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RESEARCH E-BULLETIN

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



"Spring is the time of plans and projects" (quote by Leo Tolstoy, Author of Anna Karenina). A thought for you to ponder whilst you enjoy April's issue of our Research e-bulletin. Packed full this month with the latest funding opportunities, call announcements, news on additional funding for KTPs and upcoming events from the RSB Office and The Graduate School.

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



Grant Finder – Looking to apply for LEP Open Calls for funding?

If you are looking to apply to one of the LEP (SEMLEP or Velocity) calls for funding (ERDF or ESIF, etc), please direct your initial query through to the Northamptonshire Growth Hub and the RSB team in the first instance rather than direct to SEMLEP / Velocity.

The Northamptonshire Growth Hub is managed by the University and is a direct arm of SEMLEP. They will be able to provide additional assistance on your potential bid and give advice on match with activity in the county. For all queries please email **charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk**

Additional Funding for KTPs Announced

Innovate UK have announced extra funding for an additional 200 Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs) which enable collaboration with businesses and deliver a REF impact. KTPs provide a rewarding ongoing collaboration with businesses, enabling identification of new research themes, publication of high quality research papers and contribute to the Research Excellence Framework (Impact Case Study). There are two KTPs currently underway here at Northampton. If you are interested in finding out more on KTP's or engaging with businesses then please email **charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk**

Other Faculty News

John Day, Lecturer in Sport Development from the Faculty of Health & Society, authored a chapter on physical activity, families and households in the recently published Routledge Handbook of Physical Activity Policy and Practice. This is the first book to critically examine physical activity from a multi-disciplinary social scientific perspective, which challenges some of the common sense assumptions about physical activity promotion by providing a more critical, complex and realistic account to assist policymakers and benefit future research.

To read more and obtain a copy, please visit Routledge Handbooks

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 Friday, 20th April.

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.

Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) - Researcher Mobility Grants Scheme (E&H, H&S, FAST)

The RSC Researcher Mobility Grants scheme supports PhD students and early career researchers to undertake short to mid-term scientific visits to overseas or UK organisations. Grant funding of up to £5,000 is available and applicants must be RSC members (Associate Level or above) studying for or have a PhD in the Chemical Sciences. They will need to be in full time employment or engaged in study for the duration of their visit.

Deadline for applications is 12 noon on 24th April 2018. Read more here

Voom Pitch 2018 – Virgin Media Business (B&L)

Want a share of £1 million in prizes and fancy pitching your business or bright idea to Richard Branson? This prize pot includes marketing campaigns, mentoring, cash prizes and much more, all of which to be distributed between winners and runners-up. The two main categories this year are Spark & Start Up and Scale & Grow.

The deadline for completing a Pitch is 8th May. Visit Voom Pitch for entry rules

Innovate UK £19 Million Open Sector Funding Competition (B&L, FAST)

IUK is looking to fund a portfolio of projects, across a variety of technologies, markets and technological maturities. These can be feasibility studies (which may include market research), industrial research projects or experimental development projects, depending on the challenge identified and proposed solution. The competition is open to both small and medium-sized enterprises and large companies based in the UK. Proposals can come from any technology (including arts, design, media or creative industries).

Competition closes midday on 9th May. Click for more information

Pasold/Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) Research Fellowship (E&H, FAST)

The Pasold Research Fund and the V&A jointly offer a fellowship to subsidise the costs of research on the artefacts and/or archives within the V&A for a period of between two and four weeks. The scheme is open to textile historians of any nationality or career stage, from registered doctoral candidates to senior scholars, museum professionals and independent researchers.

Application deadline is 15th May. Full details can be found on the website

Funding Opportunities



Nesta - The Good Help Award Extends Deadline (H&S)

Nesta are seeking applications from organisations that demonstrate they are helping people transform their lives through 'good help' activities. The Good Help Award will identify and celebrate all of the most promising 'good help' projects - not just the winners - and will be looking for opportunities to share best practice and learning in ways that can help them all increase their impact. Awards include £15,000 for the winner and two £5,000 runner up prizes

Deadline for Applications is 18th May. Visit Good Help for more details.

Pink Ribbon Foundation Re-opens for 2018 Applications (H&S)

The Pink Ribbon Foundation's mission is to fund projects and provide financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance understanding, early detection and treatment. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for revenue, capital or project costs. The Foundation is keen to support initiatives which promote a positive view of living with breast cancer.

