

## Learning & Development Centre

### FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

### FEBRUARY 2013 *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.  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/epsrcladers>

Please contact Sandy Sparks:  
[Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk)  
with your development priorities.

#### **Statistics Seminar Series.**

\* SEMINAR 6 POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH\*

The seminar on 'Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis, Survey and Questionnaire Design' will now take place on Thursday 14th March. For more details visit our new website:

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

or contact Lisa Lavender:

[L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk) with any queries about the Seminar Series.

#### **Open Access in Academic Publishing**

Open Access refers to the practice of providing unrestricted access (free and permanent online access) to research outputs. To find out more about OA, please see the webpage:  
[go.warwick.ac.uk/lib-researchers/authors](http://go.warwick.ac.uk/lib-researchers/authors).

As of 1 April 2013, RCUK will require all journal articles from research it funds to be published OA. (RCUK are also requiring data management plans to be in place when they fund research: look out for information and events on the theme of data management on Insite.) Contact the Library on:  
[openaccessfund@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:openaccessfund@warwick.ac.uk)  
with any questions about the OA process and available funding

#### **NEW THIS MONTH:**

##### **Events:**

- ⇒ An Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- ⇒ Network events:  
Activity Monitoring, Health & Well-being  
UK Data Archive Workshop

##### **Support Update:**

- ⇒ Research Staff Forum: upcoming meeting
- ⇒ Funding Update

**A wide range of events are coming up over the new few weeks specifically for the development and engagement of Research Active Staff.**

### **An Introduction to Entrepreneurship**

**21st February, 12.30-5.00pm.**

The Venture Centre, Warwick Science Park

The role of an academic is progressively stretching beyond the confines of the university. In addition to an increased focus on the real world application amongst the research councils, many academics are choosing to actively commercialise their research and expertise. This workshop will help researchers develop the skills to validate their own business ideas, introduce some of the steps required to develop new businesses and help them to work more effectively with partner firms outside of academia.

For further information and to book a place visit:

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

Or email Tom Blount on: [t.w.blount@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:t.w.blount@warwick.ac.uk)

### **A new LDC-funded Network: Introductory Event**

#### **Activity Monitoring for Behaviour, Health and Well-Being**

**27th February 2013 – 10.30am – 4.30pm.**

The purpose of this workshop is to raise awareness about the research undertaken within the Institute of Digital Health (IDH) and to create a network of biomedical engineering researchers within the university and National Health Service. The aim is to motivate a number of further collaborations between interested departments.

For further details and to book a place please visit:

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

Or email the network organiser: [Viji.Ahanathapillai@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Viji.Ahanathapillai@warwick.ac.uk)

### **UK Data Archive Workshop**

**30th April & 1st May 2013.**

**Wolfson Research Exchange, 2nd floor, Li-**

This 2-day workshop run by UK Data Archive offers high quality advanced training on handling and managing data.

The event will address the basics of how to manage and store data well and how to plan and implement good data management within research projects. It will cover legal aspects, quality control of data, describing data, data formats, storage and security matters including confidentiality issues.

For further details and to book a place visit:

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/data\\_archive](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/data_archive)

### **Warwick Pioneers:**

#### **Envisioning and Enabling Innovation**

This module explores how to turn your research into a commercial product and is run jointly between Warwick Pioneers and Warwick Ventures.

**The introductory evening with wine and other refreshments is being held on Monday 4th March, 5.15pm in the MOAC Seminar room** (top floor of Senate House).

Further monthly course meetings continue until June. For more details and to register for the introductory evening or full course visit:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/pgcets/modules/#innovation> or email [moac3@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:moac3@warwick.ac.uk)

#### **Communication and Impact**

This 2-day course on **15th & 16th March** is developed specifically for post doctoral and early career researchers in the sciences. It is run in partnership with BBC Radio Coventry and includes a studio trip to record a radio broadcast. For more information and to register email:

[moac3@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:moac3@warwick.ac.uk)

or visit: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/pgcets/postdoctoralresearchers/postdocmodules/>

## LDC Funding for Research Active Staff Networks

We are in a position to increase the available fund to £10,000 to support research or academic staff in departments or faculties set up or maintain an existing Research Active Staff Network.

The funding period and period for activity ends on 31 July 2013.

