

### Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre

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

The LDC Research Staff Development Programme for the new academic year is now finalised. The information is available on the website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/>

Printed copies of the programme will be sent out w/c 11th October

#### Workshops running this term\*

Workshop	Date
Teamworking	4th November
Career Planning for Early Career Researchers	9th November
Practical Project Management for Researchers	10th November
Four Ways to Find New Ideas	11th November
Making Successful Grant Application - Arts/Humanities	15th November
Making Successful Grant Application - Social Science	15th November
How to Network - A Strategic and Practical Approach	16th November
Getting Published: Editorial Processes, Copyright and Marketing	24th November
Introduction to Technology Toolkits for Researchers	30th November
Influencing Skills	2nd December

#### Please also see the LDC general programme

Other learning & development 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** that individual Roberts' funding applications have now increased to £1000.

#### Roberts' funding – individual applications approved in Sep '10:

- WMG Researcher Network – Dr Vanessa Goodship - 'a year of co-ordinated and informal internal and open events aimed at pump priming researcher development and research networks for WMG staff' - £5000.
- Research Staff Forum – for lunches at the twice per term meetings and networking sessions
- Dr Elizabeth Arweck - Bi-annual Conference of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR/SISR), 30 June–3 July 2011, Aix-en-Provence, France and will share best practice from the event - £650

#### Feedback on Roberts' funded events that have taken place:

##### Young Investigator's Summer School - 6 - 8 Sep 2010

*Organised by G. Costantini & V. Stavros, Chemistry*

There is no one correct formula to being a successful academic and success is synonymous with failure be it in grant proposal writing, managing a research group or teaching. The meeting for 'Recent Appointees in Physical Chemistry' held at the University of Warwick between 6-8 September brought together the UK's rising stars in Physical Chemistry, highly successful Warwick Professors, Warwick's Research Supports Services, the Engineering and Physical

Science Research Council and The Royal Society of Chemistry to discuss the key ingredients to success in academia. The meeting was met with whole-hearted praise by its participants, with the next meeting scheduled to be held at the University of Durham in September 2012. The local organizers Drs. Giovanni Costantini and Vasilios Stavros of the Department of Chemistry would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the event, in particular many of the Warwick Staff for their invaluable contribution. The local organizers would also like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors for their kind generosity including the Royal Society of Chemistry, The Institute of Advanced Studies, the Learning and Development Centre (Roberts' funding) and the Department of Chemistry.

#### Future sessions taking place that are Roberts' funded and open to Research staff:

- **The Useable Past in 17th Century England**  
An interdisciplinary colloquium on early-modern historical culture  
**Saturday 23rd October 2010**  
Organiser: **Matthew Neufeld**  
See <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/hrc/confs/up>

#### Focus on: LDC – Roberts' funded staff that assist Research Staff

**Sandy Sparks** (LDC) - 80% FTE to provide enhanced 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. Provides one to one coaching. Manages the Roberts' funding for individual researchers & departments.

**Trudy Hillier** (LDC) - 50% FTE to develop training initiatives for research staff in relation to Leadership & Management Development and Personal Effectiveness. Provides one to one coaching and tailored workshops.

**Julie Gallimore** (SCS) – provides careers advice & support as well as providing training initiatives / workshops in the Researcher programme.

**Dr John Burden** (RSS) – provides support & advice to research staff on writing successful bids / grant applications.

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

**Val Bentick** (LDC) - provides administrative support.

**Gareth Wright** (LDC) - marketing & website support.

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## Further opportunities within Warwick

### Windows on Research – WoR

Sessions continue in Term 1

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

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

### 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 have announced their training schedule for Autumn 2010

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>

The Vitae Researcher Developers conference was held during September 2010 – presentations and handouts are now available to download from [www.vitae.ac.uk/conference10](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/conference10)

## Useful information and links

- **The Researcher Development Statement** is a reference document that includes the domains, sub domains and descriptors of the full framework in a useful format for policy makers and research organisations who are planning the support and development of researchers in higher education.  
<http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/news/latestnews/RDS+Statement>

- **Research Development Framework (RDF)** The Researcher Development Framework is a tool for planning, promoting and supporting the personal, professional and career development of researchers in higher education. It describes the knowledge, skills, behaviours and personal qualities of researchers and encourages them to aspire to excellence through achieving higher levels of development.  
<http://vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/234381/RDF-overview.html>

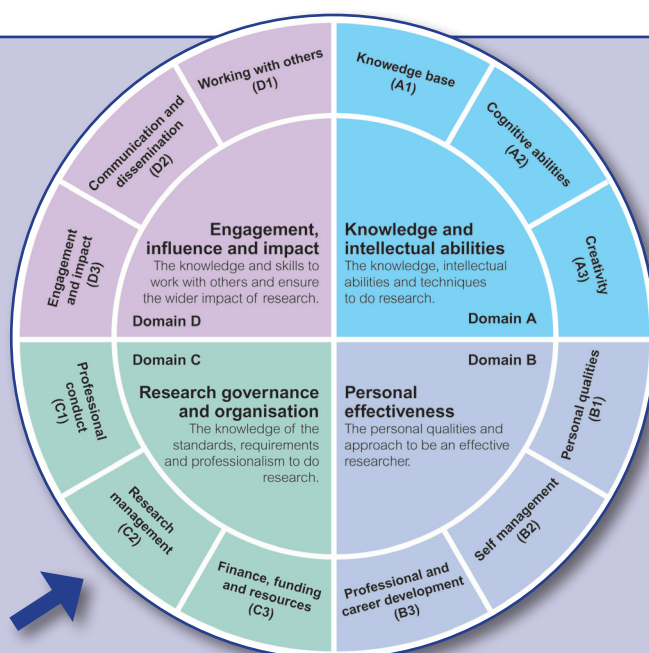
Research Staff Development Framework **online tool**. It allows researchers to identify the areas in the framework you want to develop further, create an action plan and record your evidence of progress.

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/234501/Resources-and-supporting-documents.html>

- **ResearchProfessional.com** for information on funding opportunities and research policy and practice news.  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding/researchresearch/>
- **Researchers in Residence** organise placements between early stage researchers and secondary schools. It is funded by the Research Councils UK (RCUK) and supported by the Wellcome Trust. [www.researchersinresidence.ac.uk](http://www.researchersinresidence.ac.uk)
- **JSPS London, Short-Term Award Programme for 2011** - Call for Applications for Fellowships to start between May 2011 and the end of March 2012. Closing Date is 17:30, Wednesday 1 December, 2010

JSPS is the leading research funding agency in Japan, established by the Japanese Government for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science. The Short-Term Award provides the opportunity for pre and post doctoral UK researchers and European and North American researchers based in the UK to visit Japan for 1 to 12 months to undertake cooperative research with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Institutions. Eligible research fields are not limited: computer, engineering, health, biological, life, natural and physical sciences, mathematics, humanities and social sciences etc.

Electronic versions of all the application materials are available on our website at: [http://www.jspso.org/funding/fellow\\_short.html](http://www.jspso.org/funding/fellow_short.html)



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