

## EPSRC OVERVIEW

LDC would like to talk to research staff about their projects with a view to writing up some case studies. Case studies on innovative projects that focus on enterprise, engagement, impact or career development will be shared with all researchers on the LDC website. Please contact Sandy Sparks [sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk) if you have an interesting project that you would like to share.

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Learning & Development Centre Events

1 May 2012

#### **"How to Sell Your Research & at what cost"**

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

9 May 2012

#### **"Academic Writing with a focus on writing for non-academic audiences"**

- bespoke for Research Staff in the History department

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

23 May 2012

#### **"Funding with Q&A"** - bespoke for

Research Staff in the History department

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

14 June 2012

#### **"Being an Enterprising Researcher"**

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

### Feedback

#### **"How to sell yourself & your research"**

took place on 20 March 2012.

This was arranged as a bespoke session for Research staff in the Engineering Department.

Here is some of the delegates feedback on:

How they will use the learning:

**"To build up my network"**  
**"To secure my first funding"**

General comments:

**"Overall a very interesting Workshop"**

**"Excellent"**  
**"Great practical scenarios"**

### Career Support

Research Staff have requested 1-1 career support to assist with cv advice, career planning, preparing for interviews or mock interviews. LDC is looking to provide funding for expert career support. If you are interested please can you complete the register of interest form <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande#cs>

The research staff provision is being developed for the Summer Term, please contact Sandy Sparks [sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk) with your needs.

See the LDC Research staff website <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/> for Opportunities within Warwick <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/> & Opportunities outside Warwick <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/outsidewarwick/>

### E&E or LDC funded Events

15 May 2012

#### **Writing in the Social Sciences & Humanities**

A 2-part full-day workshop to include a session on writing for different audiences & peer review with the opportunity to receive in-session writing support.

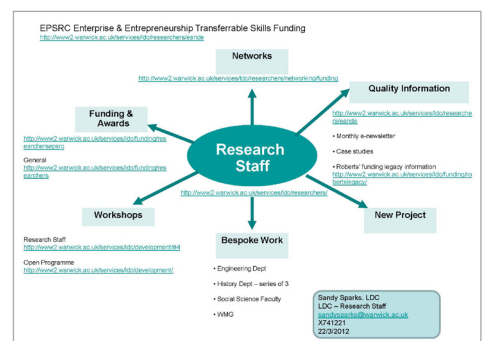
Organised by Toni Haastrup & Sharifah Sekalala with funding from LDC <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/writingssh/>

22 March 2012

#### **"WMG Researcher Forum"** - Feedback

Sandy attended the WMG research staff forum to talk about funding opportunities for research staff (see diagram below and URL for website version). The research forum has grown into a community that has developed a range of activities. A journal club has been started (first meeting in March and the next planned meeting is 13 April) with the group meeting again later to conduct an experiment. The forum has arranged for research staff to make videos to share practice as well as some pre-training. CV support has been offered by WMG HR staff. LDC will help by arranging careers support, helping researchers create blogs & looking at the idea of a statistics clinic.

For further information about the WMG forum please contact Vanessa Goodship [V.Goodship@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:V.Goodship@warwick.ac.uk)



[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/wmg\\_funding\\_diagram.pdf](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/wmg_funding_diagram.pdf)

For other funded events please see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchersepsrc/funding/>

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES cont'd

### VITAE Events

31 May & 11 June 2012

#### "Collaborative researcher"

2 days event at University of Warwick

*So far 14 people have booked places.*

This is an intensive 2 day course. When registering for the course you will be expected to attend on both days.

#### What's in it for you?

This course offers you the opportunity to:

- explore collaboration both in theory and in practice
- work with a team of experienced facilitators from a range of career backgrounds, who will ensure you get the most out of the 2 days

- meet researchers from a variety of disciplines, backgrounds and career stages
- develop your understanding of collaboration theory and how to apply it in practice
- take a few days out from your research both physically and mentally, and have some space in which to consider yourself and your next steps

This event is open to all UK researchers - subject to availability. Places on the event are free but participants will need to cover their own travel expenses.

#### To book a place:

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/56271-515941/Collaborative-Researcher-31st-May-AND-11th-June-University-of-Warwick.html>

Quotes from delegates who attended the Nottingham event.

**"An opportunity to come out of our 'research shell', meets other researchers, work with them and enjoy a collaborative team effort."**

**"Wonderful trainers, brilliant course design, handbook very useful resource"**

**"I cannot recommend this course highly enough – it was time well spent!"**

## FUNDING

### Learning & Development Centre Awards

#### EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Awards (managed by LDC).

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchersepsrc>

Up to £70k of funding available between 1 September 2011 and 31 July 2012.

**12 Applications approved up to 31 March 2012:**

Funding used  
**£33.6K**

Funding remaining  
**£36.4K**

- Remzi Becer & Rachel O'Reilly (Chemistry), £4960 --- July 2012
- Paulina Sydor (Chemistry), £760 --- March - July 2012
- Mathew Gibson (Chemistry), £5,000 --- March & April 2012
- Dehzi Li (WMG), £2,500 --- April & June 2012
- V.Goodship (WMG), £1000 --- January - July 2012
- R.Roemer (Physics), £5000, --- October 2011 – March 2012  
- [Details of event](#)
- M.Turner (Physics), £1000 --- February & March 2012 - [Feedback report](#)
- A.Lapkin (Engineering), £2080 --- August 2011 - March 2012
- D.Hughes (WMG), £800 --- 6 December 2011 - [Feedback report](#)
- K. Law & W.Yang (Statistics), £5000 --- 30 November 2011 - 2 December 2011 - [Details of event](#), - [Feedback report](#)
- C.Foullon (Physics), £1000 --- 17 - 20 October 2011 - [Feedback report](#)
- J.Happa, K. Debattista & S.Czanner (WMG Digilab), £4535 --- 8 & 9 September 2011 - [Feedback report](#)

#### Funding for Research Staff Networks (managed by LDC).

A total of £53k of funding available between 1 September 2011 and 31 July 2012.

Funding comes from EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Awards - £30k or from LDC funding - £23k  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/networking/funding>

Status as at 31 March 2012

EPSRC  
Funding used  
**£2K**

EPSRC  
Funding remaining  
**£28K**

LDC  
Funding used  
**£3.1K**

LDC  
Funding remaining  
**£19.9K**

#### E&E funded up to 29 February 2012:

- WMG Research Staff Forum, £2,000

#### LDC funded up to 29 February 2012:

- Research Staff Forum, £1,000
- Nana Zhang - Researching China, £1,155
- Toni Haastrup (PAIS & CSGR) and Sharifah Sekalala (Law), Academic Writing session for research staff from Social Science departments, £1000

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Training website:

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

## IDEAS & SHARED PRACTICE

In future issues this section will be focusing on results / benefits of events that we have funded and also focusing on some of the activities happening at the University of Warwick. If you have anything you would like to share or showcase, please contact Sandy Sparks:

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Research Professional** for funding opportunities  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding/external/researchresearch>
- **News Portal for Universities Worldwide.** [www.universitiesnews.com](http://www.universitiesnews.com)
- **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science - JSPS London Postdoctoral Fellowship (Short-Term Award)**  
Call for Applications for Fellowships to start between November 2012 and the end of March 2013. **Closing Date: Friday 1 June, 2012**  
  
Application guidelines and documents are available here:  
<http://www.jsps.org/funding/2012/03/postdoctoral-fellowship-for-foreign-researchers-short-term.html>  
  
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