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RESEARCH E-BULLETIN

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



Welcome to May's issue of our Research e-bulletin. The Graduate School launch their Poster Competition this month and the RSB Office's Coffee Morning will be hosted over in the Faculty of Business and Law. In Other News you'll find details on how to win a dream house for £5 in the UnityDem Competition and raise funds for a worthy cause. This issue also includes the latest funding opportunities along with a range of upcoming events and workshops.

Have you got news for us?

Our monthly e-bulletin offers regular updates about funding opportunities, research information and 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

Latest Research News



Research England Announce £2bn University Investment

Research England has announced budgets for the recurrent funding of research and knowledge exchange for academic year 2018-19. In total, there is an overall increase of £70 million available in 2018-19. This increase in funding will enable higher education institutions (HEIs) in England to deliver on the government's industrial strategy and tackle global, national and local challenges. The following budgets are being increased:

- An additional £25 million for knowledge exchange through (HEIF)
- An additional £20 million for the postgraduate research degree supervision element of quality-related research (QR)
- An additional £10 million for the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) element of QR
- An additional £6 million to contribute to the charity research element of QR

Read the full **article** at Research England

Working with a Northamptonshire Business

Grants of up to £20,000 available to support 'innovative' business growth

To help Northamptonshire businesses overcome some of the financial problems that hold them back from being more innovative, the Growth Hub is offering grants of up to £20,000 under its Innovate Northamptonshire project 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. This could be as simple as improving efficiencies and increasing production through streamlining processes, or being more ambitious and developing a prototype to introduce something brand new to the market. The funding can also be used to bring in external expertise, such as to develop your ideas and take them forward. Do you have any companies that could benefit from this funding and working with you?

The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Monday 21st May**. For more details please email **charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk**

Engaging with Businesses

If you are looking to engage with businesses to develop projects or industry links, or if you have a project that is ready to present to one of the industry led forums currently running then please email **charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk**

We can help develop your approach and answer any questions you might have. Event information on the upcoming industry led forums can be found **[here](#)**

Other News



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UnityDem Competition – Opportunity to win a Dream House for £5

A Northampton man who feels passionately about improving dementia care in the town has entered his home into a 'Win a House' competition. The four bedroom town house is located across the road from Abington Park and worth £600,000. Marty Pumbien and his partner Annie are hoping to sell the maximum number of 500,000 tickets. Part of the proceeds from the competition will help fund the UnityDem Centre, a 'one stop shop' for dementia care, support, information and training co-run by the University of Northampton. Please feel free to share the link with your contacts in order to maximise the funds raised for this worthy cause.

The competition closes on **Sunday, 14th October 2018** and entry fee is £5 for raffle ticket. Read the full story and find out more about the house [here](#)

Other Faculty News

Dr Karen Anthony, Senior Lecturer in Molecular Bioscience from the Faculty of Health & Society is a named participant in a new research network selected for funding by the European Cooperation in Science & Technology (COST). COST supports trans-national cooperation among researchers through 'COST Actions' dedicated to specific research themes. The newly funded COST Action aims to tackle the hurdles associated with the delivery of RNA-based therapeutics and is one of 39 brand new Actions starting this Spring and Autumn.

Being a part of this network will facilitate Karen's research on the pre-clinical and clinical development of RNA-based gene therapies for neurodegenerative and neuromuscular disorders. Further information on COST and the new COST Actions can be found [here](#)

If you have a research related article you'd like to include in next month's issue, please email the team at rsb@northampton.ac.uk by Tuesday, 22nd May.

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.

AHRC Language Acts and Worldmaking Small Grants Scheme (FAST, E&H)

Language Acts and Worldmaking is a flagship project funded by the AHRC Open World Research Initiative. Languages Memory is the theme for their first Conference in London on the 13th-14th June 2018. Small grants of up to £1,500 are available and applications are welcomed for workshops, conferences, public events, or other projects that resonate with the theme of Languages Memory.

Application deadline is 27th May 2018. Read more on the Proposals and Themes [here](#)

ESRC's Sixteenth Festival of Social Science (H&S, E&H)

ESRC's annual Festival of Social Science is a week-long celebration that takes place around the UK. Through its programme of activities, social scientists are able to engage with non-academic audiences and increase awareness of the contributions the social sciences make to the economy and the wellbeing of UK society. This year's festival is on the 3rd-10th November and sponsorship of up to £1,000 per event is available.

