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RESEARCH E-BULLETIN

Bringing all the Faculties and Research Institutes
research news, events and information



With Christmas just around the corner, welcome to the December issue of our Research e-bulletin. Packed full with the latest news, information and events from across the RSB Office and The Graduate School.

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

Kindly Note

As the University will close for Christmas/New Year our monthly e-bulletin will return in February next year.

Latest Research News



Ongoing Participation of the UK in Horizon

Following a recent statement from the European commission involving the participation of UK organisations in Horizon 2020 projects, the National Contact Point for space has provided additional clarification. Those who are considering making applications to the latest Horizon 2020 calls are assured that regardless of the nature of the UK-EU relationship after Brexit, the UK Government has guaranteed funding for UK participants in proposals submitted before departure. This includes those who receive notification of success afterwards Britain's departure.

However, when developing projects and assembling partnerships it is recommended to have the minimum number of partner countries (which varies from scheme to scheme) in addition to the UK, so that if the UK is unable to participate the partnership remains valid and the project can progress without the UK partners.

Find out more [here](#)

Research Excellence Framework (REF2021)

HEFCE have finally announced their decisions on staff and outputs for the next Research Excellence Framework (REF2021). Please read the full document at [REF 2021 Decisions](#). This document sets out the funding bodies' decisions on several areas of the REF2021, following consultation activity. The decisions concern the submission of staff and outputs in the exercise, and further related aspects of the framework.

A summary for staff at the University of Northampton can also be found in the yammer research support group site.

If you have any questions please contact REF@Northampton.ac.uk

Other Faculty News

On the 27th November, Dr Stuart Raleigh, Reader in Molecular Biology, was invited to deliver a seminar at the Arthritis Research UK Centre for Osteoarthritis and Sports Medicine based at the University of Nottingham's School of Medicine. Dr Raleigh's presentation included details of his recently published findings on the genetic and epigenetic basis of musculoskeletal pathologies and discussion at the seminar was focused on how these findings could be applied in the clinical setting to prevent, or better treat, people who suffer from such problems.

For more details on the seminar or research please contact Stuart.Raleigh@northampton.ac.uk

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.

European Commission Launches Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020 (All)

Horizon 2020 is the largest multinational programme dedicated to research & innovation and it is "open to the world". This means that researchers, universities, research organisations, companies and non-governmental organisations from across the globe can apply to participate in the activities of the Work Programme carried out mainly through calls for proposals. The funding of the Work Programme represents a major investment of €30 billion. Read more [here](#)

Science with and for Society Work Programme - 2018-2020 (H&S and FAST)

The Science with and for Society (SwafS) Work Programme has been launched for 2018-2020 to achieve the core objectives of building effective cooperation between science and society. Recruiting new talent for science and aligning scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility. For 2018, the total budget for research funding is €69.74 million. The indicative budget for 2019 is €70.05 million and €73.3 for 2020. The first topics under this programme will open on **5 December 2017 with a deadline of 10 April 2018**. Please [visit](#) for more details.

Comic Relief - Tech for Good to Run (H&S, E&H and FAST)

Comic Relief and Paul Hamlyn Foundation have joined together once again to offer a funding and support package for an estimated 12 projects in 2018. The programme is offering grant funding for nine months alongside access to technical expertise and an intensive support programme. To access this support, applicants need to be not-for-profit organisations based, and providing services, in the UK with proposals that focus on Comic Relief's four strategy themes.

Application deadline is 20th December 2017. Find out more [here](#)

Nesta ShareLab Fund on Collaborative Technology Societal Challenges (All)

The Nesta ShareLab Fund aims to support early stage organisations to develop and apply collaborative digital platforms to tackle real world challenges. This year's fund theme is "Prevention" and grants of £15,000-£30,000 are available to cover direct project costs, related staff costs and learning development/user research.

Expressions of Interest need to be submitted by **5 January 2018** and more information can be found [here](#)

Funding Opportunities



IUK £10 Million Innovation Infrastructure Systems Funding Competition (B&L)

The aim of this new Innovate UK (IUK) competition is to offer loans to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) overcome barriers to scaling up innovation in infrastructure systems. It will enable businesses to demonstrate first commercial deployment at scale and take their innovations to market. IUK has allocated up to £10 million and will offer individual loans of between £100,000 and £1 million.

Registration deadline is midday, 10 January and application deadline is midday 17 January 2018. Further details can be found on their [website](#)

Art 50: Post Brexit Britain “Who Are We?” – Funding for UK Artists (FAST)

Art 50 has been established to support artists, from all walks of life and genres, to create a piece of work which says something important and passionate about what it means to be British when the country leaves the European Union. The scheme offers funding to make a piece of theatre, dance, music, film, art or collage. Sky Arts has allocated £1 million and applicants can apply for up to £50,000. However, the majority of the awards will be made between £5,000 and £20,000.

Deadline for current commissioning round is midday on 12 January 2018. Application details can be found [here](#)

The John Brabourne Awards Accepting Applications (FAST)

The John Brabourne Awards support up-and-coming talented individuals to further their career in the UK film, commercial television and cinema industries. Awards of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available and successful applicants will also benefit from professional support and talent development from The Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund (CTBF).

Deadline for applications is 31 January 2018. Full criteria details are [here](#)

Sanctuary Housing Association – Grand Ideas Fund (E&H, H&S & B&L)

Charitable groups delivering a wide range of activities, such as improving financial and economic inclusion, supporting and improving physical and emotional wellbeing and providing development opportunities for young people, can apply for small grants of up to £1,000. All projects must address one of five themes.

