

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 that 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
Making Successful Grant Applications - Arts Faculty	1 March
Ideas Generation, Creativity and Innovation	2 March
Promote Yourself	21 March
Project Management 2 For Researchers - the Next Steps	23 March
Promote Yourself	29 March
Technologies for Research: Focus on Funding	10 May
Looking Beyond Academia	17 May

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>

Dr Mathew Higgins from The School of Engineering attended the recent programme and commented:

"This programme has provided me with added confidence in preparing for the next phase of my work. It is also been beneficial to meet other like-minded individuals to openly discuss our past, present and future thoughts on business ventures."

Cohort 2 Booking is open: <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** Booking is now closed due to the great response but you can register your interest for future workshops between May and December 2011. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/acawrite/bookingworkshops/>

- **Two Day 'Writing Camp'** 30 & 31 March 2011

\*\*Only 2 places left\*\*

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

#### Promote Yourself 21 & 29 March 2011

These two half day workshops are suitable for researchers who may be preparing to compete for new opportunities including re-entering the job market

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

#### 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/)

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

The focus of Roberts' funding is on sharing best practice, so in your applications please include how you plan to share best practice. An important criteria for applying for Roberts' funding is that you are a research staff employee at time of application and at the time of event as well as being able to share best practice after the event.

Priority for Roberts' funding will be given to best practice sharing events and support for conference attendance will be secondary.

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

- Sian Taylor-Phillips, HSRI, WMS - £905 towards attending the SPIE (Society of Photo-optical Instrument Engineers) Medical Imaging Conference, Florida USA, 11 – 18 February 2011
- Fabio Camilletti, Italian Department - £500 towards his book launch 'Metamorphosing Dante' at Millburn House, 9 March 2011
- Andrea Hajek, Institute of Advanced Studies - £ 100 towards costs to attend two separate seminars organised by Institute of Germanic & Romance Studies at the University of London, School of Advanced Study, London, 19 February & 19 March 2011
- Caroline White, Centre for Education & Industry - £163 towards travel to attend 'Beyond Tokenism' conference, London, 29 March 2011.
- Jassim Happa, International Digital Laboratory, WMG - £ 650 towards costs to attend the Eurographics 2011 Conference, Wales, 11 – 15 April 2011
- Harbinder Kaur Sandhu, ICE,WMS - £650 towards costs to attend RIAS Coding & Research Workshop at NIVEL, Utrecht Netherlands, 26 – 28 April 2011

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

- Claire Jones, Centre for the History of Medicine - £1000 towards attending the American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Conference, Philadelphia USA, 27 April – 1 May 2011
- Dan Woodcock, Warwick Systems Biology Centre - £1000 towards costs to attend The Biology of Genomes Conference. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York, 10 – 14 May 2011
- Julia Igrave, Institute of Education - £350 towards costs of attendance at 'Religion, Locality, Education Conference', London, 12 – 16 May 2011
- Arina Cirstea, Institute of Advanced Studies - £1000 towards organising a one-day symposium 'Spiritual Identities in Literature; An Inter-Faith Perspective', IAS Seminar Room, 2 June 2011
- Anca Alba, HSRI,WMS – £900 towards attendance at 11th International Conference on Knowledge, Culture & Change in Organisations, Madrid Spain, 14 -18 June 2011
- Hendrik Weber, Mathematics - £1000 towards participation at the 35<sup>th</sup> Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Application, Mexico, 20 – 24 June 2011
- Chengjin Du, Systems Biology Centre - £ 1000 towards attendance at the International Computer Vision Summer School, Sicily, 10 – 17 July 2011
- Peter Windridge, Mathematics - £850 towards attending the Cornell Probability Summer School, Ithaca USA, 11 – 22 July 2011
- Masoumeh Dashti, Kody Law, David White, Mathematics Institute (departmental application) - £5000 for Applied Mathematics and Statistics Seminar Series from 1 August - 17 December 2011
- Timothy Logvinenko, Mathematics - £1000 towards visiting the University of Nagoya & the Institute of Physics & Mathematics of the Universe (IPMU) at the University of Tokyo to give a series of talks related to current research & to take part in a research workshop, September 2011

