

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 what your network or group is doing, please contact **Sandy** ([sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk](mailto: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

Workshop	Date
Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and its benefits to Research Staff	2 February
Dealing with People in Difficult Situations	8 February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Clinical Sciences	8 February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Engineering and Physical Sciences	10 February
How to Sell Yourself and Your Research	17 February
Interview Success	23 February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Arts Faculty	1 March
Ideas Generation, Creativity and Innovation	2 March
Project Management 2 For Researchers - the Next Steps	23 March
Technologies for Research: Focus on Funding	10 May
Looking Beyond Academia	12 May

Many researchers have asked if some of the workshops are running again during 2011. If there is sufficient demand, I will arrange another workshop for the following:

- **Practical Project Management for Researchers**

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

- **Influencing Skills**

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

- **Teamworking**

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

Please click on the relevant links to register your interest.

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](mailto:sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk) x 74121)

### New opportunities being introduced for 2011

#### Business Engagement Mentoring Programme

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

"The programme offered would enable me to develop, understand and then transfer the knowledge and apply tools on a practical front for my current role and prospective future roles in support of business engagement". Kulbir Bains, Warwick Business School

"I would like to engage more with business to both increase awareness of tools I can offer based on my research and to secure funding for undertaking further research & development" Dr Matthew Waters, Engineering.

"I would like to develop my skills in engaging and develop partnerships towards business and perhaps in developing further research collaborations within UK and abroad for funding for a research project" Dr Leo Calvo-Bado, School of Life Sciences

**Cohort 1** started 27 January 2011

**Cohort 2** Booking is open

Dates: 11 February 2011 (12 – 5pm)

10 March 2011 (10 – 4pm)

15 June 2011 (10 – 4pm)

Held at the Research Exchange. Lunch will be provided.

**Cohort 3** will run if there is sufficient demand.

To book: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/bem/booking/>

#### Academic Writing Programme.

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

Full details and dates:

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

Booking is available for the following three offerings:

- **One to One sessions**

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

- **Workshops** covering the following topic examples; using ten questions to engage with secondary sources, the five stages of writing and structuring writing time, using peer review, writing for different audiences, proposal writing, adapting research for academic publication.

Dates: 3 March 2011

17 March 2011

6 April 2011

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

- **Away days** - 2 day writing camp 30 & 31 March 2011

Providing consultations with a writing tutor, dedicated writing time and opportunities for planning research

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

#### 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 [www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/)

## Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre - cont'd

Please note the RCUK have approved the extension of Roberts' funding being used until 31 December 2011.

### Roberts' funding – individual applications approved during January:

- Francisco Eissa Barroso & Ainara Vazquez Verela, Department of History - £2514.50 towards organising a workshop 'Spanish America in the early eighteenth-century: new perspectives on a forgotten era' - 15 & 16 April 2011
- Maude Vanhaelen, Italian & Classics -£5000 towards the organisation of a three day conference on Music and Philosophy in the Renaissance - 12-14 May 2011 University of Warwick, Venice
- Kody Law, Mathematics Institute - £1000 towards costs to attend IMA Large-scale Inverse Problems and Quantification of Uncertainty - 6-10 June 2011
- David O'Shaughnessy, English and Comparative Literary Studies - £470 towards the costs of attending the British Association for Romantic Studies Bi-annual Conference - 27-30 July 2011

### Feedback from Roberts' Funded Events

Helen Willcock, Chemistry £1000 towards organisation of RSC Biomaterials Group Annual Conference, 11 January 2011

"I applied for Roberts funding to help to arrange an RSC Biomaterials conference after hearing about it through a lunchtime meeting that was organised by the LDC to inform post-docs of what the LDC can do for post-docs and what funding is available to us. Sandy and the team were really efficient, helping me to communicate how the planning of such an event would benefit my career development by giving me skills that would benefit me outside of my ordinary lab-based work. This opportunity has given me a chance to develop my organisational and time management skills, given me experience in effective project management, database management and budget skills. All of these skills are essential to my career development, either within or outside of academia. This did not only benefit me, as the registration fee was greatly reduced for early-career researchers to attend giving other post-docs the opportunity to present their work alongside world-renown leaders in their field.

