Welcome to the first issue of our new look e-bulletin

The Research e-bulletin brings you the latest news and information from across the RSB Office and The Graduate School. Produced by the RSB office on a monthly basis, look out for it in your Inbox in the first week of each month.

Have you got news for us?

Our monthly e-bulletin offers regular updates about funding opportunities, news and recent events. Do you have something you’d like to share? We would love to hear from you, so please get in touch by dropping us an email to rsb@northampton.ac.uk
Looking to engage with Industry?

There are a number of opportunities to engage with businesses throughout November, from the county HR and Health, Safety & Wellbeing Forums through to Manufacturing & Logistics. It could be an idea for a Knowledge Transfer Partnership or a potential project you want industry thoughts on? For more details email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Institutional Sign Offs

Some funders (such as Leverhulme, British Academy and the Research Councils) require institutional approval of a proposal. This means that once the applicant has submitted their proposal it then comes to the Research and Strategic Bidding Office for final approval. We will:

- Check to ensure that the proposal has been approved by your Faculty/Institute via Gateway.
- Read through your application to spot anything that needs to be amended, for example missing attachments or errors.

If you are submitting a proposal that requires institutional sign off then please let us know in advance so that we can ensure that someone in the team is available. Be aware that whilst some funders do allow an additional 1-2 days after the submission deadline for institutional approval, for the Research Councils the advertised deadline includes the institutional approval process.

Other News

GRANTfinder

We still have GRANTfinder logins available for all University staff. GRANTfinder’s database contains a wide range of funding opportunities, from research funding to project funding and awards. We can set up an account for you, as well as guiding you in using the system to make sure you get the most from it.

Innovate Northamptonshire Funding – Grant Applications now open

Innovate Northamptonshire grant funding aims to encourage businesses to explore new ideas. Grants are available from £2,000 to £20,000 to support activities that lead to the development of new products, processes or services. The funding can be used to bring in external expertise from the University to develop their ideas. If you are working with a company and would like further information please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Grant applications need to be submitted by the company by 5pm on Friday 17 November.
Funding Opportunities

Every month the RSB team look for funding opportunities that may be of interest to you and we've listed some of the more important ones below. Please click on the links for more information. For quick reference, the Faculties eligible to apply are listed within the brackets. There are more funding Calls and opportunities listed towards the end of the e-bulletin.

**Community Business Bright Ideas Fund for England (H&S, E&H and B&L)**
The new guidance notes for the final round of the Community Business Bright Ideas Fund have now been published. Groups that are considering applying for the last round are encouraged to read the notes before the Fund opens for applications on 1 November 2017. The level of funding available has also changed, previously grants of up to £20,000 were available for established stage projects, but as this round is focused on new groups, the funding now consists of grants between £1,000 and £10,000 for Ideas stage and grants between £1,000 and £15,000 for Pre-venture stage.

Applications will be accepted from 1 November to 1 December 2017. Click for more information

**Government Webinars for Health and Wellbeing Fund (H&S)**
The Department of Health will be hosting three webinars to provide further information on the 2017/18 theme of social prescribing. Grants of up to £300,000 are available for the first year of the project.

Funding application deadline is noon on 21 November 2017. Application forms can be found here

**ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize (H&S and B&L)**
The ESRC has launched its annual Celebrating Impact Prize. Now in its sixth year, the Prize celebrates outstanding economic or societal impacts from individuals or teams' research, knowledge exchange or impact generating activities. A prize of £10,000 is awarded to the winners of each Outstanding category with a separate prize of £10,000 awarded to the winner of the Impact Champion category.

Deadline for nominations is 23 November 2017. Please visit for more details

**British and Foreign School Society (E&H)**
The British and Foreign School Society (BFSS) provides around £700,000 each year to organisations with UK charitable status that need funding for education or training for children and young people up to the age of 25 years. BFSS are now accepting applications for 2018 Projects.

Deadline for applications is 18 December 2017. Find out more here
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Innovate UK Innovation in Health and Life Sciences Funding Competition (H&S and FAST)
The UK’s innovation agency, Innovate UK (IUK) is investing up to £15 million under the third call of this Innovation in Health and Life Sciences Competition for projects addressing technical or commercial challenges in health and life sciences (H&LS). The H&LS sector focuses on agriculture, food and healthcare and is supported by bioscience technology, medical research and engineering and physical sciences expertise. A total of £15 million, to support projects with total costs of between £50,000 to £2 million, is available.

Application deadline is 6 December 2017. More information available here

Launch of Low Carbon Heating Technology Innovation Fund (FAST)
The Investing in Low Carbon Heating Technology Innovation Grant Scheme will invest in developing technologies that reduce carbon emissions. The objective is to support, through capital grants, the development and demonstration of innovative technologies and processes for producing better ways of providing low carbon heat in existing buildings. The programme has a total budget of £10 million and applicants may apply for a grant of between £200,000 and £2 million.

Application deadline is 2 January 2018. Click for more information

BBC Children in Need Main Grants Programme (H&S and E&H)
The BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme is now accepting applications and is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations. Grants of over £10,000 are available to support projects for up to three years.