Application deadline is 1st June. Further details can be obtained [here](#)

UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships Scheme (ALL)

UKRI has launched its first funding opportunity in the form of the Future Leaders Fellowship (FLF) scheme. The scheme is designed to develop, retain, attract and sustain research and innovation talent in the UK by providing up to seven years of funding for at least 550 early-career researchers and innovators. Applications can be submitted in any area of research or innovation covered by the Research Councils and Innovate UK. Expression of Interest forms must be submitted by **7th June**. Full applications to be submitted via the Joint Electronic Submission system (Je-S) by **3 July**.

Visit [FLF Scheme](#)

Big Lottery Fund Re-launches Reaching Communities England (H&S)

The Big Lottery Fund is seeking ideas for projects that will improve communities across England. Grants of more than £10,000 are available to support organisations that want to take action on the issues that matter to people and communities. The funding can support project activities, organisational development, operating costs and can support work for up to five years.

This is a rolling programme with no deadlines. Details can be found on the [website](#)

Funding Opportunities



IUK – Commercialising Quantum Devices: Innovation R&D Competition (B&L)

The aim of the competition is to deliver working prototype ‘second generation’ quantum devices or systems that fulfil the technical and ergonomic requirements of end users. IUK will invest in projects that look at how quantum technologies could be used to create devices with radically new properties for commercially-viable products and services. £20 million has been allocated to fund innovation projects in this competition and expects total project costs to be between £3 million and £10 million.

Competition closes at midday on 13th June. [Click](#) for more information

AHRC Research in Film Awards 2018 (FAST, E&H)

The awards showcase, reward and recognise the best of the growing number of high-quality short films (defined as no longer than 30 minutes) linked to arts and humanities research, including by-products and records of research, primary output and film used for research. The Awards are split into five categories and the winner in each category will receive £2,000 towards their future film-making activities.

Deadline for entries is 14th June. Interested? Find out how to apply [here](#)

EIT Digital Challenge Open for European Tech Start-Ups (B&L, FAST)

The EIT Digital Challenge is an annual Europe-wide competition for the most innovative start-ups in digital technology ready to scale up. The Challenge offers an international growth package worth up to €100,000 to scale up businesses. In total, 25 scale-ups from the five different categories will be selected to pitch their product or service at the final event in October. The first prize winner in each category receives €50,000 and two best companies per category will gain 12 months in the EIT Digital Accelerator also worth €50,000.

Programme closes on 14th June. Visit [EIT Digital](#) for application and category details

BIAL Funding for Scientific Research 2018/2019 (H&S)

The BIAL Foundation supports and acknowledges medical research, including basic, clinical and neurophysiological research. Scientific Researcher Grants were launched by the BIAL Foundation in 1994 to encourage research into the fields of psychophysiology and parapsychology which is still largely unexplored. Grants of between €5,000 and €50,000 are available for a maximum of three years, projects must commence between 1 January and 31 October 2019.

Application deadline is 31st August. Further details can be found [here](#)

The Graduate School Update



Postgraduate Research Experience Survey

POSTGRADUATE
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
SURVEY

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey is open until Friday, 18th May 2018. All postgraduate researchers eligible to take part have been sent a unique web link to the survey. Please encourage all your PGRS to respond. I hope we can beat last year's 47% response rate. A report on the results will be presented to the Research Student Committee and the Research Degrees Committee.

If students have any questions or difficulties, they can email david.watson@northampton.ac.uk

13th Annual Poster Competition

On 22nd May the Graduate School are holding their 13th Annual Poster Competition for Postgraduate Researchers. The event will be held in the **Dialog Cafe, Rockingham Library on Park Campus** and everyone is welcome to come along and talk to the participating students about their research. The competition allows new researchers to communicate their research to an audience by way of an attractive poster and a verbal 'chat' with visitors. Judges will mark students on their verbal and visual communication skills and students stand a chance of winning prizes of £100 or £50. The event runs from 10.45am until 1pm and prizes will be presented at 1.45pm. Do come along, see the posters and chat to the students.



Development Programme

Why I can't write?

