

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Training Newsletter

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Learning &
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EPSRC OVERVIEW

What is EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Funding?

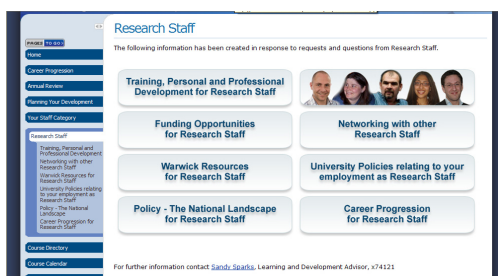
Excerpt taken from the EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Funding letter:

'EPSRC is keen that this money is targeted towards promoting Enterprise and Entrepreneurial training or other aspects of skills training to enable exploitation of research primarily within the EPSRC remit. So that it can be used most effectively by institutions to either align with any current strategies/practices you may already have that could be developed further or to pump prime new activities. The funding is primarily for research staff.'

Roberts' funding ended 31 Dec 2011 but the legacy information which includes achievements and sharing of practice can be found at <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/robertslegacy/>

There is also a "first stop" website <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/> for research staff which covers the following aspects;

- Training, Personal and Professional Development for Research Staff
- Funding Opportunities for Research Staff
- Networking with other Research Staff
- Warwick Resources for Research Staff
- University Policies relating to your employment as Research Staff
- Policy - The National Landscape for Research Staff
- Career Progression for Research Staff



Sandy Sparks' new role from Jan 2012 - July 2012 is EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship (E&E) transferrable skills funded and will focus on the following:

- Managing the EPSRC E&E Transferable Skills Awards (total £70K) for more information see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchersepsrc/funding/>
- Supporting researcher networks and E&E funding for networks <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/networking/funding/>
- Ensuring we provide high quality information for research staff through the website and monthly e-newsletter on E&E opportunities.
- Scoping existing provision of E&E support in Warwick and outside for Research staff.
- Commissioning, designing and delivering workshops for research staff.
- Offering bespoke E&E support to Departments and Faculties work.

Gareth Wright is also E&E transferrable skills funded until July 2012. Gareth will focus on:

- Ensuring we provide high quality information for research staff via development and maintenance of the website and monthly e-newsletter on E&E opportunities

The purpose of this e-newsletter is to:

- Raise awareness of Learning & Development E&E opportunities (ie. LDC / UoW / nationally).
- Promote the Learning & Development E&E offerings / workshops and encourage take-up by research staff.
- Publicise funding available for Learning & Development E&E activity (ie. Awards / Funding for Research Staff Networks/ other external or internal funding eg JSPS).
- Ideas & sharing practice. Also focusing on some of the activities at Warwick eg Impact / Engagement etc.

EPSRC FUNDED EVENTS

The following people have received EPSRC funding to run event(s). Contact them for further information about their event:

Rudolf Roemer, Physics
R.Roemer@warwick.ac.uk

Physics Days - October 2011 - March 2012

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/physics/events/physicsdays>

Mathew Turner, Physics
M.S.Turner@warwick.ac.uk

Event running February & March 2012

Alexei Lapkin, Engineering
A.Lapkin@warwick.ac.uk

Event running through August 2011- March 2012

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Training website:

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

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Learning & Development Centre Events

23 February 2012

"Presenting your Research to Different Audiences"

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

A two-part workshop covering:

Part 1 - Consider the essential elements of giving a good presentation, first preparation and then delivery. Look at the different types of presentation that researchers are called upon to give and explore how to structure your presentation and how best to use supporting elements.

Part 2 - Have the opportunity to give a presentation on your research and receive constructive feedback.

Prepare presentation for various others opportunities.

Presented by: Sandy Sparks, LDC Advisor, Research Staff

Time: 12pm - 4pm

Venue: Research Exchange, Library

28 February 2012

"Being an Enterprising Researcher"

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

Exploring intrapreneurship in relation to research staff development, the focus being on articulating intrapreneurial capabilities in academic and business environments.