Closing date is midnight on the 16 January 2018. Find out more here

Communities in England to Benefit from £22.8m Support Package (H&S and E&H)
The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) will be making available funding of around £5.5 million each year from 2018 until 2022 to support local neighbourhood planning groups who have an interest in the development of their area. There is a total grant ceiling of £15,000 for the period 2015-2018.

Final deadline for applications to the current programme is 31 January 2018. Please visit
Images of Research (IoR) 2017-18 call for images

The call for the Graduate School's Images of Research competition 2017-18 is now open! If you are a researcher (staff or student) at the University of Northampton, and would like to participate, all you need to do is to come up with a unique image that you can either create or photograph. The image should capture the essence of your research or an element of it, in a visual, artistic or photographic way, with a 150 word summary and a title. Entries for IoR 2017-18 must be emailed to Simone.Apel@northampton.ac.uk by 10th November 2017. There will be a launch party on 31st January 2018 from 5-6:30pm in the Avenue Gallery corridor, where you can view all the images for the first time and vote for your top favourite three. Read more here.

Graduate School Development Programme

The Graduate School runs an annual skills development programme for postgraduate research (PGR) students and early career researchers (ECR). Skills workshops include research methodology training, UoN supported software and qualitative methodology workshops as well as many workshops on transferable skills, such as project and time management, presentation skills and academic writing. If you are a PGR or ECR you can book workshops through Gateway, the Graduate School’s PGR management system. For information contact Simone.Apel@northampton.ac.uk.

Postgraduate Research (PGR) Student Induction

The Graduate School held a PGR Student Induction from 23rd to 27th October and welcomed 26 new research students to UoN. The Induction offered new students the chance to meet with the teams supporting them and immerse themselves in a 5-day programme of sessions designed to kickstart them on their long research degree journey. Feedback was very positive and comments included “great opportunities to begin forming a network of support”, “very engaging and relevant”, “intensive programme - everything you need/should know about in one go.”
Upcoming Events

November

**Collaborating with Businesses and Delivering REF Impact**
Wednesday, 8th from 4-5pm in the Newton Grand Hall, Avenue

Innovate UK have announced additional funding for 200 KnowledgeTransfer Partnerships (KTPs) this financial year which will enable collaboration with businesses and deliver a REF impact. Come along to this event and hear from Steve McGonigal and Charlotte Patrick on the benefits and support from the KTP process.

Places still available, please book your place [here](#)

**Research Support Centre Coffee Morning**

Our Coffee Mornings take place on the third Wednesday of the month. Drop in anytime between **10.30am-12pm** on **Wednesday, 15th November** in the Top Lodge Conservatory. Tea and coffee, nice biscuits and friendly advice are always on offer.

**Erasmus (Key Action 2) Funding Workshop**

Thursday, 16th from 10am-12pm in Room Y201, Yelvertoft Building, Park

Are you interested in applying for Erasmus+ funding? With a deadline in March of next year, now is the ideal time to start thinking about your project. This workshop will cover the basics of the Erasmus+ Programme and give you an understanding of what a successful application looks like. Dr David Preece will share his experiences of his Erasmus+ project. Paul Bramble and Helen Backhouse from the RSB office will also be running this workshop.

Register for your place [here](#)

Dates for your Diary 2018

Please save the date for these future events. Further details will be confirmed in future e-bulletins. Remember to check out Gateway for more Graduate School events.

17th January – Coffee Morning
10.30am-12pm
Top Lodge Conservatory

24th January – Making the most of GRANTfinder Workshop
10am-12pm
G152, Grendon

31st January – Images of Research 2017-18 Launch Party
5-6.30pm
Avenue Gallery corridor

16th February – ‘Without End: Documents of Research’ Symposium and Exhibition
Avenue Gallery
We’ve listed a range of funding Calls and opportunities below, again, click on the link for more information.

**SHEAR Catalyst Grants Call by DFID and NERC.** Outline bids must be submitted via the Joint Electronic Submissions system (Je-S) by the **closing date of 21 November 2017.**  
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/application/currentopportunities/?n=2

**EqUIP Call for Sustainability, Equity, Wellbeing and Cultural Connections**  
**Deadline: 30 November 2017 (4pm)**

**ESRC Pre-Call for Research Centres Competition 2018.** Full guidance will be published in November 2017. **Deadline for outline proposals is expected in March 2018.**  
http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/

**Creative Europe Calls**  
**MEDIA Programme - Support for Development of Audiovisual Content**  
**Application deadlines: 23 November 2017 and 19 April 2018**

**Support for the Transnational Distribution of European Films**  
**Application deadlines: 5 December 2017 and 14 June 2018**

**European Research Council 2018 Proof of Concept**  
**Application deadlines: 16 January, 18 April and 11 September 2018**

**Cooperation Projects 2018**  
**Application deadline: 18 January 2018**  
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/funding

**BBSRC Tools and Resources Development Fund for Transformative Research Technologies**  
**Closing date: 5 December 2017 (4pm)**  
https://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/filter/2017-tools-resources-development-fund/

**Clusters Go International in the Defence and Security Sector**  
**Application deadline: 13 December 2017**  
http://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/call-proposals-support-clusters-defence-security-sector-launched_en

**Common Agricultural Policy - 2018 Support for Information Measures**  
**Submission deadline: 15 December 2017**  
http://foodinnovationnetwork.co.uk/news/cap-2018-support-information-measures-call-open