### Feedback from Roberts' Funded Events

Dr Alexandra Lewis, Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies presented a paper at the International Arts and Humanities Conference, Hawaii, 9-12 January 2011

"I was thrilled to be invited to present a paper, entitled 'Medical Arts: Striking at the Heart of Nineteenth-Century Trauma', at the International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Hawaii, 9-12 January 2011. My attendance was made possible largely due to a generous grant from the Roberts Fund. My thanks go to Sandy Sparks and the Learning and Development Centre team for their help in bringing this fantastic opportunity for personal and professional development to fruition.

The conference was designed to foster cross-disciplinary exchange and interaction. With hundreds of participants from more than 20 countries, speaking on research projects ranging from literature to linguistics, graphic design to gender studies, it certainly did not disappoint. In addition to theoretical, historical and textual approaches to particular areas and works, a number of panels were devoted to explicit discussion of current methodological and pedagogical issues

in interdisciplinary studies. Impassioned, detailed debate concerning 'Challenges and Advantages for Fostering Interdisciplinarity in Humanities Departments', for example, meant that my ideas about learning as well as about literature were voiced in conversation during (and after) session hours, an experience which has provided me with interesting insights to share with colleagues at Warwick.

True to the aims of the Roberts Fund, participation in this activity has developed my skill-set in a number of important ways, from research and career management (in the writing and presentation of my paper, which I intend to develop for publication – indeed fielding an offer from a journal editor in my panel's audience), to communication skills, networking and teamworking (through seizing further opportunities for discussion between panels, and answering enquiries about my current and future research), to personal effectiveness (including, but certainly not limited to, determining the correct coffee-to-jetlag ratio the day after arrival). This was a thoroughly enjoyable and highly instructive experience which has expanded the horizon of my ongoing work as a Junior Research Fellow at Warwick. Again, to Sandy Sparks and the Learning and Development Centre team: Mahalo (thank you)!"

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

- **9 March 2011** Book Launch 'Metamorphosing Dante' at Millburn House by Fabio Camilletti, Italian Department
- **5 April 2011** - Healthcare Research@Warwick poster Event - Dr Davide Nicolini, Institute of Health, SHSS. An opportunity to present & showcase your work. Please also note training for posters is being offered on 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' – One day poster workshop for those who use statistics in research. Organised by 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/>
- 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/>
- 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/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/healthatwarwick/events/ethics_an_introduction/) The event is funded by the Staff Development Fund.

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## Further opportunities within Warwick

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

The screenshot shows the Learning and Development Centre website. The main heading is "Research Staff Forum & Representatives". Below this, there is a paragraph: "A University Forum for Research Staff has been established to serve a general networking function and to provide a focus for gathering Research Staff views on issues such as induction, training and development opportunities etc." Below the paragraph are three numbered points: "1. How does the Research Staff Forum operate?", "2. What has the forum achieved?", and "3. Who is on the forum?". At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "HOW DOES THE RESEARCH STAFF FORUM OPERATE?" with the text "The Forum meets several times per year to:".

**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](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicessupport/training/course_cat/teaching_research)

IT services 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 - 15 March 2011, 12.30-2pm MOAC Seminar Room. Professor Alison Rodger, Director: MOAC.**

All science and medicine post doctoral researchers are invited to a lunch 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).

