## EPSRC OVERVIEW

LDC would like to talk to research staff about their projects with a view to writing up some case studies. Case studies on innovative projects that focus on enterprise, engagement, impact or career development will be shared with all researchers on the LDC website. Please contact Sandy Sparks sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk if you have an interesting project that you would like to share.

**Case studies homepage:**
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/casestudies

**The latest case studies:**

**1. The Warwick Young Researchers' Programme (WYSR) – Trevor Robinson**
On: Engaging 'Students with Potential' in research opportunities.
Purpose: To highlight the value to academic departments of involving young researchers
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/casestudies/case_study_-_trevor_robinson_wysr.pdf

**2. The Warwick Young Researchers' Programme & The Long Term Illness, Young people and Networked Communications (LYNCS) Project**
On: Engaging Your People in Developing Academic Research
Purpose: To show how rigorous medical research can include direct research by school-age children effectively.
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/casestudies/case_study_trevor_robinson_lyncs.pdf

**3. War, Memory, Trauma – Dr Sarah York**
On: Early Career research and managing a programme of outreach activities
Purpose: Highlight the organising and research skills learned from engaging with schools and the wider community through museums.
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/casestudies/case_study_sarah_york_final.pdf

**4. Hiding in the Pub to Cutting the Cord? Fatherhood & Childbirth in Britain from the 1950's to present – Dr Laura King**
On: Public engagement and research activities
Purpose: Enhance the skills of an early career academic within a Research Centre to develop skills in public engagement activities, external partnerships and publications.
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/casestudies/case_study_laura_king_-_final.pdf

**5. Inside the Irish Giant; History, Science and Art**
On: Public Engagement: merging the arts and academics
Purpose: Highlight the breadth and creativity that public engagement can bring to the research agenda
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/casestudies/case_study_irish_giant_-_final.pdf

**6. Space to be Entrepreneurial: Undergraduate Student Opportunities in Research and Enterprise – Catherine Allen**
On: the Value of Undergraduate Student Enterprise Initiatives
Purpose: To Enhance the skills of undergraduates in employment and customer-focused enterprises
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande/casestudies/case_study_catherine_allen_-_final.pdf

Special thanks to Lisa Lavender L.A.Lavender.1@warwick.ac.uk for writing up these case studies.

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Learning & Development Centre Events**

1 May 2012
**"How to Sell Your Research & at what cost"**
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/sellcost/

9 May 2012
**"Academic Writing with a focus on writing for non-academic audiences"**
*- bespoke for Research Staff in the History department*
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/acawritehist/

23 May 2012
**"Funding with Q&A"** *- bespoke for Research Staff in the History department*
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/fundqahist/

14 June 2012
**"Being an Enterprising Researcher"**
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/entres/

**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 looking to provide funding for expert career support. If you are interested please can you complete the register of interest form http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande#cs

The research staff provision is being developed, please contact Sandy Sparks sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk with your needs.

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES cont'd

See the LDC Research staff website
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/

Opportunities within Warwick
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/

Opportunities outside Warwick http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/outsidewarwick/

## E&E or LDC funded Events

15 May 2012
**"Writing in the Social Sciences & Humanities"**
A 2-part full-day workshop to include a session on writing for different audiences & peer review with the opportunity to receive in-session writing support. Organised by Toni Haastrup & Sharifah Sekalala with funding from LDC
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/writingssh/

31 May 2012
**"How to gain Post-Doc Funding"**
Organised by the Social Science Faculty
Led by Matthew Watson
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/pdfunding

## Feedback

Matt Gibson's feedback on **'Organising a meeting to establish a forum for the development of cross-campus collaborations'**

On 19th / 20th April newly appointed academics and research fellows who are broadly interested in the field of Life Sciences met at Radcliffe House. This included participants from Chemistry, Life Sciences, Physics, Centre for Scientific Computing, Engineering, WMG, Statistics, Maths, Medical School and Systems Biology. The aim of the meeting was to break down barriers between Departments by encouraging researchers who are still establishing themselves to exchange ideas and develop original multidisciplinary projects that could be submitted to one of the RCUK members.

A total of 25 researchers attended the event and each gave a presentation on their background, current work and also ideas for work they would like to do, but requires strong interaction with other disciplines. To facilitate this, representatives from the various doctoral training centres introduced themselves and opportunities for masters/PhD students. There were also sessions on career advancement and technology transfer. Routes towards exploiting research findings were also discussed."

The meeting went very well and lots of new collaborations have been spawned. We are currently thinking of the best way to proceed - probably a dedicated grant-writing day and a short session to allow people who could not make it to the original meeting (or those who we missed) to get a chance to present their work, and establish new links.

Dr Matthew I. Gibson M.I.Gibson@warwick.ac.uk , Science City Senior Fellow, Department of Chemistry

Nana Zhang's feedback on **'Researching China Network Seminar Series'**
*Funded by Learning and development centre*

'Researching China' is a Warwick-based research network. It provides Warwick researchers a supportive and valuable forum to present and share their latest research work on China. Our seminar on Monday 23 April 2012 took place at Wolfson Research Exchange, Library, which featured two exciting presentations from colleagues at School of Law.

