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RESEARCH E-BULLETIN.

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



A warm welcome back to everyone after the summer break and to the new Waterside Campus. You can now find The Graduate School and RSB Office in the Research and Enterprise office on the ground floor of the Senate building. Do pop in to see us. Our October issue includes three pages of the latest funding opportunities along with details of the 2018/19 Graduate School Development Programme. Missing our Coffee Mornings? Find out more inside on our upcoming Drop-In session.

Have you got news for us?

Remember our monthly e-bulletin offers regular updates about funding opportunities, research information and events. If you have something you would like to share then get in touch by dropping us an email to rsb@northampton.ac.uk



Latest Research News.



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 please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

We have forums covering HR, Logistics, Manufacturing, Health & Wellbeing through to Apprenticeships and cover all companies and sectors in Northamptonshire. We can help develop your approach and answer questions you might have.

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

The next round of application dates for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships have been announced with dates in October, December and early 2019. With funding announced for additional KTP's are you working with partners or on projects that would benefit from a KTP?

KTPs provide a rewarding ongoing collaboration with businesses, enabling publication of high quality research papers, identification of new research themes, and contribute to the Research Excellence Framework (Impact Case Study). We currently have two KTPs underway here at Northampton. If you are interested in finding out more on KTP's or engaging with businesses around potential KTP's then please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Rebranding of Research, Strategic and Bidding (RSB) Office

The RSB Office is being rebranded to the new name of Research and Innovation Funding Support. More details on this new name change will be included in our next e-bulletin. In the meantime, if you have any queries relating to this change, please email us at rsb@northampton.ac.uk

If you have a research related article or some Faculty news you'd like to include in November's issue, please email the team at rsb@northampton.ac.uk by Tuesday, 22nd October.

Other News.



UnityDem Competition

Win a House for only £5 and help raise £1 million for Dementia

There is only a short time left to enter the UnityDem competition which closes on **Wednesday, 10th October 2018**. For the entry fee of £5 a raffle ticket you will have the opportunity to win a dream home located in Abington, Northampton and worth £600,000. Marty Pumbien and his partner Anne are passionate about improving dementia care in the town and hope 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. Read the full story and find out more on the T&Cs at **Win a House**

Sad News

This saddens us to let you know that Christi Mitchell, Founding Director of Highbury Ltd, passed away last month from cancer. Christi had worked with The University, particularly the RSB team, since 2014 and supported many Academics with their Commercial IP projects. She was also involved in assisting with the creation and delivering of workshops for the Professorial Development Programme.

We have lost a good colleague and a lovely person. Should you wish to donate to one of her family's chosen charities, please email **Karen.Lewis@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.

Techstars "Anywhere Accelerator" Initiative (FAST and B&L)

Techstars is a global ecosystem that empowers entrepreneurs to bring new technologies to market, wherever they choose to build their business. The investment made in each company in terms of capital, time and network will be the same as other Techstars accelerators. Companies will receive a US \$100,000 of funding as a convertible note upon acceptance and US \$20,000 in exchange for 6% equity stake. Techstars funds technology oriented companies.

Application deadline for next round is 14th October. Click for more details

John Ellerman Foundation Grants for Arts, Environment and Social Action (FAST, H&S)

The John Ellerman Foundation aims to advance the wellbeing of people, society and the natural world. Support is available for core funding, projects and programmes for the arts, environment and social action. A minimum grant of £10,000 is available and there is no maximum limit but grants over £100,000 are unusual. Most grants are for two or three years and the demand for funds is high.

Applications may be submitted at any time. Read more **here**

Innovation Growth Lab (IGL) Grants Programme (B&L, H&S, FAST)

The IGL Grants Programme supports research, in the form of randomised controlled trials (RCTs) to find out what works to increase science and innovation, support high-growth entrepreneurship and accelerate business growth. Applications are invited from researchers and academics involved in these areas. Funding is available for a combination of low-cost speculative projects and larger projects with grants ranging from US\$10,000 to US\$100,000 for the five different Categories.

