

Learning & Development Centre

AUGUST 2012 *E-NEWSLETTER*

Funded by EPSRC *Delivering Impact and Developing Leaders*

OVERVIEW

From August 2012 until March 2013 our remit will widen to focus on staff development opportunities for 'Research Active Staff'

EPSRC funding on Delivering Impact and Developing Leaders has been provided to continue support for research staff development until March 2013. This includes funding Sandy Sparks in her role. The research active staff provision is being developed, please contact Sandy Sparks Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk with your needs. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/traindev/>

EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills

Research Staff Provision has now ceased (as at 31 July 2012) for the legacy information and achievements see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/epsrcllegacy/>

Applications for funding are still being received. The funding already awarded will continue to be available until 30 November 2012. There will be no extension after this date. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchersepsrc/>

LDC case studies include innovative projects that focus on enterprise, engagement, impact, career development or leadership.

A new case study has been added on '*WMG's Journal Club*' started by Sumit Hazra. The case study written by Nikki-Ann Wensley compares the WMG Journal club to that in System's Biology

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

Please contact Sandy Sparks Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk if you have an interesting project that you would like to share or have written up into a case study.



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Mathematics and Statistics Pilot Seminar Series - Launch event and Survey request for topics.

This project was developed in response to requests from all levels of research staff for statistical support training, ranging from researchers with specific technical queries to those who would like to experiment with research data but don't know where to begin. A project officer, Lisa Lavender, has now been appointed, the website is live and plans are being developed for the series of monthly seminars to run from September 2012 to March 2013.

Launch event - Introduction to Statistical Analysis: Supporting YOUR Research 20th September, 12.00 - 2.00pm, Wolfson Research Exchange, Room 3.

This introductory session will go through some of the basics involved in statistical analysis, consider why it could benefit your research and how you can make better use of analysis techniques. There will also be a discussion on how the series can be developed to best support your research, funding applications and ongoing academic development.

To book a place, including lunch visit our new website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/mathstats> and click on the 'Introductory Seminar Session' link.

Survey of researcher needs

Researchers have already given us some ideas for areas of statistical training and support to include in the new seminar series, such as survey design, factor analysis and T-tests, but to ensure that the series benefits as many researchers as possible from as broad a range of disciplines as possible, we would like to hear what YOUR support and training needs are.

To give us your views visit our new website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/mathstats> and click on the 'SURVEY' link. Please contact Lisa Lavender: L.A.Lavender.1@warwick.ac.uk with any queries.

Research Team Leaders' Programme (RTLTP)

This programme developed for Research Team Leaders includes four half day workshops with coaching support will commence in January 2013. The overall aim of the development programme is to equip Research Team Leaders with the key skills needed to lead and manage their teams. Content is based on four key areas:

Workshop 1 - Working with Others - 23 Jan
Workshop 2 - Leading your Team - 6 Feb
Workshop 3 - Handling Change and Uncertainty - 20 Feb
Workshop 4 - Running Effective Meetings - 6 March

Nomination deadline is Friday 30th November 2012. Allocation of places will be confirmed by email by Friday 7th December 2012.

Full programme details including how to nominate are on the LDC website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/rtlp/>

Self-help Learning Resources

The Learning and Development Centre has started to collect and share open access self help learning resources for all staff to use.

The first materials are on the theme of: managing yourself & your working relationships and are presented under 12 headings.

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

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Feedback from LDC and E&E funded events

Scott Crowther's feedback

"During June and July, the WMG SME team took part in 2 days of arduino workshops in the Digital Lab. The hands-on sessions started from a 'zero knowledge' base and provided a practical understanding of connecting physical world devices to the internet. By the end of 2 days, we had Tweets triggering bubble machines, wooden models showing the weather forecast across the globe, and were using switches, sensors and data pulled from the Internet to control motors, lights and music. This was a fun-filled foray into tinkering and hacking, and the technology end of the Internet of Things. We're already applying this knowledge directly into a couple of demonstrator projects with local SMEs, providing direct benefit to their businesses. We are also considering how we can run inspiring workshops of our own for the local business community, so they can learn how to plug their products into the Internet."

Nana Zhang's feedback

'Researching China' seminar series – Digital Technology in Research

12:00 – 14:00, Monday 9th July 2012

Seminar Room 1, Wolfson Research Exchange, Library, University of Warwick

Digital technologies can facilitate research and enhance the impact of research in many ways.

How do you choose the most suitable digital technologies at different stages of the research?

What are the dos and don'ts of using such tools? In this seminar, Dr Xiao Ma, Warwick

Technology Transfer Specialist from WMG,

provided Warwick researchers expert advice on

how to make the best use of a range of simple digital technologies and techniques in the

whole research cycle to facilitate research and

enhance research impact, with particular

reflections on some specific digital tools that

are extremely useful when doing research in/

on China.