Presented by: Sandy Sparks, LDC Advisor, Research Staff

Time: 12pm - 4pm

Venue: Research Exchange, Library

15 March 2012

"How to sell your Research & at what Cost"

Further details will be added to the website shortly

20 March 2012

"How to Sell Yourself and Your Research"

- for Research Staff in the School of Engineering only

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

Most researchers at some time will have the need to persuade or encourage other

people into their way of thinking. It's an essential skill in advancing your career. Selling yourself by using your skills of influence requires an understanding of your self-worth, what the other side wants and how best to get your message across whether with groups or individuals.

Presented by: Yvonne McLean, Inkling Training and Coaching and Sandy Sparks, LDC Advisor, Research Staff

Time: 12pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Room A401, Engineering Building

MOAC Events

15 - 16 March 2012

"Communication and Impact for postdoctoral researchers"

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/pgcts/modules/#scicommpostdoc>

This course has been developed for post doctoral researchers in the Sciences. Communication and Impact gives training on how to present and communicate your research with excellence, both at conferences within your field and to non-specialists. The course will also focus on dealing with journalist inquiries and interviews and teach you how to get your research favourably covered in the media.

Topics will include:

- Why bother communicating to non specialists?
- How to think like a journalist
- Where does news come from and how to get in it
- How to write a press release
- How to give a good radio/TV interview
- How to present yourself well at conferences
- How to network successfully
- How to give a good job interview

Presented by: Dr Adair Richards, a scientific researcher and specialist media skills trainer, and Rosie King, a presenter and producer at the BBC

Venue: WSB 325, Systems Biology, top floor Coventry House.

Contact moac3@warwick.ac.uk for more information and to book a place.

20 - 22 March 2012

"Research Ethics and Practice (for post doctoral researchers and PhD students)"

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/pgcts/modules/#ethics>

Ethics in research is not just confined to a few controversial areas of biomedical research, and it is the responsibility of all practising scientists to understand the ethical context and constraints of their work. Ethics also extends to areas such as conflicts of interest in research, understanding the contractual and legal frameworks under which research is conducted, upholding recognised ethical principles and a commitment to intellectual honesty.

This 2 day seminar on research ethics is aimed at early career researchers undertaking the Science Postgraduate Certificate in Transferable Skills but is open to all Post-Docs. Through taught sessions, practical exercises, an assessed project and the opportunity to participate in the oversight of research ethics at the University, the module focuses on how to be consistent with current frameworks for the oversight and management of research ethics and good laboratory practice. It will also introduce you to the complexities of managing legal, moral, contractual and professional conduct issues in research.

Presented by: Dr Peter Hedges http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/about/rss_staff/phedges

Venue: MOAC Seminar room, top floor Coventry House.

Contact moac3@warwick.ac.uk for more information and to book a place

Further Research Staff Opportunities

Opportunities within Warwick:

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

Opportunities outside of Warwick:

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

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Training website:

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

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. Status as at 31 January 2012

Funding for Research Staff Networks (managed by LDC).

Funding from EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Awards or LDC funding

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

Other Awards

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (managed JSPS) JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship (Standard Award). Call for Applications with Fellowships to start between 1 September 2012 to 30 November 2012. Closing Date: Thursday 1 March 2012

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.

The JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship (Standard Award) provides the opportunity for postdoctoral researchers to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Institutions for visits of 1 to 2 years. Application guidelines are available here: <http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/jsp-postdoctoral/>

For further information please contact Polly Watson, JSPS London Office on tel: 020-7255-4660.

Funding used
£20.4K

Funding available
£49.6K

8 Applications approved up to 13 January 2012:

- V.Goodship (WMG), £1000 --- January - March 2012
- R.Roemer (Physics), £5000, --- October 2011 – March 2012
- Details of event
- M.Turner (Physics), £1000 --- February & March 2012
- 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

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 in Warwick. If you have anything you would like to share or showcase, please contact Sandy Sparks

Email: sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk - Tel: 74121

Please note: The next Research Staff Forum meeting - 15 February 2012, 12pm - 2pm, Research Exchange.

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