Application deadline is 29th October. Visit **Innovation Growth Lab**

2018 Arts & Crafts Design Award (International) (FAST)

The Arts & Crafts Design Award is an international design competition, held on an annual basis for nominated artisans, craftspeople and designers. This competition is open to nominated professional, amateur and student craftspeople and designers. Applicants should be aged 18 years old or over. Winners designs can appear on a variety of media and first prize includes prize money of \$1,000 with five further Merit Awards and 26 certificates of excellence on offer.

Deadline for entries is 31st October. Join **here** and learn more about the Categories

Funding Opportunities.



People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) UK Mammal Grants (E&H, H&S)

PTES provides grants in the region of £10,000 to £20,000 to support conservation projects that focus on endangered UK mammal species and their habitats, addressing one of these themes - Monitoring mammals, Habitats for mammals and Human impacts and mitigation. Work eligible for funding can include scientific research, practical habitat management, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects.

Deadline for applications is 31st October. Find out more [here](#)

Commonwealth Writers' Prizes (Short Story Prize) (E&H)

This Prize enables writers to enter from countries where there is little or no publishing industry. Authors writing in languages other than English are also able to enter stories translated into English. The Prize is intended to unearth and promote the best new writing from across the Commonwealth, developing literary connections worldwide. The Short Story Prize is awarded for the best piece of unpublished short fiction (2,000-5,000 words). There will be five winners, one from each region, the overall winner will receive £5,000 and the remaining four winners £2,500.

Submission deadline is 1st November. Read more [here](#)

Independent Social Research Foundation Flexible Grants (E&H & H&S)

The Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) is an international organisation that promotes interdisciplinary research in the social sciences. The ISRF Flexible Grants for Small Groups Competition aims to enable researchers from different disciplines to work together on a research collaboration. Projects from any social scientific discipline and interdisciplinary research fields are welcome, including relevant applications from scholars working within the humanities and the natural sciences. Two Categories - Flexible Awards of £5,000 or Residential Awards of £4,250.

Applications submitted via the ISRF's online system by **2nd November**. Visit their [website](#)

Ashden Awards to Promote Sustainable Energy (H&S & B&L)

Calling all sustainable energy pioneers for the launch of the Ashden Awards. The aim of the Awards is to promote the widespread use of local, sustainable energy, because of the environmental, social and economic benefits this provides. Ashden rewards innovative enterprises and programmes that deliver, or play a key part in enabling the delivery of, renewable energy and energy efficiency at the local level. The UK Award includes £10,000 prize money, national media exposure and access to new networks and investors.

Application deadline is 6th November. Interested? Please see the [website](#)

Funding Opportunities.



Louis Bonduelle Foundation Research Award (E&H, H&S and FAST)

The Louis Bonduelle Foundation supports scientific research to advance knowledge in the field of sustainable food and to promote public interest in healthy eating habits. The Award is open to PhD/doctoral students across a range of disciplines, under the age of 35, who are enrolled at a university or higher education institution and have completed research on nutrition or food behaviours. The award is a €10,000 prize to assist the winner with further research.

Submission deadline is 7th November. Visit [here](#) for more information

RAEng Leverhulme Trust Senior Researcher Fellowships (FAST)

With funding from the Leverhulme Trust, the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) is offering senior fellowships to mid-career academics currently teaching an engineering discipline at a UK higher education institution. The Fellowship covers the salary costs of an early career academic for up to one year. Up to £2,500 is also available to cover miscellaneous research costs, such as conference attendance and public engagement activities.

Application deadline is 12th November. Find out if you are eligible to apply [here](#)

Rosa Launches Now's the Time Large Grant Programme (ALL)

The Rosa's Now's the Time programme will award up to £1 million through a Challenge Fund which asks: "What would you do toward ending sexual harassment? Grants of between £25,000 and £100,000 for over one to three years are being made available to women's organisations applying in partnership with at least one other organisation. Partnerships across sectors is encouraged to reach out to colleagues in businesses, unions, local councils, schools and colleges and other contexts. Before applying, organisations are 'strongly advised' to participate in one of two webinars: 15th October (10.30-11.30am) and 14th November (2-3pm).

