

Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre

The new workshop programme from Jan - July 2010 is available online and in pdf format at:

www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/earlycareerres/

March Workshops (free to attend):

- **Making an Impact in Job Applications** - 4th March, 12 - 2.30pm
www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/jobsappsrp/
This will help you to:
 - Understand the difference between academic and non-academic jobs
 - Articulate skills and experience in relation to job market requirements
- **Making Successful Grant Applications**
WMS & Bio/Life Sciences session - 10 March, 2 - 4.30pm
Physical Sciences & Engineering session - 17 March, 2 - 4.30pm
www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/grantrp/
This will help you to:
 - Gain an understanding of the applications process and the part that RSS plays in supporting this
 - Learn how to begin the process of costing a bid
- **Introduction to Information Security** - 15 March, 12 - 2.30pm
www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/infosec/
This will help you to:
 - Understand Information Security best practices for research data
 - Understand how UK legislation could affect your research
- **Introduction to Research Ethics** - 18 March, 12 - 2.30pm
www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/researchethics/
This session offers:
 - Raised awareness of the overarching principles guiding good ethical practice in research, and the responsibilities on all research staff at Warwick
- **Introduction to Technology Toolkits for Researchers**
- 23 March, 12 - 3.30pm
www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/techtoolkit/
This session offers:
 - Knowledge of the popular tools and technologies
 - Practical tips for using tools

Please note: The Project Management workshop session planned for 19 February, that was cancelled due to the snow, will now be taking place on 23 April 2010.

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 given to Research Staff during February: £4700 awarded to Dr Silvester Czanner, Warwick Manufacturing Group, towards the organisation of "InterFace 2010: Humanities and Technology." A conference for new researchers, aimed at facilitating networking and collaboration between humanities and technologies in the UK, on 15-16 July 2010 at Warwick.

Many of the staff that have received Roberts' funding have offered to be mentors or present at sessions **eg Windows on Research (WOR)**.

Events

Japanese Society for the promotion of Science (JSPS) took place on 11 February 2010. This was an information opportunity to find out more about the JSPS Fellowship Programme funding and collaborative opportunities. The speakers included: Prof David Elworthy, Former Director Mathematics Research Centre, and Prof Mike Allen, Department of Physics.

Kiley Brown, Employer Liaison Officer for Postgraduate Researchers gives a delegate's perspective:

"The event was successful in several ways – giving staff and students insight not only into the programmes that JSPS could offer, but also into the experience as a whole. There was a good balance of representatives from JSPS and Warwick researchers that had taken part in the funding schemes in the past – this supported a further balance of information and experiences to give the group a clear overall picture of the programmes. The large number of questions from the group at the end of the session demonstrated how interesting and useful the session was."

Further information on the JSPS and the Fellowships: www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fellow

A copy of the presentation slides are at: www.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/jspsarchive/

For a copy of the material provided by JSPS please contact Val Bentick x 24698.

Further opportunities within Warwick

Annual Review 2010

The Annual Review process started in January, so please use this as an opportunity to think about your development needs.

www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/annualreview/

Windows on Research – WoR

These sessions continue to run, attendance has increased and Research staff have commented on the benefits.

To view further event details, to book or to browse our programme, please see:

www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/wor

If you are interested in promoting your research area or sharing your research experiences at a future Window on Research session, please contact researchexchange@warwick.ac.uk

Further opportunities within Warwick cont'd...

MOAC Certificate and Award in Transferable Skills for Post Docs in Science - This launch event took place on 17th February.

Some quotes from attendees:

Dr David Morris, Chemistry

"I was pleased to see the official launch of the MOAC Certificate and Award for Transferable Skills for Postdocs in Science last week. It was clear that Post Doctoral Fellows are valued by the University, and that their career development is important. I recently signed up for the certificate and this allows me to attend the modules that are available and, importantly, provides an opportunity to build on my weaker skills, in particular writing grant proposals and research papers. The session also introduced Warwick's Learning and Development Centre and staged the testimonial of one of our departments EPSRC Career Acceleration Fellows, Dr David Quigley "How to succeed as a PostDoc" which provided excellent first hand advice for young researchers wishing to pursue an academic career."

Dr Alana Collis, Chemistry & Research Staff Forum member

"The launch of the MOAC Certificate and Award for Transferable Skills for Postdocs in Science provided us with an overview into what the certificate entails. It will provide many postdoctoral researchers with the opportunity to develop skills with official accreditation. It is an important progression in the improvement of opportunities for researchers and we are grateful to Professor Alison Rodger for setting up this scheme.

The introduction and presentations given by Alison and Adair, gave an overview of what the certificate involves and then a lively presentation by Dan Quigley made things look a bit more positive for those researchers considering an academic career. It is however noteworthy that this certificate will be equally useful to those looking at a career outside of academia."

The MOAC Certificate and Award in Transferable Skills for Post Docs in Science will be running during 2010. For further details and how to apply go to:

www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/pgcts

Opportunities outside Warwick

Vitae - For a list of the courses running that are relevant to researchers please see www.vitae.ac.uk/events.

Useful information and links

The **Statistical Services Centre**, University of Reading, offers the following online course: 'Statistics Made Simple' (e-SMS): basic statistics for researchers, 22 March to 10 May 2010. Cost: £695 (£485 with academic discount). See www.ssc.reading.ac.uk/courses/e-SMS.html or statistics@lists.reading.ac.uk

2010 **Leverhulme Early Careers Fellows** - closing date 11 March 2010. www.leverhulme.ac.uk

University of Warwick Chemistry website www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/chemistry/chemintra/postdoc

Warwick Pioneers www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers

BBSRC heralds 'Age of Bioscience' with launch of new strategic plan

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) has outlined the strategic framework that will shape its direction and funding decisions for the next 5 years. www.bbsrc.ac.uk/strategy

Minister warns universities of reduced funding

Higher education minister David Lammy has warned universities to expect years of reduced funding. www.hefce.ac.uk/news/hefce/2010/grant1011/

UKCGE Research Ethics event - 13 May 2010

This workshop will review the key strategies and materials required for a "Toolkit" for Research Ethics training of academic staff and research managers in HEIs. Overviews of policies from the Research Councils, NHS (including the Research Passport Scheme) will cover latest developments in Research Ethics and Research Governance in Higher Education Institutions.

www.ukcge.ac.uk/events/eventsarea/ethics2010.htm

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