FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

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E-NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORT OVERVIEW

From April 2013 our remit continues to include learning and development support for all Research Active Staff at Warwick for the next three years.

To focus effectively on staff development opportunities for Research Active Staff the five main areas of support will be:

⇒ **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. Or visit the website for Research Active Staff (below) for information on current support.

Statistics Support in 2013-14

Following the successful pilot project, we are pleased to confirm that statistics support for research active staff will continue in the new academic year.

In addition to offering 1-1 support meetings, the seminar series will continue in the autumn and further online resources will be available soon.

The seminar series will continue to include an hour-long talk on a key topic, but following feedback we would also like to include a 30-minute presentation from a researcher. This could be a presentation on statistical methods they have used in their research or putting forward a research proposal or problem for discussion by the group.
We would like to invite researchers to contact us with proposals to present at our autumn seminars, please email L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk for details.

*** Watch for further details of Warwick's 'Year of Statistics' event in the autumn—"What Has Statistics Ever Done for You?" ***

NEW THIS MONTH:

Event News & Feedback:

⇒ Academic Writing for Bids and Grants

⇒ Researching Human Fatigue in the Workplace

⇒ Education Research Network

Support Update:

⇒ EPSRC Legacy Report

⇒ Statistics Provision Continuing

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

FEEDBACK FROM RECENT ACTIVITIES

Focus on the Academic Writing Programme

In 2013 LDC has offered an increasing number of activities to support research active staff develop their academic writing skills.

We would like to thank Rochelle Sibley of the Warwick Writing Programme for her collaboration and delivery in the whole range of activities: 1-1 support sessions, workshops and writing away days.

The most recent academic writing workshop, held on 11th June, concentrated on **Effective Writing for Bids and Grants.** It covered best practice for 'pitching' your project successfully, how to define and address important stylistic issues and provided an opportunity for expert and peer review feedback on bids in progress.

Participants commented on how the workshop would directly improve their bid writing in the future, highlighting specifically the 'structured way of thinking' and systematic approach to completing bids.

Academic Writing will remain a key provision for Research Active Staff in 2013-14, including a further event on bid writing: looking at more detailed approaches.

We will have details on autumn events across our full programme available soon.
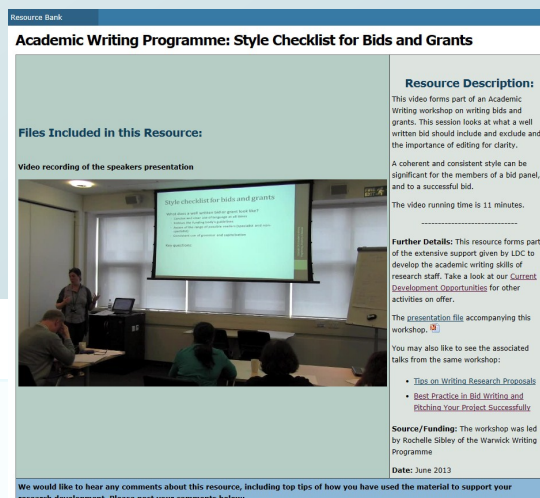
Academic Writing Resource Pages

Following the success of filming this years' Statistics Seminar Series, enabling a growing audience to watch the talks post-event, we also filmed our recent academic writing workshops. We are in the process of editing these into key talks and the first ten are now available in the **Resource Bank**, with associated references, links and presentation files.

The resource pages include presentations on aspects of journal article writing, best practice in bid writing and key issues to consider in collaborative writing.

Please visit the **Resource Bank** and select 'podcast or video' under the 'Resource Type' heading to see what is currently available:

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/resource_bank/

News from Research Active Staff Networks ...

Education Research Network (ERN) Networking Lunches and List of Researcher Interests

Thursday 25th July—12.15-2.00pm
Wolfson Research Exchange

Volunteers are invited to give a short presentation about their research at upcoming lunches, in order to build awareness of research interests across the group.
This follows on from a number of sessions of research-sharing and has proved an enjoyable and valuable experience.
New members are also invited to add their details to the ERN list of researchers, to enable communication and future collaborations.
For further details visit:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/networks/education/

Researching Human Fatigue in the Workplace

Second meeting on 11th July at 1-3pm
Room 2, Wolfson Research Exchange, Library, includes lunch.

After a successful first meeting the group intend to further the newly formed connections and extend the network. Speakers will be invited to this second meeting to further members understanding of fatigue and to provoke further discussions.
All research active staff and students are invited to join this new network. Contact Sarah Payne (S.R.Payne@warwick.ac.uk) for more details.

EPSRC ENTERPRISE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS FUNDING REPORT

Funding was made available to **Research Staff** from **1 January 2012 to 31 July 2012**, with awards extended until **30 November 2012**.