Prof. Abdul Paliwala's presentation 'Should Confucius Take the Blame? Confucius, Confucianism and Contemporary Education' is centred around the myths of Confucius, Confucianism and 'passive' Chinese students in learning process and his innovative use of e-learning and drama in large group teaching. Zijin Li' work on 'Discrimination Based on "Health Status" in Contemporary China', on the other hand, reviews China's journey in establishing an anti-discrimination mechanism towards the problem of discrimination based on 'health status'. Both presentations attracted huge interests and debates from the audience.

Further details of the presentation and future events can be found through the following link:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/staff/research/zhang/homepage/china/

If you would like to join the network, please contact:
Nana Zhang, N.Zhang@warwick.ac.uk , Department of Sociology

## VITAE Events

31 May & 11 June 2012
**"Collaborative researcher"**
2 days event at University of Warwick

*So far 14 people have booked places.*

This is an intensive 2 day course.  When registering for the course you will be expected to attend on both days.

### *What's in it for you?*
This course offers you the opportunity to:
• explore collaboration both in theory and in practice
• work with a team of experienced facilitators from a range of career backgrounds, who will ensure you get the most out of the 2 days
• meet researchers from a variety of disciplines, backgrounds and career stages
• develop your understanding of collaboration theory and how to apply it in practice
• take a few days out from your research both physically and mentally, and have some space in which to consider yourself and your next steps

This event is open to all UK researchers - subject to availability. Places on the event are free but participants will need to cover their own travel expenses.

**To book a place:**
http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/56271-515941/Collaborative-Researcher-31st-May-AND-11th-June-University-of-Warwick.html

14 May 2012
**"Research Leadership in the Biological Sciences: Planning your next step"**
A one-day workshop for research staff in the Biological Sciences - currently working under a principal investigator - who are looking to take the next step in their career to becoming a research leader themselves.

**To book a place:**
http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/56271-525681/Research-Leadership-in-the-Biological-Sciences-Planning-your-next-step.html

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.
**16 Applications approved up to 30 April 2012:**

| Funding used **£37.2K** | Funding remaining **£32.8K** |
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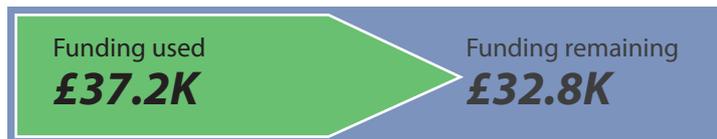
- Sumit Hazra (WMG),£600
- Kylash Makenji (WMG) , £1000 --- April – July 2012
- Ruth Cherrington (WMG), £1000 --- April – July 2012
- Bethany Middleton (WMG), £1000 --- April – July 2012
- Remzi Becer & Rachel O'Reilly (Chemistry), £4960 --- July 2012
- Paulina Sydor (Chemistry), £760 --- March - July 2012
- Mathew Gibson (Chemistry), £5,000 --- March & April 2012
- Dehzi Li (WMG), £2,500 --- April & June 2012
- 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
- 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

**Funding for Research Staff Networks** *(managed by LDC).*
A total of £53k of funding available between 1 September 2011 and 31 July 2012.
Funding comes from EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Awards - £30k or from LDC funding - £23k
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/networking/funding

Status as at 30 April 2012

| EPSRC Funding used **£2K** | EPSRC Funding remaining **£28K** |
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| LDC Funding used **£9.1K** | LDC Funding remaining **£13.9K** |
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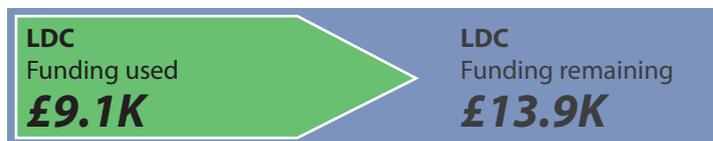
**E&E funded up to 30 April 2012:**

- WMG Research Staff Forum, £2,000

**LDC funded up to 30 April 2012:**

- Social Science Faculty, £6000. Two events - 31 May "Gaining post–doctoral funding" & June "Cross faculty collaboration research"
- Research Staff Forum, £1,000
- Nana Zhang - Researching China, £1,155
- Toni Haastrup (PAIS & CSGR) and Sharifah Sekalala (Law), Academic Writing session for research staff from Social Science departments, £1000

# FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Research Professional** for funding opportunities. http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding/external/researchresearch

- **News Portal for Universities Worldwide**. www.universitiesnews.com

- **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science - JSPS London Postdoctoral Fellowship (Short-Term Award)**
  Call for Applications for Fellowships to start between November 2012 and the end of March 2013. **Closing Date: Friday 1 June, 2012**

  Application guidelines and documents are available here:
  http://www.jsps.org/funding/2012/03/postdoctoral-fellowship-for-foreign-researchers-short-term.html

  If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at the JSPS London Office on tel: 020-7255-4660 or by e-mail to: short-termaward@jsps.org

- **Digital Tools for Research**
  Following the success of last terms Library ran '23 Things for the Digital Professional' session, content is currently being developed for 'Digital Tools for Research'. This new programme, aimed at Early Career Researchers will cover eight topics relating to the use of social media by researchers, including online identity, publishing on the web and online networking. For further information and registration details: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/researchexchange/

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**Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferable Skills Training website:**
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/eande