

If you have news or information that you want included in the monthly e-newsletter for research staff, for example events you are organising or want promoting, or that your network or group is doing, please contact **Sandy** (sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk x74121)

Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre

Learning & Development Centre opportunities for training and development are for contracted Warwick research staff.

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

The LDC Research Staff Development Programme is available on the website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/#rp>

| Workshops | Date |
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| Building external relationships to gain research funding - for Social Science Faculty | 11 October |
| Raise your profile - electronically & other alternatives | 12 October |
| Academic Writing Programme - Workshop 1 | 20 October |
| Practical Project Management for Researchers | 27 October |
| Building external relationships to gain research access - for Social Science Faculty | 31 October |
| How to sell yourself & your research | 1 November |
| Academic Writing Programme - Workshop 2 | 3 November |
| Building external relationships to assist with dissemination and impact - for Social Science Faculty | 8 November |
| Technology for Research: Focus on Funding | 9 November |
| Academic Writing Programme - Workshop 3 | 17 November |
| How to write a proposal to influence panel members - for Social Science Faculty | 22 November |
| Project Management 2 for Researchers - the next steps | 24 November |
| Relating your research skills to employer needs | 29 November |
| Academic Writing Programme - Workshop Day 4 - Peer review *new* | 1 December |
| How to write a proposal to influence a reviewer - for Social Science Faculty | 6 December |

The workshops highlighted above in yellow are not yet live on the website. To register your interest in receiving further information on any of these sessions email Val Bentick v.bentick@warwick.ac.uk

This will be the final term of researcher programme opportunities funded by Roberts'.

Research Team Leaders' Programme (RTLTP)

A pilot leadership programme has been developed for Research Team Leaders. The four half day workshops with coaching support will run in the autumn term. The overall aim of the development programme is to equip Research Team Leaders with the key skills needed to lead and manage their teams. Content is based on four key areas:

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| Workshop One | Working with Others | 26 October |
| Workshop Two | Leading your Team | 9 November |
| Workshop Three | Handling Change and Uncertainty | 23 November |
| Workshop Four | Running Effective Meetings | 7 December |

Full programme details including how to nominate are at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/rtltp/>

Academic Writing Programme.

The website has been updated with the upcoming provision of 1-1's, workshops session and writing camp as well as the previous session information.

The programme aims to support Post Doc/Early Career Researchers who wish to develop writing strategies to generate publications from active research.

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/acawrite>

Booking is available for the following Academic Writing offerings:

- **One to One sessions**

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/acawrite/booking/>

- **Workshops**

Workshop 1 - **20 October 2011**

Workshop 2 - **3 November 2011**

Workshop 3 - **17 November 2011**

new Workshop 4, Peer Review Day - **1 December 2011**

Booking form: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/acawrite/bookingworkshops/>

Researcher feedback from the 2 day writing camp 7 & 8 September 2011

"Good news - Paper accepted for journal between last 2 day writing camp 22 & 23 June 2011 and the start of this"
Dr Nana Zhang, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow.

"The two-day writing camp gave me dedicated time and space to revise a paper, which would otherwise have been left as other deadlines would have taken priority. The one-to-one session on the first day with Rochelle gave me confidence in the work I had done on focusing and restructuring the paper. My paper is now ready to be submitted and I am keen to start the next paper."
Dr Sally-Anne Barnes, Senior Research Fellow, Warwick Institute for Employment Research.

"During the writing camp I was able to work on the last version of a paper that I wanted to submit to an academic journal. I addressed some comments that were still pending, proof read the paper, made the final changes, and went through the process of submitting it to the journal. I think that if I had not attended the writing camp the paper would still be sitting on my desk ALMOST ready to be submitted. I'd also like to mention that previous academic writing sessions organised for my department (IER) were important milestones in the preparation of this paper."
Dr Maria de Hoyos, Research Fellow, Institute for Employment Research.

Academic Writing Programme Case studies ****NEW****

The case studies are to provide both a legacy as well as ideas and best practice from the range of different programmes that have been run.

The University-wide 2 day writing camp, mixes disciplines and researchers, giving them a chance to network and provides an opportunity to collaborate while having protected time to write either journal articles, chapters of books or to plan the next publication. Another programme was on bid writing and the final one on peer review.

For the case studies see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/awp/bestpractice/>

Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre - cont'd

Research Staff Networks

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/networks/>

The next meeting is planned for 25 October 2011.