Application deadline is 31st May. Find out more here

Royal Society of Biology (RSB) Outreach and Engagement Awards (E&H, H&S & FAST)

RSB's Outreach and Engagement Awards (formerly Science Communication Awards) recognise early career and experienced bioscience researchers who have undertaken outreach work to inform, enthuse and engage members of the public. The target audience may be school children, patients or the general public, but should not include a scientific audience above school level. A cash prize of £750 is awarded to new researchers and £1,500 is given to established researchers.

Application deadline is 29th June. Read more here

DepicT! Filmmaking Competition (FAST)

DepicT! is an international short film competition which seeks to unearth up-and-coming film-making talent in the UK. The contest is open to applications from film-makers with productions that last no longer than 90 seconds but still manage to show originality, imagination and the ability to engage audiences. Films can focus on a wide range of genres, including animation, documentary, drama, experimental or artist film and hybrid work.

Deadline for entries is 5pm on 2nd July. Further details on the Awards and criteria can be found **here**

The Graduate School Update



UoN's New Research Conference

Why not submit a paper, poster or 3-Minute Thesis?

The Graduate School is teaming up with the Faculties to put on a new UoN Research Conference on 20th-21st June 2018. The conference is open to postgraduate researchers and academic staff who conduct research to present a paper, a poster or win a prize in a 3-minute thesis presentation. Please visit the **Call for papers** for further information.

Don't take too long – the call for papers closes in April!



Postgraduate Researcher Induction 19th-22nd March

The Graduate School welcomed 15 new postgraduate researchers at their PGR Induction last week. There were 6 new Faculty of Health and Society students, 4 from Business and Law, 3 from the Faculty of Arts, Science and Technology and 2 from Education and Humanities. They spent the week in skills workshops, meeting support staff at UoN, giving presentations and networking with existing students. Feedback was good to excellent. The students will, over the next 3-7 years, aim to complete their PhD or doctorate at UoN with support from their Supervisors, Faculties and the Graduate School.

The next PGR Induction will be held after our move to Waterside from 15th-19th October 2018.

Upcoming Events



April and May 2018

Research Support Centre Coffee Morning Wednesday, 18th April in Top Lodge Conservatory, Park Campus

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 with funding or working with businesses, please drop in between **10.30am-12pm** for a chat with the RSB team. Dawn Hibbert, Head of Research Support, LLS will also be on hand to answer your questions on REF 2021, open access and research data management.

Finding the Right Funder

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

Places still available for this interactive workshop designed to help you navigate the funding landscape and help you to identify the main sources of funding along with winning tactics on how to increase your chance of success. Please book your place **here**

Library and Learning Services Conference "Everyone a Researcher"

Friday, 4th May from 9am-4.30pm, Park Campus

LLS are hosting its 4th Biennial LLS (Library and Learning Services) Research Conference. This will showcase the research undertaken by Library and Learning Services' staff and demonstrate the inclusive and collaborative nature of the projects completed. The theme for this year's Conference is "Everyone a Researcher". Come along and find out about the research being done to bring about improvements in how our staff and students are supported by LLS.

Register for your place at **Everyone a Researcher**

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

25th April Finding the <mark>Right</mark> Funder Workshop 10am-12<mark>pm, Bo</mark>ardroom, Avenue

Graduate School Events

11th April Smarter Speed Reading

20th April Preparing for Conferences

> 22nd May Poster Competition

12th June Graduate School Update Day

20th-21st June UoN Research Conference

Upcoming Events (Continued)



Graduate School Workshops

Facilitated writing retreat with mini workshop on "Finding your academic voice" Tuesday, 24th April from 12.30-5pm in Top Lodge Conservatory, Park Campus



Dr Lorna Jowett will facilitate "Finding your academic voice".

Rather than offering specific techniques for academic writing, or advice on how to write for a PhD, this session aims to engage you in some of the debates about and positions on academic writing—what it is and who it is for.

Poster Design and Presenting

Wednesday, 25th April from 10am-1pm in S007, Sulgrave, Park Campus

Academic poster presentations are excellent visual and verbal communication tools for researchers to describe their research to others. In this session we will consider what a poster should convey, we will look at visual design and written content. Using tips from poster competition judges, the session will also feature best practice in the verbal presentation of your poster at a competition.

Reference Management with Mendeley

Tuesday, 1st May from 12-3pm in TPod Rockingham Library, Park Campus

This practical workshop aims to introduce researchers to Mendeley, a free reference management tool. Mendeley can help you save and organise your academic sources (journal articles, books, web pages and more), annotate article PDFs and create formatted reference and bibliographies.

A personal laptop is strongly recommended for this session, as we will be installing Mendeley and related tools during the session.

To book any of these workshops please email Simone.apel@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