Many of the initiatives highlighted below have led to on-going activities by research active staff and support opportunities offered by LDC.

Enhanced/Quality Information: Monthly newsletter

A total of seven monthly e-newsletters were produced. The e-newsletter continued, funded by EPSRC Delivering Impact and Developing Leaders , to provide quality information for the Research Staff about Learning & Development opportunities. **Feedback has shown that staff value the e-newsletter, now sent to approximately 2,000 Warwick staff, and will continue as an LDC provision.**

Funding Awarded

Funding was awarded to individuals and departments. **30 awards** were made to research staff with a total value of **£53,400.**

⇒ Engineering—1 group and 1 individual application

⇒ Physics—4 individual applications

⇒ Mathematics/Statistics—1 group application

⇒ WMG/Digilab—2 group and 13 individual applications

⇒ Chemistry—2 group and 5 individual applications

⇒ WMG Research Network— 1 application

Feedback reports have been produced and are available to share learning as well as providing ideas and examples that can be copied or adapted in the future.

In summary, the funding enabled research staff involved to:

⇒ increase their networking and promotion opportunities for themselves, their departments and the University.

⇒ create opportunities to liaise with other potential collaborators within and outside academia, including companies and SME's.

⇒ pilot ideas or to test ideas to include in future grant applications.

⇒ develop their transferable skills (organising events) for career development.

Researcher Programme

Researcher provision was offered via lunchtime sessions, half day or full day workshops plus bespoke workshops / sessions for departments, faculties and networks.

Some examples of the provision included:

⇒ Research Team Leader Programme

⇒ Technology for Researchers

⇒ Presenting Your Research to Different Audiences

⇒ How to Sell Your Research and at What Cost

⇒ Being an Enterprising Researcher

⇒ Supervision 'soft skills' for the Institute for Employment Research (IER)

⇒ Supporting WMG Researcher Network in developing a mentoring programme

⇒ Supporting the Researching China Networks and its events

⇒ Preparation and development for a Statistics Seminar series, started in September 2012. This has now been successfully piloted: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/ researchers/opportunities/development_support/ mathstats/

⇒ Developing the career pathway/promotions project

⇒ Facilitating the Fellows' Charter focus group

In addition, funding enabled the development of career support meetings and Academic Writing Programme events, directly leading to the level of support now offered (see page 2).

Many of these achievements were used in the University's Athena Swan & HR Excellence submissions as well as in Faculty / Department Athena Swan applications to evidence the impact of research staff activity at Warwick.

USEFUL LINKS

Opportunities at Warwick:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/resources/

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Postgraduate Award in Technology Enhanced Learning Recruiting for September 2013

This year-long course supports participants to:

⇒ explore how new technology can support teaching and learning
⇒ work collaboratively to share and develop ideas

The course will introduce you to the principles underpinning effective implementation of technology-enhanced learning and support you as you develop a project specific to your context.

The course is open to all staff with a role in teaching, development or learning support and is offered with accredited and non-accredited routes.
To find out more book on one of the information sessions being held in the Teaching Grid (Main Library):
⇒ 3rd July, 10.30-11.30am
⇒ 10th September, 2.00-3.00pm

For further details please visit:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/pgatel/

Research Active Staff Networks
A number of networks exist at Warwick to support researchers at department, faculty or inter-disciplinary level.
Funding is available from LDC to support new and existing networks. Please contact Sandy Sparks to discuss your ideas or visit:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/funding/network_funding/

See the '**Networks' page** for further details on activities and contacts for the Researcher networks at Warwick:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/networks/

Opportunities outside Warwick: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/funding/outsidewarwick/

Research Opportunity in Brazil—Deadline 14th July.

British Council Brazil, together with FAPESP (Research Council for the State of São Paulo) are launching a bid to fund workshops that will gather universities from the UK and the State of São Paulo.

The workshops are designed to provide financial support to bring together a UK/São Paulo State cohort of **early career researchers (up to 20 participants on each side)** to take part in a workshop focusing on building links for future collaboration and enhancing the researchers' career opportunities.
The workshop coordinators can identify up to four other leading or well-established researchers to be involved in the workshop, to act as mentors, but the remaining participants must be researchers at an earlier stage in their career.
Proposals will be accepted in any discipline/multidisciplinary area including from the natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities.
For further details visit: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/international/staff/relations/resources/fapesp

6th Chinese Diaspora Symposia: Chinese Migration, entrepreneurship and development in the new global economy. 29-30 October 2013, Wenzhou University, Prato.

Gathering to discuss new research from an interdisciplinary perspective on these issues, the 2013 symposia aim at reaching a better understanding of Chinese migration in the present era of globalisation.

For further details please visit:
http://www.monash.it/en/6th-chinese-prato-4th-wenzhouese-diaspora-symposia