The event went off very well and feedback forms given out to the attendees revealed that the general time-scheduling of the day was correct, they enjoyed the variety of topics covered and especially enjoyed the food! The only criticisms were the time and space given to the poster session – valid points which could be addressed and resolved for next time. As for things I would do differently if I were to do it again, I would have a comprehensive list of things needed (including badges, stationary, poster prizes etc) and arrange these much earlier than a few days before! A few "last minute" things take much longer than you anticipate.

So, thanks go to Sandy and the team and Roberts funding for a successful, very useful and thoroughly enjoyable experience."

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

- Spring 2011 - WMS Early Career Researchers' Networks - 4 Workshops. The first workshop will aim at developing skills to write, critique & evaluate grant proposals, contact Dr Anca Alba. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/>
- WMG Researcher Network. Liaise with Vanessa Goodship for further information. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/>
- **23 February 2011** - One-day seminar on 'Challenging Official Historiography: the value of oral history today'. Contact Andrea Hajek for more information [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross\\_fac/ias/earlycareer/2010-11/itrnac/seminar230211](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ias/earlycareer/2010-11/itrnac/seminar230211)
- **5 April 2011** - Health Research@Warwick poster Event - Dr Davide Nicolini, Institute of Health, SHSS. An opportunity to present & showcase your work. For further details see: [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross\\_fac/healthatwarwick/events/posters2011/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/healthatwarwick/events/posters2011/)

Please also note training for posters is being offered on 21 February and 14 March. See **Learn How To Create Digital Video Based Posters:**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross\\_fac/healthatwarwick/events/glance/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/healthatwarwick/events/glance/)

- **8 April 2011** - 'Ideas Fair' – contact Dr Chris Jewell, Wei Yang, Gabriela Czanner. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/>
- **11 May 2011** - International Theatre Conference: 'Empowering Marginalized Voice in Theatre. The Case of Italy & beyond'. Department of Italian - Alessandro De Martino Cappuccio & Paula Toninato - Organising a research event. Open to staff to attend. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/>
- Arts Faculty provision ongoing <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/postdocs/>

*I would like to thank Karen O'Brien who has been leading the Arts Faculty provision for early careers researchers. She will be leaving to take up the role as PVC for Education at Birmingham University – we wish her good luck.*

Other sessions taking place open to Research staff include:

- **6 April 2011** – Training on Ethics in Healthcare – for further information see [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross\\_fac/healthatwarwick/events/ethics\\_an\\_introduction/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/healthatwarwick/events/ethics_an_introduction/)  
The event is funded by the Staff Development Fund.

## Further opportunities within Warwick

**Research Staff Forum** – do you have a faculty representative?  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/forum>

**Windows on Research – WoR**  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/wor>

**IT Services Training Courses for Research Staff**  
[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicesupport/training/course\\_cat/teaching\\_research](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicesupport/training/course_cat/teaching_research)

IT services have announced their training schedule for Spring 2011: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicesupport/training/>

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## Further opportunities within Warwick - cont'd

**Scientific Networking and Introduction to the Advanced Researcher Postgraduate Award and Certificate in Transferable Skills - 4 February 2011, 12.30-2pm MOAC Seminar Room.**  
**Professor Alison Rodger, Director: MOAC.**

If you are unable to attend the event on 4 February 2011, please still tell us you are interested.

All science and medicine postdoctoral researchers are invited to a lunch on 4 February at 12.30-2pm, in the MOAC Seminar Room. The purpose of the lunch is to network with fellow scientists and to consider some of the options available to help support your career, in particular the Advanced Researcher Postgraduate Award and Certificate in Transferable Skills (PGCTS).

