting House, London

This innovative course uses science media to help postdoctoral academics improve their ability to communicate with different audiences, from other researchers and grant reviewers to journalists and members of the public. It focuses on the barriers facing female scientists in their careers and how developing effective presentation skills and personal impact can help.

Funding is still available to cover the £330 course costs (accommodation extra) for University of Warwick researchers. For more information please visit:
<http://bit.ly/womenscis>

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Academic Blogging and Online Writing 2 July 2014 Wolfson Research Exchange

This one-day workshop is aimed primarily at early career researchers (including PhD students) in the Social Science community who are interested in increasing their knowledge of blogging and writing for the web for a range of audiences. The purpose will be to provide a general introduction and overview for setting up a blog, understanding how to tailor writing style to this type of media and understanding and building audiences.

An opportunity to put learning into practice

Following on from the workshop, funding will be available from MYPLACE for 5-6 participants to write online pieces based on MYPACE research reports, subject to editorial guidelines (to test the concept, with a view to opening it to other funded research projects). Participants would be paid for these pieces and attendance at the workshop is required for this work, but the work is not required to attend the workshop.

A website and booking details will be available soon but **if you would like to register interest please contact Ronni Littlewood (RSS) at:**
v.r.littlewood@warwick.ac.uk

LDC EVENTS

The final events for this academic year are highlighted below.

Please note that many of the events run in 2013/14 will not be repeated: a new programme of development events is being devised for 2014/15.

Select the links below or visit the **Programme of Events for Research Active Staff** for details on all these events:

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/

11 June 2014 *new date*

Unconscious Bias

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/unconscious_bias/

26 & 27 June 2014

Academic Writing Away Days

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/awpbootcamp/>

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From the Windows on Warwick Programme ...

8 July 2014 *new date*

Gender Equality Charter Mark (GEM)

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development-wow/gem1>

This introduction to GEM will be particularly useful for research staff in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

WMS Book & Journal Club

The final book club meetings for this academic year will be held on:

⇒ 24 June in Room B-026 (WMS)

Design and analyses for rare diseases

⇒ 29 July in Room A-030 (WMS)

Mathematics vs. statistical modelling in infectious diseases.

Both meetings are from 11am to midday.

Lunch will be provided after the meeting.

For more information please visit:

<http://warwick.ac.uk/wmsbookclub>