If there are any bespoke workshops for departments or groups of research staff that you are interested in, please contact Sandy to discuss (sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk x 74121)

The LDC General Programme

Other Learning & Development Centre offers that may be valuable to research staff are on the general programme

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

Funding opportunity for researchers:

For further information about individual or departmental funding opportunities, please see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/>

****Please note: Roberts' funding for individual & departmental grants has been used up.****

Roberts' funding individual & departmental grants total = £273.5K

- Arts Faculty - x34 applications = £45.6K
- Social Science Faculty - x42 applications = £37.5K
- Science Faculty - x133 applications = £151K
- Medicine - x35 applications = £29.5K

Roberts' funding applications

A record of previous applications is available at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/rfapps/>

Feedback from Roberts' Funded Events

The sharing of best practice by research staff: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/rfeedback/>

Roberts' funded events case studies ****NEW****

The case studies are to provide both a legacy of the Roberts' funded events that have been supported and also feedback on the benefits for research staff as well as ideas and best practice from the range of different initiatives supported.

For the case studies see: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/rfeedback/>

Sessions taking place that are Roberts' funded and open to Research Staff include:

- **10 October 2011. Meeting for RAPS/RAMS and Macrogroup,** Scarman House. Contact Helen Willcock for further information: H.Willcock@warwick.ac.uk
- **Autumn term 2011 (weekly from weeks 2-10, except reading week) - Humanities Building** - Contact Dr Sotirios Paraschas/ Dr Fabio Camilletti for further information: s.paraschas@warwick.ac.uk / F.Camilletti@warwick.ac.uk
- **Oct – Dec 2011 – RSC Lectures.** Contact Christophe Corre/ Matt Gibson for more information. c.corre@warwick.ac.uk / M.I.Gibson@warwick.ac.uk
The Early Career Researcher Poster session will take place on 6 October 2011.
- **Chemical Biology Cluster Meetings** - up to end of December 2011. Organised by Elizabeth Hardiman: E.Hardiman@warwick.ac.uk

- **16 November 2011 – IAS Seminar Room**
Organising a one-day workshop on 'Researching China'
Dr Nana Zhang: N.Zhang@warwick.ac.uk
- **23 November 2011 – IAS – Organising a one-day conference on 'Gender, Subjectivity and Oral History'** - Dr Angela Davis: Angela.Davis@warwick.ac.uk
- **Until 17 December 2011.**
Applied Mathematics and Statistics Seminar Series.
For further information contact Kody Law: K.J.H.Law@warwick.ac.uk
- **July/Oct/Dec 2011.**
Physics Lunchtime Seminars.
For Post-doc researchers to exchange ideas and present work to peers. For further information contact Dr Susan Burrows: S.E.Burrows@warwick.ac.uk
- **Until 17 Dec 2011.**
Statistics department events. Bi-monthly seminar series - Partial Differential Equations & Geometry, Mathematics Dept. http://www.warwick.ac.uk/~masiai/Geom_PDE.html
- **WMG Researcher Network/Forum.** Contact Vanessa Goodship for further information: V.Goodship@warwick.ac.uk
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/>
- **WMG Researcher Seminars.** International Digital Laboratory.
- October: Dr Bhattacharjee, TATA Steel
- November: tbc
- December: Dr. Rebecca Cain, WMG
Liaise with Rebecca Cain for further information: R.Cain.1@warwick.ac.uk
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg/research/researchseminars>
- **WMS Early Career Researchers' Network programme.**
For further information contact Sian Taylor-Phillips: S.Taylor-Phillips@warwick.ac.uk

EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferrable Skills Funding

Up to £70K of EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferrable Skills Funding that will be available from 1 September 2011 to 31 March 2012. The funding cannot be used to support conference attendance.

Approved funding to date: £12k

4 applications made during September have received a total of £12k, details of these are available at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchersepsrc/funding/>

The criteria, application form and full details are available at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchersepsrc/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Training' page. The page has a blue header and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area contains the following text: 'The Funding is available primarily to Research staff and is supported by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). Funding covers the period 1 September until 31 March 2012.' Below this text are three large blue buttons: 'Application Process, Criteria, Forms', 'Funding', and 'Feedback & Shared Learning'. At the bottom, there is a 'Further information' section with the contact details: 'Contact Sandy, Sparks x74121' and 'Further funding opportunities - Internal funding at Warwick'.

Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre - cont'd

The Business Engagement Network

What is the Business Engagement Network and what does it do ?

Very simply, the Business Engagement Network, is a self selecting group of researchers who get together to:

- support, motivate and promote each other
- share, explore and shape ideas of how to engage businesses in applied research
- welcome and encourage new members.

So how does it actually work ?

The BE Network is a 'federation' of actual and aspiring applied researchers who have established and are continually developing a dynamic and effective network. The network operates on a multi-level access model which enables all members to participate at the pace and style that suits their individual circumstances and needs.

