

In this Issue

**Innovate
Northamptonshire Grant
Funding**
Page 02

New Bid Sign Off Process
Page 02

**Latest Funding
Opportunity "ESRC-NIHR
Dementia Initiative"**
Page 03

**The Graduate School
Update**
Page 04

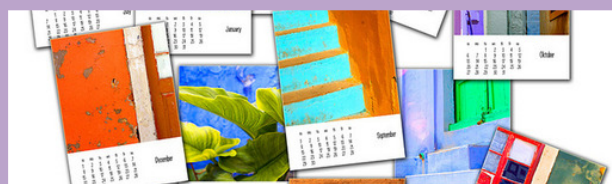
**Upcoming Events
"Writing a Winning Bid
Workshop"**
Page 05

**Graduate School
Workshops for
researchers**
Page 06

ISSUE 3 | FEBRUARY 2018

RESEARCH E-BULLETIN

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



Welcome to February's issue of our Research e-bulletin. This month sees the launch of The Graduate School's Images of Research Competition and the opportunity to take part in their workshops for researchers. The RSB Office have a range of upcoming events, including their Writing a Winning Bid workshop, ideal for those considering applying for funding. Enjoy the issue.

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

Designed and Produced by the Strategic Bidding Office



Latest Research News



Are you working with any local Northamptonshire Businesses?

Grant Funding is available to help develop new products, processes and services

There is currently an open call for grants under the Innovate Northamptonshire project. Companies in the county can apply for grants 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 fine tuning and 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 working with academics here at the University of Northampton to develop companies' ideas and take them forward.

The grant scheme is part of a wider package of support offered under the Innovate Northamptonshire project which includes one to one business advice, a variety of workshops and access to expert knowledge for small to medium sized Northamptonshire companies. For more details please email **charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk**

Research and Enterprise - New Bid Sign Off Process

Please note we have introduced a new process for bid sign off, starting immediately. As usual, you need to get your finances signed off by the faculty accountant. Any bid that fails to cover direct costs of activity plus 25% will need additional sign off from the Dean of Research and the Director of Finance. Such bids will only be approved in the following circumstances:

1. The bid will increase capacity and capability in an area of strategic importance for the University.
2. The bid will fund activity planned to happen anyway
3. The bid uses scholarly activity as match funding
4. The bid is for an academically prestigious funder, involves a single academic and does not involve funding for teaching remission.
5. The bid forms part of University marketing activity

Guidance notes and the form to complete are available **here** on NILE

If you have any queries please contact the Research and Strategic Bidding Office:
RSB@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.

Hospital Saturday Fund Accepting Applications for Medical Projects (H&S)

The Hospital Saturday Fund provides grants for medical capital projects, medical care or research, medical training and running costs, for registered health charities in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Standard grants of £2,000 and larger grants up to a maximum of £10,000 are available. There are various deadlines for applications. Read more **here**

ESRC-NIHR Dementia Initiative (H&S)

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), in partnership with the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), are seeking proposals to the Dementia Initiative for 2018. The initiative will fund social science research to support innovation in dementia prevention, care provision and service organisation, including the reduction of risk, the development and implementation of interventions, and the delivery of care. Grants ranging from £2 million to £5 million are available for three to five years. ESRC and NIHR will meet up to 80% of the total cost of the project.

Outline applications must be submitted by **4pm, 15th March 2018**. Find more information **here**

IUK Emerging and Enabling Technologies & Health and Life Sciences Competitions (B&L, H&S and FAST)

Innovate UK (IUK) has now launched the January 2018 round of the Emerging and Enabling Technologies Competition, which will help businesses broaden their innovation activities in order to find new sources of revenue from new products, processes or services.

IUK is also investing in the Health and Life Sciences Competition for projects addressing technical or commercial challenges in health and life sciences (H&LS).

Funding of up to £9.5 million is available for both Competitions. Eligible applicants must be a UK-based business, academic, charity, public sector organisation or research and technology organisation (RTO). They must carry out their project work, and intend to exploit the results, in the UK.

The deadline for both Competitions is 28 March 2018. Please **visit** for more details.

Funding Opportunities



The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) – Project Development Grants (B&L, FAST)

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) is an independent charity that offers grants to help it deliver its overall strategic objectives and outcomes for heritage and communities. Grants of up to £25,000 are available to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a building project. Funding is available for any work that is essential for taking the project forward towards the goal of revitalising an historic building.

