

Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre

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

Information on training and development opportunities for students can be found on the Student Careers and Skills website at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/skills>

Researcher programme is currently being developed for academic year 2010/2011

The LDC general programme

- Other learning & development offers that may be applicable to Research staff are on the general programme <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/calendar/>

Teaching & Learning Showcase, Thursday 8 July
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/tlshowcase/>

Developments:

Focus on: Learning & Development Centre (LDC), Research staff

Areas of focus for 2010/2011 are around six themes

LDC – Early Career Research (ECR) staff plans for the next 12 months. In April, LDC met with the DVC & PVC for Research, to agree a strategic direction for plans to support the development of ECR staff to the end of Roberts' funding in July 2011. The suggestions and views of researchers expressed through the research staff forum and through individual and group conversations with researchers featured strongly in the discussion. The agreed priorities for Roberts' funded activity to July 2011 is: to develop the skills programme for ECR staff around the following key themes:

- * Enhanced Communication
- * Research Skills
- * Enterprise Skills
- * Personal Effectiveness
- * Leadership & Management Development
- * Careers Development

Researcher programme

The focus groups took place in June and will assist to inform the development of the researcher programme for Research staff until end July 2011. Thank you very much to those who attended the focus groups and for your valuable contribution. Also thanks to those of you that sent emails with ideas and suggestions for next year's research programme.

Staffing (until July 2011) – who does what ?

Sandy Sparks started in September 2009 and my focus is to develop useful resources and support for Research staff and for their development. Going forward I will lead on the following three areas: enhancing communication with research staff, research skills and enterprise skills.

Trudy Hillier started working on the researcher programme from July 2010 and the areas she will be leading on are: personal effectiveness and leadership/management development for researchers.

Val Bentick provides administrative support for the research staff programme.

Asaf Federman is based in Careers and provides 1-1 support sessions for research staff and also does career workshops on the researcher programme.

Tom Crompton also started in July 2010 and he will be working on the development of the 1st stop-shop website for research staff.

May Workshops feedback:

Project Management 2 for research staff – 2 June

'I found the time and space to think about my project very useful'
'Items covered were very useful; informing stakeholders, stakeholder and people management, influencing people & changing our ways to influence people, how to think like a project manager''

Looking beyond Academia – 8 June

'The whole presentation was helpful & useful'
'Useful areas covered; discussion of barriers to changing careers, links to web resources, advice on CV/ covering letters'

Funding opportunity for researchers:

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

A Window on Research session about Roberts' Funding took place on 1 June, the Powerpoint slides from this session are available here:

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

Roberts' funding – individual applications approved:

- Dr Alana Collis - £750 contribution towards attending the Gordon Research Conference – Green Chemistry, USA, 25 - 30 July 2010.
- Dr Christophe Corre - £510 towards attending Directing Biosynthesis Meeting (held every 4 years), Royal Society of Chemistry, Durham University, 15-17 September 2010.
- Dr Harbinder Sandu - £660.00 towards attending Enhancing international collaborations between early-career investigators; the establishment of working groups sharing similar interests in Verona, Italy, 5 - 8 September 2010.

Feedback on Roberts' funded events that have taken place during June:

Annunziata Videtta, Italian Department - 'Translating Theatre: Migrating Text(s)' Conference - 12 June 2010

"The one-day colloquium Translating Theatre: Migrating Text(s) took place on Saturday 12 June in the CAPITAL Centre and featured academics including Prof. David Johnston (Queens, Belfast), Prof. Catherine Boyle (King's College), Prof. Margaret Rose (Milan), and theatre practitioners Paul Sirett and Rani Moorthy (Artistic Director of Rasa Productions). The event was extremely successful in establishing a forum for the discussion of translation and migrant theatre that is international, interdisciplinary and innovative in its engagement with translation theory and theatre practice. The combination of academic and practical approaches to theatre translation was achieved by a series of academic papers in the morning followed by a practitioner round table and practical theatre workshop in

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the afternoon. The colloquium was well-attended by staff and students, some of which took part in the theatre workshop with British Italian theatre company Legal Aliens."

