

FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

OCTOBER 2014 E-NEWSLETTER

SUPPORT OVERVIEW

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

- ⇒ **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 information on current support.

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Welcome to the new academic year

Learning and development provision will continue to support research active staff across the university in 2014/15, which includes members of research, academic and teaching staff.

Page 2 of this newsletter includes details from our legacy report of activities and achievements in 2013/14. We are working to build on these activities in the coming year and further support the aims of the University of Warwick strategy.

One such area of support new for this year is Research Data Management. Working in collaboration with IT Services, the Library and Student Careers and Skills, we aim to address the information and skills that researchers should consider in an area of increasing importance with major funding bodies. Details of the first event on Research Data Management can be found on page 3.

A series of workshops are available for booking and we will communicate details of further activities, when they are confirmed, via future newsletters.

NEW THIS MONTH:

Event News:

- ⇒ Workshop dates for 2014/15
- ⇒ Research Staff Forum on 8 October 2014

Support Update:

- ⇒ A summary of the support provided in 2013/14.
- ⇒ Research Funding opportunities

FOCUS ON: LDC SUPPORT SUMMARY FOR 2013/14

We would like to highlight some of the key areas of support provided and achievements in the 2013/14 academic year. Many of the areas which proved most successful and important to research active staff will be maintained and developed in the coming year, including the increasing range of activities done in collaboration across the university. Provision for research active staff going forward will focus on five thematic areas:

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

The full legacy report can be found online at: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/opportunities/ld__ras_legacy_report.pdf

Communication & Information

The monthly e-newsletter and RAS website continued to enhance the communication of information, activities and resources available to all Research Active Staff. In combination they raise awareness of both internal and external career development opportunities.

A new improved website was created to provide both signposting and to provide useful information on L&D opportunities for RAS. A key feature being developed further is the Resources Bank, a searchable repository of information to support ongoing reference and researcher development. It includes presentations and videos of key workshop talks for example ones on careers development, academic writing and statistics.

The website is clearly being accessed regularly by Warwick's research active community, with **10,740** hits from August 2013 to July 2014. The Resource Bank had **3,812** hits for the same period, greatly increasing the access to resources from LDC's programme of events. Visit the Resource Bank at: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/resource_bank/

The Researcher Programme

Researcher provision has been offered via lunchtime sessions, half day/full day workshops and bespoke events for departments or faculties. Of the five thematic areas, the main foci for 2013/14 were career development, equality and diversity and research skills. Events provided training and support on CV and interview success, awareness of unconscious bias in the workplace and a programme of academic writing guidance.

The Statistics Seminar Series has run twelve sessions since September 2012. This had proved a successful forum for improving understanding and skills in statistical analysis, but with reduced attendance figures and limited resources of expert statistics speakers to help run the sessions, this pilot programme has now ceased. A legacy of resources, including video recordings of all the talks in the series can be found at: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/opportunities/development_support/mathstats/

Funding Awarded For Research Staff Networks

Funding has been accessed and used in many exciting ways by individuals and departments. Fifteen awards were offered to research active staff, with a total allocation of £13,000.

Feedback reports show that, in summary, the funding enabled those involved to:

- ⇒ increase networking and promotion opportunities for themselves, their departments and the university.
- ⇒ create potential collaborative opportunities
- ⇒ pilot ideas to include in future grant applications
- ⇒ Develop their skill-set (such as organising events) useful for career development.

Supporting the Development of a Research Active Staff Community

In combination with the support for networks, continued work with the Research Staff Forum provides a valuable opportunity to gather research active staff views and share good practice. Further information about the Research Staff Forum can be found at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/rsf/>

Collaborative Projects

In addition to the core provision supporting research active staff, Sandy Sparks has also been involved in wide-ranging collaborative projects, both internal and external to Warwick, with a view to future support for researchers.

This included:

- ⇒ Co-ordinator of the Vitae Midlands Hub:
- ⇒ Coaching and mentoring provision
- ⇒ The Brazil SEMESP Programme
- ⇒ Research Data Management Working Group

We look forward to supporting the increasing research active staff community with the range of activities being developed for the coming year.

EVENTS AT WARWICK

Open Access Week: 20-26 October 2014

Open Access is fast becoming the accepted way of reaching out with research. Many funders have open access policies and some such as the RCUK and Wellcome Trust have funds available to facilitate publishing research open access. Open Access is a global movement and International Open Access week starts on the 20 October, with Warwick running three events as detailed below. For further details please visit: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/staff/research/open-access> or contact: openaccessfund@warwick.ac.uk.

- ⇒ **20 October – Everything Researchers Need to Know about Open Access (including new HEFCE policy)** – Yvonne Budden (Scholarly Comms Manager),
1.00pm to 2.00pm - Research Exchange, refreshments provided.
To book your place go to <http://knowaboutoa.eventbrite.co.uk>
- ⇒ **21 October - Open Access Publishing** – Jan Kuras from the Royal Society of Chemistry.
12.30pm to 1.30pm – Research Exchange, refreshments provided.
To book your place go to <http://penaccesspublisher.eventbrite.co.uk>
- ⇒ **22 October – Have questions about open access and want to know more?**
Call in between 12.30pm and 3.30pm at the Research Exchange. Helen and Martin from the WRAP team and Judith, Open Access Officer, will be happy to talk to you.