Despite it being holiday time, the event has

attracted interest from different departments across the University such as Institute of Education, Sociology, Politics & International Studies, Institute for Employment Research, School of Law, School of Health & Social Studies, English and Comparative Literary Studies, Learning and Development Centre and Information Technology Services. Participants include researchers, research students, academics as well as technicians. The event has created a supportive space for Warwick researchers to network, share their research and foster possible collaboration links for future research on China-related issues.

You can now access Dr Xiao Ma's presentation and the presentations from the past events by following the link: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/staff/research/zhang/homepage/china/>

If you would like to join our network mailing list, please contact Dr Nana Zhang, Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, Email: N.Zhang@warwick.ac.uk

USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LDC EVENTS

Workshops - a series of five workshops for research active staff

19 September 2012

Making a Personal Impact

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

18 October 2012

Building Resilience

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

14 November 2012

Tools for Developing Creativity

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

20 November 2012

Facilitation Skills

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

4 December 2012

Networking

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

20 September 2012

Maths & Stats Seminar Series Launch Event

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researcher/mathstats>

22 & 23 November 2012

Academic Writing Programme away days

These writing away days run over 2 days and offer research staff the opportunity to focus exclusively on their writing. *Website:* <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/awpbootcamp>

Booking form: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/awpbootcamp/booking/>

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Starting 23 January 2013

Research Team Leaders Programme

Full overview and dates:

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

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 providing funding for expert career support. If you are interested please can you complete the booking form <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande#cs>

FUNDING

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

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

Up to **£100K** of funding available between 1 September 2011 and **30 November 2012** (The funding period has been extended but there will be no extension after this date)

Status as at 31 July 2012

Funding used 44k	Funding remaining 56k
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Applications approved up to 31 July 2012

Vanessa Goodship (WMG), £605 --- September 2012

Vanessa Goodship (WMG), £504 --- September 2012

Vanessa Goodship (WMG), £1000 --- June - September 2012

Scott Crowther (WMG), £600 --- July 2012 - Feedback report

Xiao Ma (WMG) , £1000 --- May – July 2012

Scott Crowther (WMG) , £1000 --- April – July 2012

Sumit Hazra (WMG),£600 - Case study

Kylash Makenji (WMG) , £1000 --- April – July 2012

Ruth Cherrington (WMG), £1000 --- April – July 2012

Bethany Middleton (WMG), £1000 --- April – November 2012

Remzi Becer & Rachel O'Reilly (Chemistry), £4960 --- July 2012

Paulina Sydor (Chemistry), £760 --- March - July 2012

Matthew Gibson (Chemistry), £5,000 --- March & April 2012

Dehzi Li (WMG), £2,500 --- April & June 2012 - Feedback report

V.Goodship (WMG), £1000 --- January - July 2012

R.Roemer (Physics), £5000, --- October 2011 – July 2012 - Details of event

M.Turner (Physics), £1000 --- February & March 2012 - Feedback report

A.Lapkin (Engineering), £2080 --- August 2011 - March 2012 - Feedback report

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

WMG Research Staff Forum, £2,000

USEFUL LINKS

See the LDC Research staff website

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

The LDC staff development provision

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

Opportunities within Warwick

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

The MRC have allocated the university £30K to spend on early career researcher development.

Eligible Warwick researchers will be able to apply for funding to support a visit to another institution for up to 3 months in order to undertake a new piece of research and training. The idea is that this will improve the track record of the researcher and allow them to undertake a novel piece of research that could potentially form the basis of a future fellowship application.

The awards will be competitive, and depending on costs we anticipate awarding 2 or 3 at the most. They will therefore be aimed at those whose track record to date shows fellowship potential.

Full details on the scheme are given at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding/fundingopportunities/opportunities/mrc_centenary_awards

Deadline for applications 31st August 5pm

Eligible researchers are MRC funded PhD students in the final 18 months of study, newly qualified post-doctoral researchers who were MRC-funded PhD students and have submitted their PhD thesis within the last 12 months and postdocs currently funded by MRC who are within 12 months of the submission of their PhD

Arts Faculty website

Please find attached the link to the Arts Faculty Events List which includes details of lectures and seminars in the Faculty. <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/events/>

If you would like to advertise an event in the diary, please email details to artsfaculty@warwick.ac.uk

Opportunities outside Warwick

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

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Invitation Fellowships: Long Term, Short Term and Short Term S.

Application Period: 3 to 7 September 2012 to JSPS Tokyo via host in Japan.

Fellowships must be started between 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is the leading research funding agency in Japan, established by the Japanese Government for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science. Our Invitation Fellowships provide the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions for visits of between 14 days to 10 months. Eligible applicants need to have obtained their doctorate degree more than 6 years prior to 1st April 2013. Eligible research fields are not limited.

Please visit the JSPS Tokyo website here for further information:

<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/index.html>