Applications can be submitted at any time as there are no deadlines. [Click](#) for more information and details on the different themes.

The Graduate School Update



Invitation to Images of Research 2017-2018 Private Viewing



You are cordially invited to The Graduate School's Images of Research 2017-2018
Private Viewing & Drinks Reception

In the Avenue Gallery Corridor, Maidwell, Avenue Campus
Wednesday January 31st 2017 from 5:30-6:30pm
Introduction by Professor Simon Denny at 5:45pm

The annual Images of Research offers all UoN researchers an opportunity to creatively express their research in image form - an original photograph or other artistic piece - along with a 150 word abstract which describes the context of the work. This drinks reception is the start of a 3-month exhibition and competition.

***Please register your interest in attending for catering purposes.
Log in using your UoN user name and password.***

Without End: Documents of Research Symposium and Exhibition

A new symposium and exhibition, 'Without End: Documents of Research' is to be held at Avenue Gallery on 16 February 2018. This unique event will reflect on the research process, of being in research and the documents which facilitate and inform it.

It's hoped that the symposium and exhibition will provide a wonderful insight into the diversity of research, provide an academic and supportive environment for research presentations and will also help build and strengthen connections within the postgraduate community across Faculties and disciplines. For more information you can visit the **website** or follow our Twitter @withoutend2018. Read more **here**

New Coaching Programme for PGRs

UoN postgraduate researchers have been invited by the Graduate School to apply for a free coaching programme - professional coaching to help them progress through their doctoral studies. 5 lucky students will win 6 coaching sessions in 2018. For more information please see the Research Support Hub Post **here**

Upcoming Events



December 2017

Wednesday, 6th

Word: Working with Long Documents, 9.45am-12pm
PGR Supervisor Forum, 12.30-2pm
Risk Assessing your Research, 12.30-2pm

Thursday, 7th

Nvivo intermediate level Workshop, 9.30am-12.30pm

Monday, 11th

SPSS 1 beginner's workshop, 2-4pm

Wednesday, 13th

Systematic literature searching, 10am-1pm

Friday, 15th

Structured Writing Retreat Day, 9am-4.30pm

Further details can be found on Gateway. If you wish to attend the above workshops you must book. Please go to **Gateway Calendar** or contact simone.apel@northampton.ac.uk

January 2018

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

Thursday 11th, Northampton

This forum is an opportunity for those in the sector to collaborate on a wide range of topics from apprenticeships through to security and the launch of the 2018 logistics awards – if you have any topics that you would like to include or opportunities to raise with companies please contact charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Research Support Centre Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Mornings take place on the third Wednesday of the month. Whether you're working on a specific application, have a project in mind or just want to know more about the support we can provide, please drop in between 10.30am-12pm on **Wednesday, 17th January**. Tea, coffee and nice biscuits are always on offer.

Dates for your Diary 2017-2018

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.

7th December 2017 – History Seminar led by Dr Jim Bjork
5-6pm, S029

Graduate School Workshops
January 2018
Monday, 8th - SPSS2, 10am-12pm
Wednesday, 10th

Nvivo introduction, 12.30-3.30pm
Tuesday, 16th

Reflective practice and research processes, 9.15am-4pm
Tuesday, 23rd

Research careers successful interviews, 12-1.30pm

Further details on Gateway

21st February
Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12pm
Top Lodge Conservatory

20th March
Writing a Winning Bid Workshop
2-4pm, S014, Sulgrave

Upcoming Events (Continued)



January 2018

Making the Most of Grantfinder

Wednesday, 24th from 10am-12pm in G152, Grendon, Park Campus

GRANTfinder 4 Education is a database that the University of Northampton subscribes to giving a wide range of funding information and opportunities.

Whether you are a new user or have had an account for a while, come along to this workshop to get tips and advice about how to make the most of your Grantfinder4Education login. Facilitated by Karen Lewis, Bidding Manager for the Research and Strategic Bidding Office, this session is an interactive workshop. Computers will be provided or feel free to bring along your laptop. Please register for your place [here](#)

Northamptonshire Manufacturing Forum

Friday 26th, Kettering

The focus of this month's forum will be on revisiting lean manufacturing and innovation. If you have any topics that you would like to include or opportunities to raise with companies please contact charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Call Announcements



We've listed a range of funding Calls and opportunities below, again, click on the link for more information.

ESRC/AHRC Global Challenges Call – New Social and Cultural Insights into Mental, Neurological and Substance Use Disorders in Developing Countries. **Application Deadline: 11 January 2018 (4pm)**

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/>

Proposals are now invited for the following New Horizon 2020 Work Programme Calls

Research Funding for EU Health Research Priorities (£2 billion).

Research Funding for Information and Communication Technologies (£2.7 billion).

New Horizon 2020 Societal Challenges Calls Open to Submissions.

All open and future Calls for the 2018-20 period of these Work Programmes are available on GRANTfinder

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/health-demographic-change-and-wellbeing>

<http://www.evoc.org.uk/noticeboard/notices/new-horizon-2020-societal-challenges/>

Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie - Research and Innovation Staff Exchange now open.

Application Deadline: 21 March 2018

http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about/research-innovation-staff-exchange_en

Research Council Cross-Disciplinary Mental Health Network Plus Call. All proposals must be made through the **Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) system**. **Application Deadline: 22 March 2018**

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/cross-disciplinary-mental-health-network-plus-call/>

Pre-Call Announcement for ESRC-NIHR Dementia Research Initiative 2018

Full guidance on how to apply will be available in January 2018. **Application deadline (outline stage) will be March 2018**

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/>