

Learning &
Development Centre

FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

MARCH 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>

**** see page 4 for a preview of developments on our support provision from April 2013 ****

Please contact Sandy Sparks:
Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk
with your development priorities.

NEW * ACADEMIC WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES

The Academic Writing Programme Away days have proved very successful. In addition to the 1-1 support already on offer, a new series of workshops will be running during March on key aspects of academic writing.

13th March 2013

Writing Collaboratively and Responding to Readers' Comments.

Booking form: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/development/awp_collaboration

19th March 2013

Effective Writing for Bids and Grants

This event is full, register interest in future dates on the booking form:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/development/awp_bids

26th March

Academic Writing: Impact, Engagement and Dissemination

Booking form: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/development/awp_engagement

All workshops are being led by Rochelle Sibley and will be held at Scarman House, including lunch for the full-day workshops.

There has been a rapid and high uptake for this new series. Please follow the links to register interest in similar workshops being planned for the summer term.

NEW THIS MONTH:

Events:

- ⇒ Academic Writing Workshop Series
- ⇒ UK Data Archive Workshop

Support Update:

- ⇒ Research Staff Forum: 18th March
- ⇒ Funding Update
- ⇒ Learning & Development support provision from April 2013.

Warwick Pioneers:

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

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

Research Staff Forum

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

**Room 2, Wolfson Research Exchange, 3rd floor, Library.
Buffet lunch included.**

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 a Pro Vice-Chancellor 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/>

Please book your place by 13th March to allow us to confirm and send out the agenda and further details.

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

L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk

What is Impact? Science Research with its gloves off!

Organised by the WMG “Baby Board” on 25th March. This workshop is aimed at early career researchers in WMG and EPSRC-related departments. If you have access to WMG’s intranet please visit: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg/intranet/research/researcherforum/bb/>

Or email Sarah Payne: PAYNE_S@wmg.warwick.ac.uk

Women in Science—an Evening with ... Science Career Success Stories

Wednesday 27th March, 5-9pm, Medical School Atrium.

For further details and to sign up please visit: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/events/womeninscience/>

UK Data Archive Workshop 30th April & 1st May 2013.

Wolfson Research Exchange, 3rd floor, Library. 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

Feedback from two researcher-led events:

An Introduction to Entrepreneurship

Held on 21st February, this event offered a large range of information on the potential for academics in business and working with partner firms.

To view the presentation files (to be added next week) from the event please visit: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/entrepreneurship>

Activity Monitoring for Behaviour, Health and Well-Being

Held on 27th February, this event proved of great interest with **55-60 delegates attending**. This effective introduction certainly raised awareness and potential for future collaborations in the field. Discussions led to plans to target the next event to one of the technology or specific application areas. More details about the next event in May will be included in the April newsletter.

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

£5,110

Funding Remaining

£4,890

EPSRC Impact, Career Development & Leadership Funding

*** only 4 weeks remaining ***

*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.

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

12 March 2013
Practical Project Management 2 - The Next Steps. To enable researchers to apply project management principles to the management of their research project.
 Booking form:
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/projrptwo>

14th March 2013
Statistics Seminar Series: Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis, Survey and Questionnaire Design.
**** POSTPONED UNTIL SUMMER TERM****

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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>

Applications approved up to 28th February 2013:

- Vijayalakshmi Ahanathapillai (WMG) - £4,000*
- Frederik Dahlmann (WBS) - £550 (match-funded by WBS)*
- Vannessa Goodship (WMG) - £800*
- Vannessa Goodship (WMG) - £5,000*
- Toni Haastrup (Politics & International Studies) - £2,060*
- Siew Wan Hee & Thomas Hamborg (WMS) - £812.50*
- Eleni Karasouli & Sian Taylor-Phillips (WMS) - £800*
- Sarah Payne (WMG) - £900*
- Sarah Payne, et al (WMG) - £5,000*
- Karen Ruane (Life Sciences) - £500*
- Penny Smith (Institute of Education) - £500*

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/>

Developing LDC support for Research Active Staff from April 2013 for 3 years.

Sandy Sparks' post has been extended to support the broadening remit of Research Active Staff over the next three years.

The five key areas of focus will be:

- ⇒ Leadership
- ⇒ Skills (including academic writing, statistics, writing bids and grants)
- ⇒ Equality and Diversity
- ⇒ Career Development
- ⇒ Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

To highlight the support on offer and make it easier to find information and resources we are launching a **new website and E-Newsletter**.

One new section on the website will be FAQ's. Please contact either [Sandy](#) or [Lisa](#) with ideas for what YOU would like to see included in this section.



More details about the new website features will be included in the April newsletter.

Opportunities within Warwick

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

Teaching and Learning for Researchers' Programme

The LDC programme is aimed at research staff who are teaching, or are interested in developing the skills needed to teach.

The 2013 programme will commence shortly (with workshop dates in April and May to be confirmed). For more details, and to complete an 'expression of interest' please visit:

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

Opportunities outside Warwick

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

The Vitae Midlands Research Staff Association

We are working hard to support all research staff in the Midlands to build a community of researchers who can support you regardless of where your next contract takes you. We will be there to offer a community of like-minded colleagues to talk and network with. Every member of the Midlands RSA is committed to actively engage in their own personal and professional development.

Membership is free and you can join today. Details and links to join the Midlands RAS on LinkedIn, Facebook or Twitter can be found on our 'Outside Warwick' page.

Charting an entrepreneurial career: how researchers can control their professional destiny

Vitae and the Entrepreneurial Institution are pleased to announce two new enterprise workshops on the 5th March in Bristol and on the 7th March in London.

Wherever you are in your research career, whether you are applying for research funding, moving into a new career or starting your own business (commercial or social) this day will enable you to understand your enterprising potential to create impact through research and take your ideas into a business. For further details can be found on our 'Outside Warwick' page, or to book your place on the workshops please visit:

Tuesday 5 March 2013 - www.vitae.ac.uk/enterprise_Bristol
Thursday 7 March 2013 - www.vitae.ac.uk/enterprise_London

British Science Association Media Fellowships

Application deadline: 11 March 2013

This British Science Association scheme aims to strengthen connections between scientists and the media by placing researchers in a 3-5 week summer placement with a media host such as the BBC, the Guardian and the Irish Times.

Researchers return to their organisations better equipped to handle media enquiries, to turn their research into news and promote their research and institution. For further information, including eligibility and the online application form, visit: <http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/science-society/media-fellowships>