

Learning & Development Centre

FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

JANUARY 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/lcd/researchers/epsrcleaders>

Please contact Sandy Sparks:
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with your development priorities.

Statistics Seminar Series.

The Seminar Series website is being developed to provide ongoing statistics support for researchers.

A 'Statistics Glossary' has been added and 'Resource pages' set up for the seminars held in September–December: including presentation files and video's of the speakers' talk. For more details visit our new website:

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

The 5th seminar in the series: **Exploratory Data Analysis & Multi-variate Strategies**, is being held on: **Thursday 10th January, 12.00-2.00pm, Seminar Room, University House.**

To book a place, including lunch, visit:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/researchers/mathstats/series_programme/

Further Seminars in the Statistics Series:

- ⇒ 14th February: Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis. Survey and Questionnaire Design
- ⇒ 14th March: Software Choice

Please contact Lisa Lavender:
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NEW THIS MONTH:

Events:

- ⇒ Statistics Seminar Series—seminar 5 details
- ⇒ Project Management Courses
- ⇒ Technologies for Research

Support Update:

- ⇒ Case Studies from Funded Activities
- ⇒ New Funding Opportunity

More Useful Dates Links

EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills funding for Research Staff: a summary of funding and legacy report.

Running until 30th November 2012, this EPSRC funding was available to individuals as well as for supporting groups or networks.

LDC had 30 applications and awarded £53,400 in funding to research staff in the following departments:

- ⇒ **Chemistry**—7
- ⇒ **Engineering**—2
- ⇒ **Physics** — 4
- ⇒ **Statistics/Mathematics** (joint) - 1
- ⇒ **Warwick Manufacturing Group**—16

Some examples of the activities funded and the benefits/outputs that resulted ...

Physics Enterprise Working Dinner

A number of departments were represented at the dinner which provided a great opportunity for networking.

Innovative topics under discussion included ‘*how to have a good working relationship with industry*’, ‘*what happened after research—the D-word*’, ‘*a small spin out company case study*’.

Physics Days

A series of 10 half-day engagement events in the areas of knowledge transfer, outreach and public engagement.

Facilitating Industrial Collaborations.

A range of projects enabled researchers to develop new industrial collaborations for their research or establish links with industry following visits. These were mainly in WMG but successful experiments carried out by one researcher in Chemistry has led to them now working on a patent application.

WMG Research Staff Network

The network activities have existed for three years and have led to the development of a successful Journal Club.

Engineering Courses

The department has organised a course for Postdoctoral researchers on ‘Developing a Successful Grant Application’, comprising a series of workshops and coaching sessions.

In summary, the funding enabled the research staff involved to:

- ⇒ increase their networking and promotion opportunities for themselves, their departments and the university.
- ⇒ create opportunities to liaise with other potential collaborators within and outside academia, including companies and SME’s.
- ⇒ pilot ideas or to test ideas to include in future grant applications.
- ⇒ develop their transferable skills (organising events) useful for career development.

More details on the list of successful funding applications, including the activity funded and their final reports can be found at:

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

1—1 SUPPORT FOR RESEARCHERS

LDC is committed to providing research active staff with the relevant support for their development needs. In addition to the programme of funding and events we are currently providing funding for three strands of individual support with the aim of addressing specific research needs.

These services are funded until 31 March 2013.

Career Support:

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

Statistics Support:

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/mathstats/additional_resources/1_1_support/

Academic Writing Support:

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

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>

Application approved up to 31 December 2012:

New Frederik Dahlmann (WBS) - £550 (match-funded by WBS)
Vannessa Goodship (WMG) - £800

Vitae— Realising the Potential of Researchers

Vitae is a national organisation, providing events, publications and resources, but also has regional 'Hubs' which promote researcher development within a local area.

Kate Mahoney (Vitae Midlands Hub Manager) is now based in LDC/HR with a greater focus on supporting research staff. For further details on the Midlands Hub visit:

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/midlandshub>

For more information about Vitae and its activities visit:

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk>

Thriving in Research and Professional Collaborations: A Collaborative Learning Lab

17th & 18th January 2013, Oxford.

For further details on this intensive two-day professional development Lab for scientists and to book a place visit:

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/thrivinginresearch>

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

USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LDC EVENTS

10 January 2013 **New**

**Statistics Seminar Series:
Exploratory Data analysis &
Multi-variate Strategies.**

Booking form:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/mathstats/seminar5/>

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/projrp2wo>

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>

21 & 22 March 2013

**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>

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/>

⇒ 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

⇒ Social Science Faculty website

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

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

⇒ ACE—Academic Careers and Employability Programme

This programme is designed for early career researchers focused on preparation for academic employment.

See the ACE pages: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ias/current/ace/ on the IAS website for information about the sessions on offer.

Science Without Borders—An Initiative From the Brazilian Government.

⇒ The aim of the initiative is to increase the international collaboration within Brazilian HE. In addition to student exchange and staff researcher schemes there are two specific schemes which provide opportunities for researchers based in the UK to travel to Brazil: Specialist Visiting Researcher Scheme; and Young Talent Programme.

Applications are being supported by the International Office at Warwick. For more information visit our page on 'Research Staff Opportunities Within Warwick'

Opportunities outside Warwick

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

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.

Funding opportunities from JSPS currently include:

JSPS Summer Programme.

Application deadline: Tuesday 15th January 2013—Fellowship to take place during fixed period of 11 June to 21 August 2013.

Applications should be sent to the British Council, Tokyo. Application guidelines and form are available on their website: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/japan-science-research.htm>

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/jsp-postdoctoral/>