In essence the BE Network are a "community of trade", where we trade ideas, experience, expertise, know-how, contacts, links, opportunities, services and products. The BE Network through its collective management style, group culture and individual positive attitudes is inspirational and motivational.

It operates through:

- Monthly meetings - *1st Wednesday of the month, 4.30 - 5.30pm*
- Group messaging & one-to-one messaging
- Focus groups & specialist speakers – demand-led
- Small group meetings as requested,
- Individuals choosing to meet / work together
- Mentoring support
- Managing and delivering regional seminars

For meeting dates and further information:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/ben>
contact Trevor Robinson: T.Robinson@warwick.ac.uk

Further opportunities/support/information within Warwick

Teaching for Researchers Programme, LDC

A pilot programme has been developed for researchers who are teaching or have an interest in developing the skills needed to teach. The programme will start in the spring term with two core half-day workshops. The content covered includes:

- Teaching as a researcher
- Developing confidence and presence as a teacher
- How students learn
- Small and large group teaching
- Assessment and feedback

The core workshops are supplemented by a series of shorter workshops which you can select from to tailor the programme to meet your individual interest. Register your interest in the programme at <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/ldc/development/tlr>

Find out more about the programme by attending the 'Enhancing your Teaching' event on 10 November 2011 see: http://blogs.warwick.ac.uk/researcherlife/entry/autumn_term_events/

Santander Research Grant Funding

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding/external/santander/agreement/rgf/academic/>

Library Support

Research Exchange: <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/researchexchange>

Opportunities outside Warwick

Vitae

Information for Research Staff, see <http://vitae.ac.uk/researchers/1269/Research-staff.html>

Vitae Course / Events <http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/337551/Courses-and-events.html>

- 12 - 14 December 2011 **Leadership in Action**, Warwick University
Leadership in Action is a 3 day non-residential course which will allow you to explore and develop your leadership skills. If you would like to develop your leadership skills, build confidence in your own leadership style and explore the concept of leadership then this course is relevant for you. You will be able to explore leadership in both theory and practice while working with a team of experienced facilitators from a range of career backgrounds. As well as learning more about your strengths and weaknesses, you will be able to recognise your achievements and how to use these to create future success.

For more information and to fill in a booking form please visit:

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/397071-393481/Leadership-in-Action.html>

UK Council for Graduate Education - <http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/events/>

Opportunities outside Warwick - cont'd

The **National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM)** have an upcoming training event that may interest researchers. Course delivered by Professor Rob Walker from the University of East Anglia over two separate days entitled 'Video-Making in Collaborative Research'

Day 1 is on 07/10/11 with a follow up day on 24/11/11

This event is primarily for those who are beginning or have just started visual research projects. It is not restricted to video but aimed at those who are planning to work with photography, audio and multimedia. It is open to people working in any area – including social, management, art, history, environment, education and health projects. 'Collaboration' is taken to include a wide range of levels of involvement and engagement from collecting data to action research and community projects.

For more details see http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/training/?action=event_details&id=3107

Contacts:

Roberts' funded support staff: Who does what? Until December 2011

Sandy Sparks sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk ext 74121 (LDC) - 80% FTE to provide enhanced communication and providing information to the research staff through; the monthly e-newsletter, annual researcher learning & development programme, the research staff groups in faculties and departments and the LDC/ Researcher website. One to one coaching. Manages the Roberts' funding for individual researchers & departments.

Trudy Hillier t.j.hillier@warwick.ac.uk ext 24670 (LDC) - 30% FTE to develop training initiatives for research staff in relation to Leadership & Management Development and Personal Effectiveness. One to one coaching and tailored workshops.

Julie Gallimore j.a.gallimore@warwick.ac.uk ext 23498 (SCS) – 60% FTE to provide careers advice & support as well as providing training initiatives / workshops in the Researcher programme.

Careers support focuses on all aspects of career decision making and we can help you explore your unique set of skills, values and motivation. We are experienced in supporting researchers as they make applications, create CV's and prepare for interviews. Many researchers who are managing contract working chose to take up this support ahead of changes to their contract to help them manage their transition.

Dr John Burden j.p.burden@warwick.ac.uk ext 51243 (RSS) – to provide support & advice to research staff on writing successful fellowship bids and grant applications. Advice and guidance about developing an academic track record as part of securing fellowship and grant funding.

Trevor Robinson t.robinson@warwick.ac.uk (Education) – 1 day per week – Business Engagement support through the Business Engagement Pilot Project

Christine Smith (LDC) – 50% FTE to provide advice on the production of some online resources for research staff

Val Bentick (LDC) - To provide administrative support

Gareth Wright (LDC) - Marketing & website support