The meeting will be hosted by MOAC and Roberts' funded colleagues from LDC and RSS. LDC uses Roberts' funding for Post-Docs in a variety of ways to help you as postdoctoral researchers to prepare yourselves for the next stage of your career wherever that may take you. One such route is the Advanced Researcher Postgraduate Award and Certificate in Transferable Skills (PGCTS) developed by MOAC. At the moment the structure for this is 3 x 10 CATS modules to complete the award and 6 to complete the certificate.

The structure of the programme is currently being revised following feedback from you, so that the award will be a single 30 CATS module based on the two Advanced Researcher modules currently available and with the introduction of some options within the module. Anything you may have done so far will transfer straight across to this new format. Please come along to find out more.

The event is aimed at Science and Medicine Post-Docs as the modules have been designed for them. However, much of the material is just as appropriate for other disciplines. If you are interested in the Advanced PGCTS we would be very keen to have you try it to help us develop the modules to suit your needs.

Please let us know if you wish to attend, so that we can organise lunch for you. To book a place go to: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/moaclunch> or to ask questions, please email Sharon Neal in LDC at [s.f.neal@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:s.f.neal@warwick.ac.uk) or phone her on x24766.

For more information see: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/postdoctoralresearchers/>

## Opportunities outside Warwick

### Vitae

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

### Salford Postgraduate Annual Research Conference (SPARC)

8 - 9 June 2011, University of Salford

Free to attend and is open to postgraduate researchers and research staff from all universities, different subject areas and at any stage of their research. It is really an ideal place for researchers to share practices, explore new ideas, present and promote research to new audiences. We are inviting a wide range of presentation formats. Call for abstracts is now open.

The deadline for submission is 31 March 2011.

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/916-337681/Salford-Postgraduate-Annual-Research-Conference-SPARC.html>

## Useful information and links

- **Japan Society for the promotion of Science** - JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship, call for applications  
More information about eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found on the following websites:
  - The Royal Society: <http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/JSPS-Postdoctoral-Fellowship-Program/>
  - The British Academy: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/jspspdfnfa.cfm>
- **RCUK events** - <http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/events/>
- Vitae supports the new Concordat for Engaging the Public with Research, launched on 7 December  
<http://vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/375-324711/Vitae-supports-the-new-Concordat-for-Engaging-the-Public-with-Research-launched-on-7--December.html>
- The 'Review of progress in implementing the recommendations of Sir Gareth Roberts, regarding employability and career development of PhD students and research staff A report by RCUK', <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/researchcareers/RobertReport2011.pdf>
- Call for proposals: ERC Advanced Grants for senior researchers  
[http://www.eua.be/News/11-01-06/Call\\_for\\_proposals\\_ERC\\_Advanced\\_Grants\\_for\\_senior\\_researchers.aspx](http://www.eua.be/News/11-01-06/Call_for_proposals_ERC_Advanced_Grants_for_senior_researchers.aspx)
- Debate on the Role of European Foundations in Building Human Capacity in Research  
[http://www.eua.be/News/10-12-16/Debate\\_on\\_the\\_Role\\_of\\_European\\_Foundations\\_in\\_Building\\_Human\\_Capacity\\_in\\_Research.aspx](http://www.eua.be/News/10-12-16/Debate_on_the_Role_of_European_Foundations_in_Building_Human_Capacity_in_Research.aspx)

## Useful information and links - cont'd

- British Science Association Media Fellowships 2011  
[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/institute/newsandevents/intnews2/bsa\\_media\\_fellowships\\_2011](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/institute/newsandevents/intnews2/bsa_media_fellowships_2011)  
The deadline for applications is Tuesday 1 March 2011
- International Journal for Researcher Development  
'Call for papers' for the International Journal for Researcher Development.  
The new website is [www.emeraldinsight.com/ijrd.htm](http://www.emeraldinsight.com/ijrd.htm) where you will find further details.

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