The Graduate School have asked experienced coach and research trainer, Dr Kate Mahoney, to facilitate a workshop for Researchers on 'Why I Can't Write'. The workshop is designed for researchers struggling to find time to write by combining self and group-coaching with anti-procrastination techniques to enable researchers to get writing and stay writing. The programme is designed to be hands-on and very practical. Researchers are expected to bring a piece of writing with them to work on throughout the day. Participants will create 6 potential days to spend drafting, writing and editing and themes relating to time management, work/life balance, prioritisation and motivation will be covered. Participants will learn how a small change can have a big impact and be given the opportunity to consider how you will use 6 days of extra time a year.

To book please go to the **Gateway Calendar Page** or email Simone.apel@northampton.ac.uk

Upcoming Events



May 2018

Research Support Centre Coffee Morning

Thursday, 17th May in The Cottesbrooke Hub, Ground Floor, Park Campus

Our Coffee Morning this month will be hosted from The Cottesbrooke Hub in the Faculty of Business and Law. Charlotte Patrick, Key Sector and Knowledge Transfer Manager will be joining us to offer her guidance and experience on working with businesses. Dawn Hibbert, Head of Research Support, LLS will also be on hand to offer advice on various topics including REF 2021 and Impact. Or you may prefer a chat with the RSB team about a project you have in mind or keen to find out more about the funding opportunities and support we can provide.

Drop in anytime between **10.30am-12pm**. Refreshments and lovely biscuits will be provided.

Graduate School Workshops

Preparing for Conferences: Excellent presentations by Dr Adair Richards

Thursday, 3rd May from 9.30am-4.45pm in Pytchley 101, Park Campus

Why Can't I Write?

Wednesday, 9th May from 9.15am-4.30pm in MY120, Maidwell, Avenue Campus

Open Access and Research Data Management by Dawn Hibbert

Thursday, 10th May from 11am-1pm in Tpod, Rockingham Library, Park Campus

Please book via **Gateway Calendar** or email **Simone.apel@northampton.ac.uk**

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.

RSB Office Events

20th June
Coffee Morning
10.30am-12pm
Top Lodge, Park Campus

Graduate School Events

8th May
Setting out on your Research Project

14th May
An Introduction to Phenomenology

22nd May
Poster Competition

7th June
An Introduction to Nvivo

12th June
Graduate School Update Day

20th-21st June
UoN Research Conference

Upcoming Events (Continued)



Workshops from The Graduate School Open to Staff who do Research

Are you a member of staff who is involved in research as part of your job? The Graduate School runs a series of workshops for researchers and some of these are available to you, as well as to our postgraduate research students. You can find details of workshops running in the **Gateway Calendar**

Gateway is the Graduate School's research degree management system and you can log in as a staff member just by using your UoN log in.

Email **Simone.apel@northampton.ac.uk** if you have any questions. You can book a workshop by clicking on the green button on the workshop page. Please note some workshops are designed for research students. If you have any doubt on the suitability of a workshop for you please contact Simone Apel.

Faculty Events

As part of the Faculty of Health & Society's Research and Enterprise Implementation Plan, the following development opportunities are being offered to all staff and PGR students. Further details and booking links are included for each event.

Training for Mentors

Thursday, 3rd May from 10am-12pm

A training session for anyone interested in becoming a mentor.

An Introduction to Phenomenology

Monday, 14th May from 2-4pm

This workshop will enable the students to learn about the evolution of phenomenology as a scientific research method and its application in real world research.

Doctor of Professional Practice Open Evening

Thursday, 17th May from 6-8pm

An evening for potential applicants to hear about the programme, meet the staff team and listen to the experiences of current and previous D.Prof. students.

If you have any idea for a topic that you would like included in the programme please email **FHSResearch@northampton.ac.uk**

Call Announcements



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

AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships 3 Call for Proposals

Applications open in April 2018 (date tbc). Closing date: 13 September 2018.

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/current/collaborative-doctoral-partnerships-3-call-for-proposals/>

Innovate UK Launches Second Medicines Manufacturing Challenge Fund Call

Application Deadline: Midday, 9 May 2018

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/search>

Annual Information and Training Measures for Workers' Organisations Call

Submission Deadline: 18th May 2018

<https://euroalert.net/call/3719/call-for-proposals-2018-information-and-training-measures-for-workers-organisations>

INTERREG Atlantic Area Launches Second Call

Full project proposals must be submitted by 1st June 2018

<http://www.atlanticarea.eu/>

Cultural is Digital to Unlock Potential of Culture Sector

Published Report

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/culture-is-digital>