The next application deadlines are 16 February and 11 May. [Click](#) for application details

Launch of 2018 Moth International Short Story Competition (E&H, FAST)

The Moth International Short Story Prize supports the work of short story writers through monetary awards and writing retreat opportunities. Prizes include monetary awards of €250-€3,000 along with a week-long writing retreat at Circle of Misse in France. The competition also includes the publication of award winning work, giving the writers in question a creative platform for their work. **Application deadline is 30th June 2018.** Visit **[here](#)** for more information.

The Graduate School Update



The Graduate School's Images of Research exhibition is now open!

The Images of Research (IoR) exhibition and competition, run by the University of Northampton Graduate School, is now open in the Avenue Gallery corridor and will stay there until 23rd February 2018. After this it will travel to Park Campus, to be displayed on the ground floor of Rockingham Library then at Avenue Library entrance until Easter.

The IoR competition offers researchers a chance to illustrate or represent their research using a unique image, along with an abstract of up to 150 words describing how the image reflects their research. An annual competition which started in 2013, IoR creatively showcases research at the University and the competition reflects a wide range of research projects as diverse as the images are creative.

You can vote for your three favourites in a public competition on the Research Support Hub voting **[page](#)**

Upcoming Events



February and March 2018

Research Support Centre Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 21st February in the Library and Learning Services meeting room, Ground floor, Park Campus Library

Our next Coffee Morning will be hosted by Dawn Hibbert, Head of Research Support, LLS. Dawn and the RSB team will be on hand to help with any questions you may have on research data management, open access, funding applications, bidding or researcher development along with the topic of the moment, REF 2021 and Impact.

Please drop in between 10.30am-12pm. Warm refreshments and nice biscuits along with friendly advice will be on offer.

Making the most of GRANTfinder

Thursday, 22nd February from 10am-12pm in G152, Grendon, Park Campus

Due to the popularity of this event, an extra date has been added

GRANTfinder 4 Education is a database that the University of Northampton subscribes to giving a 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. This session is an interactive workshop and computers will be provided or feel free to bring along your laptop. Places still available, please register [here](#)

Writing a Winning Bid

Tuesday, 20th March from 2-4pm in SO14, Sulgrave, Park Campus

A successful funding application combines a great idea with a well-written proposal that does your idea justice. Facilitated by Helen Backhouse, Bidding Officer for the Research and Strategic Bidding Office, this workshop will equip you with the tools to write a winning bid of your own.

Registration is now open, please book 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.

Graduate School Events

20th-22nd February
Supervisor Development
Programme

19th-23rd March
Postgraduate Research Student
Induction

RSB Office Events

20th March
Writing a Winning Bid Workshop
2-4pm, SO14, Sulgrave, Park

21st March
Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12pm
Top Lodge Conservatory,
Park Campus

25th April
Finding the Right Funder Workshop
10am-12pm, Boardroom, Avenue

Upcoming Events (Continued)



March 2018

Graduate School Workshops for researchers

Action Research and Higher Education Pedagogy

Prof Lin Norton, Professor Emerita of Pedagogical Research, Liverpool Hope University.

Wednesday, 14th March from 10.30am-2.15pm in MY120, Maidwell, Avenue Campus

To book a place please contact simone.apel@northampton.ac.uk

Intended audience

- All doctoral students, research staff and teaching staff as well as support professionals can attend this workshop.

Learning objectives

- To enable the participants to take the first steps in designing their own pedagogical action research projects if they are unfamiliar with it.
- To give the participants the opportunity to further extend their thinking around AR design.
- To help participants understand how action research can help them to reflect systematically on their professional practice in higher education, and what they need to be thinking about if they wish to make their studies publishable.

Preparing for the Viva (For Postgraduate Researchers PGRs)

Professor Chris Roe

Monday, 26th March from 5-7pm in SO36, Sulgrave, Park Campus

PGRs can book via **Gateway**

Publishing and Promoting your Research: development day for PGRs and early career researchers

Tuesday, 27th March from 11am-4pm

To book or for more information please contact simone.apel@northampton.ac.uk

Two workshops – Getting Published in Academic Journals and Your Digital Footprint and Enhancing Visibility

Faculty Events

Faculty of Business and Law - Bid Writing Retreat

Thursday, 1st March at Avenue Campus

This writing retreat is designed to provide guidance and support on bid writing. Participants are required to come along with a project and a possible funding body in mind so that work can be completed and reviewed on a possible real bid application. It is being run by an experienced external facilitator. A great opportunity to learn from the experiences of others. Please contact Sandy.Macdonald@northampton.ac.uk for more information