Researchers Sought for Piirus Evaluation

Warwick is undertaking an evaluation of the Piirus tool (which helps researchers make connections and find collaborators) and would like to invite researcher to take part. No prior knowledge of Piirus is needed and **all participants selected will receive a £20 Amazon voucher or book token**. An evaluation session would take 30-40 minutes. Further details can be found at: <http://blog.piirus.com/2014/09/10/calling-warwick-researchers/> or email at: hello@piirus.com

The latest Vitae Midlands Hub blog posts look at two very different issues in research career development. Professional online networking from a researchers perspective is explored in – **Career Development Profiles Online: Promoting Yourself and Your Research** and **Research Staff: Careers Beyond Academia** looks at early findings from a survey of former academic research staff.

To read this and other blog posts visit: Vitaemidhub.wordpress.com
Follow us on twitter [@MidlandsHub](https://twitter.com/MidlandsHub)

The University of Warwick has agreed to Vitae membership under a new fee-paying agreement, beginning September 2014. This ensures the continued availability of Vitae resources to university members.



LDC EVENTS

**** The first events for 2014/15 have been confirmed, click on the titles below for more information and booking. Further dates to be announced soon. ****

Visit the Programme of Events for Research Active Staff for details on our events:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/
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8 October 2014
Research Staff Forum

22 October 2014
WOW: Gender Equality Charter Mark

13 November 2014
Research Data Management: The Essentials

25 November 2014
Academic Writing: Training Yourself to be a Prolific Writer

4 December 2014
Academic Writing: Writing 4* Journal Articles

20 January 2015
Academic Writing: Writing Collaboratively

12 & 13 March 2015
Academic Writing Away Days

21 May 2015
Academic Writing: Writing for Non-Specialist Audiences

24 June 2015
Academic Writing: Online Dissemination for Impact

2 & 3 July 2015
Academic Writing Away Days

Dates for your diary:

10 February 2015
Research Staff Forum

26 February 2015
Research Data Management: Sharing Practice

20 May 2015
Research Staff Forum

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Warwick launches joint research call with São Paulo Research Foundation

Following the signing of an agreement between Warwick and the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) in June 2014, the formal call for joint research proposals was launched on 29 July.

The FAPESP-Warwick call will be run through FAPESP's SPRINT programme (São Paulo Researchers in International Collaborations), with the **closing date for applications on 27 October 2014**.

The programme is designed to encourage and promote the advancement of scientific research through the engagement of researchers affiliated with research institutions in the State of São Paulo with researcher partners abroad. It aims to provide funding for the initial phase of international research collaborations.

For further information on this and other initiatives involving Brazil visit: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/insite/news/intnews2/fapesp_agreement

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Global Innovation Initiative 2014/15 Grant competition now open

The Global Innovation Initiative (GII) is a shared commitment of the UK and USA to strengthen research collaboration with the emerging economies of Brazil, China, India and Indonesia.

GII grants will award university consortia focusing on STEM-related issues of global significance that foster cutting-edge multinational research and strengthen institutional international partnerships.

Applications for **grants ranging from £100,000—£150,000** are invited under the following thematic areas:

- ⇒ Energy, environment and climate change
- ⇒ Urban development
- ⇒ Agriculture, food security and water
- ⇒ Global health

The current grant competition closes on 31 October 2014.

Proposal guidance and the application form are available on the British Council's IHE website at:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/education/ihe/opportunities/global-innovation-initiative-grant>

UK Government Newton Fund Advanced Fellowship Schemes

The award enables international researchers based in a country covered by the Newton fund to establish and develop collaborations with the UK, with the intention of transferring knowledge and research capabilities: contributing to the advancing economic development and social welfare of the partner country.

Fellowships are available for either one or two years, with **awards up to £37,000 per year**.

Collaborations should focus on a single project. Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent research experience, hold a permanent or fixed-term contract spanning the duration of the project and have no more than 15 years postdoctoral research experience.

The application deadline is 22 October 2014.

For more information and details on the countries covered by the Newton Fund please visit:

<http://www.international.ac.uk/programmes/current-opportunities/the-newton-fund/multi-country-calls/newton-advanced-fellowships.aspx>

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Warwick Transatlantic Fellowships

The Humanities Research Centre invites applications for ten Warwick Transatlantic Fellowships, which are intended to deepen and broaden the research links between Warwick and universities in North America.

The fellowships are short-term (one or two weeks), to be taken during the 2014/15 academic year. Worth £1,500 each, the fellowships are open to doctoral students and post-doctoral/early career fellows in all departments.

The closing date is 31 October 2014.

For further details please visit:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/hrc/events/wtf/>

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Monash Warwick Alliance Seed Fund

The alliance encourages the development of joint research and educational collaborations, with the aim of mutually beneficial growth in the research excellence of both institutions. The seed fund supports new initiatives with high potential up to £15,000 for expenses incurred.

Applications should be submitted by 10 November 2014. Further details on the conditions and purpose of funding can be found at: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/monash-warwick-alliance/funding/seed_fund/