Please let us know that 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/moalunch> 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 at 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>

Vitae Course / Events <http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/1151/Courses--events.html>

- Vitae research staff conference - Empowering research staff associations to make an impact. Date TBC. Please note: You can register your interest for the 2011 conference by emailing [courses@vitae.ac.uk](mailto:courses@vitae.ac.uk)
- Advancing in academia - An interactive one day event that provides research staff with the opportunity to explore and develop some of the skills, knowledge, experience and attributes required to advance an academic career. Date TBC  
If you would like to be notified when additional activities for research staff in 2011 are added to our website please email [courses@vitae.ac.uk](mailto:courses@vitae.ac.uk) adding 'research staff 2011' in the subject line.

**RCUK events** - <http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/events/>

- 14 March 2011 – Good Practice in Information Literacy for Academic Research, University of Warwick  
<http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/events/eventsarea/infoliteracy11>

**Research Information Networks (RIN) workshops** on Freedom of Information Act challenges and opportunities for researchers. Three free regional workshops are being organised. Each of them will run from 10:00 to 16:00

- 22 March 2011, University of Manchester - to be chaired by Matthew Stephenson, Head of Information Governance, University of Salford
- 1 April 2011, University College London - to be chaired by Professor Robert Hazell, Director, UCL Constitution Unit
- 12 April 2011, Strathclyde University, Glasgow - chair tbc

More information online: <http://www.rin.ac.uk/news/events/regional-workshops-freedom-information-and-he-researchers>

### ESRC's media training courses for Early Career Researchers

7 March 2011, University of Manchester

10 March 2011, Glasgow, Strathclyde University

28 March 2011, London School of Economics

These training courses are free of charge but please note that they are only available to ESRC-funded researchers, and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Further information on the location of each course will be sent to you once your application to attend the course has been confirmed.

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/tools-and-resources/impact-toolkit/tools/media/media-training.aspx>.

### British Library

The Growing Knowledge exhibition demonstrates the vision for future digital research services at the British Library, and provide a test bed for the evaluation of digital research tools and services that have the potential to support researchers' needs. The exhibition consists of a number of features including digital signage, video demonstrations, interactive welcome animations and a prototype 'Researcher's tabletop' application. [www.growingknowledge.bl.uk/](http://www.growingknowledge.bl.uk/)

## Opportunities outside Warwick - cont'd

### 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

- **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.

### Contacts:

#### Roberts' funded support staff: Who does what? Until December 2011

**Sandy Sparks** [sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk) ext 74121 (LDC) - 80% FTE to provide enhanced communication and providing information to the research staff through; the monthly e-newsletter, annual researcher learning & development programme, the research staff groups in faculties and departments and the LDC/ Researcher website. One to one coaching. Manages the Roberts' funding for individual researchers & departments.

**Trudy Hillier** [t.j.hillier@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:t.j.hillier@warwick.ac.uk) ext 24670 (LDC) - 30% FTE to develop training initiatives for research staff in relation to Leadership & Management Development and Personal Effectiveness. One to one coaching and tailored workshops.

**Julie Gallimore** [j.a.gallimore@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:j.a.gallimore@warwick.ac.uk) ext 23498 (SCS) – 60% FTE to provide careers advice & support as well as providing training initiatives / workshops in the Researcher programme.

Careers support focuses on all aspects of career decision making and we can help you explore your unique set of skills, values and motivation. We are experienced in supporting researchers as they make applications, create CV's and prepare for interviews. Many researchers who are managing contract working chose to take up this support ahead of changes to their contract to help them manage their transition.

**Dr John Burden** [j.p.burden@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:j.p.burden@warwick.ac.uk) ext 51243 (RSS) – to provide support & advice to research staff on writing successful fellowship bids and grant applications. Advice and guidance about developing an academic track record as part of securing fellowship and grant funding.

**Trevor Robinson** [t.robinson@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:t.robinson@warwick.ac.uk) (Education) – 1 day per week – Business Engagement support through the Business Engagement Pilot Project

**Christine Smith (LDC)** – 50% FTE to provide advice on the production of some online resources for research staff

**Val Bentick (LDC)** - To provide administrative support

**Gareth Wright (LDC)** - Marketing & website support