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RESEARCH E-BULLETIN

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



Welcome to the March issue of our Research e-bulletin. This month sees the launch of the 13th Annual Poster Competition by The Graduate School and the opportunity to take part in their upcoming Writing Retreat workshop. Looking for external funding for those specific research ideas? Make sure to register for your place at the RSB Office's upcoming Finding the Right Funder workshop. You'll find details inside.

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

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Latest Research News



Santander Staff Research Award

Santander funding is available for staff that require support for a research project. The project should be aligned to the University or Faculty's objectives, and have an international theme or connection with one or more of the countries listed on the application form. The project should also be in collaboration with a current or potential Partner University. There are 5 awards of £1,000 available.

Applications should be submitted by **30th April 2018** to corinna.coleman@northampton.ac.uk
The application form can be found on the **Research Support Hub**

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.

Football Foundation Invites Applications for Grow the Game Grant (H&S)

For the 8th year in a row, the Football Foundation is offering grants to grassroots football clubs that are looking to create a new team. This year, applications are encouraged from not-for profit clubs who want to start women and girls teams and/or disability teams. Grants of £1,500 are available to support creation of new football teams.

Application deadline is 29th March 2018. Find out more [here](#)

Innovate UK – Manufacturing and Materials Readiness Funding Competition (B&L, FAST)

Innovate UK (IUK) is offering £10 million in loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) for innovative manufacturing or materials projects. The aim of this competition is to provide a loan which will help SMEs increase manufacturing readiness. This applies to innovations in manufacturing systems, technologies or processes, and/or materials development, properties, integration or reuse.

Funding Opportunities



Innovate UK – Manufacturing and Materials Readiness Funding Competition (continued)

Loans of between £100,000 and £1 million are available for projects lasting up to five years.

Registration closes on 25 April with full applications invited by 2nd May. Visit [here](#) for more information

Innovate UK - SBRI Competition – Technology for Monitoring Risk Management at Home (B&L, H&S, FAST)

IUK runs Small Business Research Initiatives (SBRIs) to stimulate innovative solutions to challenges faced by the public sector and is administering this scheme in partnership with Glasgow's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). Due to current market pressures in the social care sector there is compelling evidence of the need to develop care services using digital technology, known as 'telecare'. Projects must develop a remote digital alarm monitoring system and must help with the management of risks in the home experienced by people who have complex needs. This is phase 1 of a two-phase competition. Phase 1 will provide funding of up to £30,000 to five feasibility studies lasting up to 6 months.

Registration deadline is 25th April and the competition closes on the 2nd May. [Click](#) for further details

Paul Mellon Centre Grants (E&H, FAST)

The Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art is an educational charity established to promote and support the study of British art history and architecture.

Six of its funding programmes are now open for application as follows:-

- Curatorial Research Grants - grants of £40,000 are available
- Digital Project Grants - fellowships of £40,000 are available
- Research Support Project Grants - grants of £2,000
- Educational Programme Grants - grants of £3,000
- Publication Grants - grants of £3,000
- Andrew Wyld Research Support Grants - grants of £2,000

Application deadline is 30 September. Further details on each programme can be obtained [here](#)

The Graduate School Update



Images of Research 2017-18

Images of Research will be on display at Park Campus in the Rockingham Library from the **5th until 26th March** so do go and visit.

You can also see the images and vote online at the Research Support Hub voting [page](#)

Postgraduate Research Student Induction

We will be welcoming a group of new postgraduate research students at our next PGR Induction, on **19th March to 23rd March**. The Induction offers new students informative sessions on research degree procedures, research integrity, data management skills and other researcher skill development workshops, as well as introducing them to online resources and library information services. Students also give an introductory presentation to the group about their research. Networking with UoN departments and staff happens throughout the week and on the last day the student's own Faculty runs a short induction



October 2017 PGR Induction

Please see below forthcoming Calls from The Graduate School



Call for Posters: Graduate School Poster Competition

Postgraduate researchers are invited to submit an application to present a poster at the 13th Annual Poster Competition. The competition will be held on the morning of **Tuesday 22nd May** in the Dialog Cafe, ground floor of Rockingham Library, Park Campus. We are offering a first prize of £100 and two second prizes of £75 for the three winners. Read more [here](#)

Call for Papers: UoN's new Research Conference

We are pleased to invite University of Northampton research students and staff to take part in the UoN Research Conference in June 2018. Please visit [Call for papers](#) for further information.

Online Resources for researchers

As a researcher you often use both offline and online resources to find out information related to your research project. We would like to remind you that there are plenty of online materials available to all UoN researchers, particularly important for those of you who are off-site. Find out more on these resources [here](#)

Upcoming Events



March and April 2018

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

Thursday, 15th March from 8.30-10.30am

This forum is an opportunity for those in the sector to collaborate on a wide range of topics from apprenticeships, funding, mentoring schemes through to security and the launch of the finalists in the 2018 logistics awards.

Northamptonshire Manufacturing Forum

Wednesday, 21st March from 8.30-10.30am

The focus of this month's forum will be on looking at autonomous teams.

If you have any topics that you would like to include or opportunities to raise with companies at these Forums please contact charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

For more information on these events please visit www.northamptonshiregrowthhub.co.uk/events

Research Support Centre Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 21st March in the Newton Café, Avenue Campus

For those of you based at Avenue, you'll be pleased to know we are hosting our next Coffee Morning in the Newton Café.

Drop in anytime between **10.30am-12pm** for a chat with the RSB team. You may be working on a specific funding application, have a project in mind or just want to know more about the support available. We can also offer guidance on using our Gateway Haplo Funding system and even set you up with some training.

Tea and coffee along with nice biscuits will also be provided.

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

18th April
Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12pm
Top Lodge, Park Campus

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

Graduate School Events

22nd May
Poster Competition

12th June
Graduate School Update Day

20th-21st June
UoN Research Conference

Upcoming Events (Continued)



Finding the Right Funder

Wednesday, 25th April from 10am-12pm in the Boardroom, Avenue Campus

This interactive workshop is designed to help you navigate the funding landscape and will cover topics such as identifying the main sources of funding and winning tactics on how to increase your chance of success. Facilitated by Karen Lewis, Bidding Manager for the Research and Strategic Bidding Office, the session is ideal if you have specific research ideas and would like help in finding external funding.

Registration will open on Monday, 5th March, please book your place [here](#)

Writing a Winning Bid

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

This workshop has proved successful and is fully booked. If you wish to be placed on the waiting list, please contact sharon.lewis@northampton.ac.uk

Graduate School Workshops coming up in March

Action Research and Higher Education Pedagogy

Prof Lin Norton, Professor Emerita of Pedagogical Research from Liverpool Hope University
Open to all.

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

Please book via [Gateway](#)

We will be running a series of **Writing Retreat** afternoons in Top Lodge, Park Campus preceded by a mini-workshop on different aspects of academic writing and editing. The first will run on Thursday, 15th March. Open to postgraduate researchers and early career researchers.

Please book [here](#)

More writing retreat workshops will follow in April, May and June.

We are also running a **Publishing Day for Postgraduate Researchers** on Tuesday, 27th March.

This will include workshops in Getting Published in Academic Journals and Your Digital Footprint and Enhancing Visibility.