

Wishing you a Happy New Year and great 2011.

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 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/>

Workshops running term 2

Workshop	Date
Making an Impact with Job Applications	25th January
Making Successful Grant Applications - WMS & Life Sciences	1st February
Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and its benefits to Research Staff	2nd February
Dealing with People in Difficult Situations	8th February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Clinical Sciences	8th February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Engineering and Physical Sciences	10th February
How to Sell Yourself and Your Research	17th February
Interview Success	23rd February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Arts Faculty	1 March
Ideas Generation, Creativity and Innovation	2nd March
Project Management 2 For Researchers - the Next Steps	23rd March

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.

New opportunities being introduced for 2011

- **Business Engagement Mentoring Programme for EPSRC Research Staff**

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

This will be run by Trevor Robinson. Applications are open & please register your place on the website.

Cohort 1 – 27 January 2011 (12 – 5pm) & 18 February 2011 (10 – 4pm) & 19 May 2011 (10 – 4pm) at the Research Exchange. Lunch will be provided.

Cohort 2 – 11 February 2011 (12 – 5pm) & 10 March 2011 (10 – 4pm) & 15 June 2011 (10 – 4pm) at the Research Exchange. Lunch will be provided.

- **Academic Writing Programme.**

It will cover the following areas:

- 1:1's

- 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 and

- Away days providing consultations with a writing tutor, dedicated writing time and opportunities for planning research

Please watch the website and e-newsletter for further information.

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/

Roberts' funding – individual applications approved during December:

- Andrea Hajek, Institute of Advanced Studies - £1500 towards organisation of a one-day seminar, 23 February 2011
- Andrea Schreier, WMS & Psychology - £760 Module on Narrative Research
- Wei Yang, Statistics - £1000 toward costs to attend the SIAM conference on control & its application, 25 – 27 July 2011
- Helen Willcock, Chemistry - £ 1000 towards organisation of RSC Biomaterials Group Annual Conference, 11 January 2011
- Claire Foulton, Physics - £698 contribution towards research visits to Lockheed Martin & the Berkeley Space Science Laboratory, 9-12 January & 24-28 January 2011
- Alexandra Lewis, English & Comparative Literary Studies - £1000 towards costs & presenting paper at 9th Annual International Conference on Arts & Humanities, 9 – 12 January 2011
- Anca Alba, HSRI, WMS - £3800 events to support WMS Early Career Researchers' Networks – Spring 2011
- Marco Streng, Mathematics - £ 1000 towards costs for attending Arizona Winter School on Stark-Heegner points, 12 – 16 March 2011
- Chris Jewell, Wei Yang, Gabriela Czanner, Statistics - £3000 for one day workshop 'Ideas Fair', 8 April 2011

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

Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre - cont'd

- WMG Researcher Network. Liaise with Vanessa Goodship for further information.
- **11 January 2011** - RSC Biomaterials Group Annual Conference, contact Dr Helen Willcox
- **23 February 2011** - One-day seminar on 'Challenging Official Historiography: the value of oral history today'. Contact Andrea Hajek for more information
- **5 April 2011** - Healthcare 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/
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/
- **8 April 2011** - 'Ideas Fair' – contact Dr Chris Jewell, Wei Yang, Gabriela Czanner
- **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
- Arts Faculty provision ongoing
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/postdocs/>

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/
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/servicessupport/training/course_cat/teaching_research

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

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.

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, with details to be found at <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/postdoctoralresearchers/>

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 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>

- **Careers in Science, Engineering & Technology, Tuesday 25 January 2011, Loughborough University**
<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/56271-231251/Careers-for-Women-in-Science-Engineering--Technology-SET.html>
We would like a representative to attend this event, which will be funded from Roberts' money, please contact me if you interested in attending: **Sandy: sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk x74121**

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/eventsarea/scio>
- 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
- 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

AND FINALLY....

[Congratulations to Annunziata Videtta on baby Sofia born 24 December 2010.](#)

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