For further details visit:

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

Funding Used	Funding Remaining
£7,710	£2,290

Application approved up to 31 January 2013:

*Frederik Dahlmann (WBS) - £550 (match-funded by WBS)*

*Vannessa Goodship (WMG) - £800*

*\* new \* Toni Haastrup (Politics & International Studies) - £2,060*

*\* new \* Eleni Karasouli & Sian Taylor-Phillips (WMS) - £800*

*\* new \* Vijayalakshmi Ahanathapillai (WMG) - £3,000*

*\* new \* Penny Smith (Institute of Education) - £500*

## A new funding opportunity ...

### EPSRC

## Impact, Career Development & Leadership Funding

*Additional EPSRC funding of £30,000 is available to 31st March 2013 for activities to support delivering impact, career development and the development of research leaders.*

### Awards:

Funding is available for either:

- ⇒ Individual staff—can apply for funding up to a maximum of £1,000.
- ⇒ Groups of Research Staff/ Departments—can apply for funding for Research Staff up to a maximum of £5,000.

**Please note that applications will be considered throughout the funding period until March 2013 on a first come first served basis.**

For more information about the application process and form for the new EPSRC Impact, Career Development & Leadership funding, please visit:

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/impact\\_leadership](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/impact_leadership)

## USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### LDC EVENTS

#### Project Management Courses:

To enable researchers to apply project management principles to the management of their research project.

\* 11 February 2013

#### Practical Project Management for Researchers.

Booking form:

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

\* 12 March 2013

#### Practical Project Management 2 - The Next Steps.

Booking form:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/projrp2>

26 February 2013

#### Facilitation Skills - rescheduled date

Booking form:

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

5 March 2013

#### Technologies for Research

Find out more about the ways technology can support you as a researcher, including finding funding, collaboration with colleagues and disseminating your research.

Booking form:

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

14th March 2013

#### Statistics Seminar Series:

#### Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis, Survey and Questionnaire Design.

Booking form:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/mathstats/seminar6/>

21 & 22 March 2013

#### Academic Writing Programme Away Days \*FULL\*

These writing away days run over 2 days and offer research staff the opportunity to focus exclusively on their writing. To register interest visit:

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

**\* Watch this space for additional workshops focused on academic writing coming soon \***

Further information will be available early in February on the EPSRC Leaders web-page:

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

## 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/>

#### Research Staff Forum

**Next meeting convened for:  
Monday 18th March  
12.30-2.30pm.**

**Room 2, Wolfson Research  
Exchange, 2nd floor, Library.**

*This forum was established to serve a general networking function and to provide a focus for gathering Research Active Staff views on issues such as induction, training and development opportunities.*

With research representatives from across the disciplines (and key university members, including Pro Vice-Chancellors for Research, and representatives from the Library, Human Resources and the Learning Development Centre), previous meetings have proved effective in raising awareness and effecting change for research staff.

**For further details about the  
Research Staff Forum please visit:**

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

Or contact Lisa Lavender if you would like to attend the next forum:

[L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk)

#### **Communication and Impact for Female Early Career Researchers**

**An example of the development and impact opportunities that researcher-focused activities can offer.**

In November 2012 LDC offered bursary places to enable research active staff to attend a residential course organised by the Warwick Centre for Analytical Science in January 2013. The bursaries were quickly taken up, and following the event we received feedback from the researchers on what they have learned and the impact they expect the course will have on their future career.

*In the words of one of the researchers, "...I attended a Communication and Impact course that kick-started my year in the best possible way. The course exceeded my expectations by providing a greater hands on approach than I was ever expecting."*

The sessions included training and practise in video presentation, writing press releases and making a radio programme at the BBC Studios.

*"The key thing I learned ... was to think about the wider and different audiences (not just my peers) when communicating my research, by clearly stating why my research is relevant and interesting in short sentences. Since coming back, I have taken steps to write and speak with fewer jargons and hope to be writing press releases for my research findings soon."* Jasmine Harvey

*"The course was instructive, inspiring and interactive. I improved bit by bit on communicating my research topic with other group members. In the end I could attract my audiences and convince them that my research is very important, exciting and challenging."* Ying Wang

*"Overall, the course has shown me the number of good ideas I can have on the spot and the energy I get from talking to a wide range of fellow scientists, particularly when it is from such a supportive group of women."* Sarah Payne

LDC and the researchers who attended would like to express their thanks to Professor Alison Rodger for organising an effective and fascinating course.

### Opportunities outside Warwick

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

#### **JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Long Term)**

**Application Period: 24th January to 28th February 2013.**

Applications for this fellowship should be submitted to The Royal society as the nominating authority. For further information visit: <http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/jsps-postdoctoral/>