Dr Steve Martin - Realist Synthesis - 15 June 2010

"On 5 June Warwick Medical School welcomed participants for a workshop on Realist Synthesis, organised by Health Sciences Research Institute Research Associate Steven Martin. Realist synthesis is an inter-disciplinary method for the evaluation and development of interventions and policy programs. WMS welcomed the nationally recognised speakers for interactive sessions on theory, methodology, and good review practice. The day-long event was attended by over 30 people, and demand for places was strong with participant requests coming from Universities in Canada and Sweden. A follow-up event will aim to bring together early-career participants to discuss the potential for collaborative research."

Future sessions that are Roberts' funded include:

Public Lecture by Prof. Bruce Moran (University of Nevada)

1 & 2 July

Organised by Elaine Leong, History of Medicine

Thanks to Roberts' Funding, Professor Moran will lead two sessions designed for research staff, these are:

1. **Alchemy and the History of Science (and medicine): Historiography and Controversy**
Thursday 1 July, 3-5pm, Graduate/Early Career Seminar
Bruce Moran (University of Nevada, Reno)
Humanities Room 0.05
2. **Sky Islands, Cultural Practices, and the Reputation of Alchemy in Early Modern Europe**
Friday 2 July, 5pm, Keynote Lecture
Bruce Moran (University of Nevada, Reno)
Wolfson Research Exchange

ResearchProfessional.com broadcast demo

Wolfson Research Exchange – Tuesday 13 July, 10-11am
Researchers at Warwick have access to Research Professional.com, an online database of research funding opportunities and research policy and practice news.

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding/researchresearch/demo/>

Interface 2010: Humanities & Technology Conference

15 - 16 July, Organised by Silvester Czanner, WMG

Venue: International Digital Lab, University of Warwick

www.interface2010.org.uk/

Primarily meant for new researchers who wish to collaborate.

A webpage is currently being developed that will showcase examples of Roberts' Funded events. This will feature next issue.

Further opportunities within Warwick

Institute of Advanced Study - eg Junior Research Fellowship applications

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ias/jrf/

Strategic Partnership Fund 2010-11

The Strategic Partnership Fund 2010-11 was launched at the Strategy Bites session, "Internal funding: A Collaborative Approach", held on Wednesday 26 May. The deadline for the first round of applications has passed. The International Office hope to be able to run a second round of applications during the Autumn term 2010-11 http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/insite/newsandevents/intnews2/spf_2010-11

Windows on Research – WoR

Sessions will commence again in Term 1

<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

Full list of courses <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicessupport/training/>

Opportunities outside Warwick

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

Some vitae courses that may be useful to Research Staff are:

- **Women in SET - 22 September, Loughborough University**
www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/916-231251/Women-in-SET-Loughborough-University-.html
- **Project Management in the Real World for Research Staff – 15 November**
<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/916-205141/Project-Management-in-the-Real-World--for-Research-Staff.html>
- **Data Management Training in the Humanities workshop - Monday 22 July 2010 in Oxford**
http://sudamih.oucs.ox.ac.uk/training_workshop.xml
- **The Doctoral School at the Institute of Education (IOE)** two workshops on doctoral supervision for July 2010.
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/wie/>
 - "An Introduction to Doctoral Supervision" 13 July 2010
 - "Managing Doctorates" 15 July 2010.

Useful information and links

- **Research Excellence Framework (REF)**
information - www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/
- From 6 April 2010, under the Employment Rights Act 1996 (ss 63D-63K), employees are able to formally request time away from their core duties to undertake training which will help them develop specific skills relevant to their job. The University's agreed policy can be found under Training on the HR website's A-Z at:
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/humanresources/newpolicies/#tsection>
- **RCUK Statement of Expectations Regarding Researcher Development**
<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/rescareer/rcdu/training.htm> see Statement of Expectations
- **The Higher Education Empirical Research (HEER) database** <http://heer.open.ac.uk>
The HEER database is an open and free web-based resource comprising summaries of published empirical research on higher education topics. It covers 11 thematic areas:eg. research, access and widening participation, learning teaching and assessment etc.

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