Deadline for large grant applications is 14th December. [Click](#) for more details

The Wolfson Foundation - New £10m Mental Health Research Initiative (H&S)

The Wolfson Foundation has created this £10 million funding competition to support novel and outstanding research with the potential to make advances in the understanding and treatment of mental health. It is intended that proposals should focus especially on research in the general area of anxiety and depression, broadly defined. Universities and research institutions in the UK are eligible to apply. One application only may be submitted by each university. Collaborative applications from two or more institutions are also eligible.

Stage 1 Proposals Deadline is 11th January 2019. For programme details and eligibility visit [here](#)

The Graduate School Update.



2018-19 Graduate School Development Programme

The Graduate School has released a programme of skills development workshops for PGR students and early career research staff. The programme can be found via the **Gateway Calendar**. Log in with your usual University user name and password.

Workshops on offer include SPSS and Nvivo, Argument Mapping, Grounded Theory and much more. Please note that some workshops are more relevant to PGR students so do read the description for each workshop. You will find more information on the **Research Support Hub** post.

1st Place Winners from the Images of Research 2017-2018 Competition

Amatou Allah Soumeiya Slimani is a Postgraduate Researcher for English and Creative Writing, Faculty of Education and Humanities. Her image was chosen by 'public' voters at the exhibition and online.



Algeria between representations and misrepresentations.

This drawing sheds light on how Verne's novel which is about the Algerian desert and the natives and Martin's faked capture by the Turkish officer in her narrative are all misrepresentations of the country which are based on the echoes of what they have read or heard in the Western canon of literature about the "Orient". It also demonstrates an unfamiliar image of Algeria and its inhabitants in Kateb's and Djébar's novels, hence these literary works reflect the idea of Algeria as a multicultural country. These novels are about the Algerian history, the identity and values, the religion and traditions; the notable elements through which the Algerian inhabitants define themselves.

Lucy Skinner is a Postgraduate Researcher in the Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (ICLT), Research, Impact and Enterprise Directorate. Her image was chosen by our guest judge, David Stevens from UoN marketing.

Historic leather tanning in Old Islamic Cario.

Lucy's photo takes us into an unfamiliar world, but immediately provides a real sense of the traditional, labour intensive working practices she is researching. The cramped, windowless conditions, the well-worn machinery, piles of camel skins, and lack of safety precautions are very much at odds with our image of modern, efficient industrial practices. In addition, the text underlines the urgency to understand these soon to be replaced tanning processes, some of whose origins go back thousands of years.



Upcoming Events.



October 2018

Research and Innovation Funding Support Drop-In Sessions

Wednesday, 31st October at seating area outside Research and Enterprise Office, Ground Floor, Senate, Waterside Campus

We are welcoming you all back with our first Research & Innovation Funding Support Drop-in Session (formerly known as Coffee Mornings) on **Wednesday, 31st October**. Join us on the comfy sofas outside the Research and Enterprise office between **8am-10am** for a chat on all research related topics. You'll have a chance to meet with the team and find out more about the funding opportunities and support we can provide. No need to book, just turn up. Warm refreshments are available from the Café on the same floor.

If you are unable to make this one, don't worry, these sessions will be run on a monthly basis at various locations on Waterside Campus.

Graduate School Event

Research Student Workspace Grand Opening

Thursday, 18th October in the early evening, Research Student Workspace, Senate, Waterside Campus

Save the date - More information will be circulated to PGR students and supervisors in due course.

Coinciding with the induction of c.30 new PGRs, this reception event will open the workspace, welcome new researchers and provide an informal opportunity for networking.

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.

Research and Innovation Funding Support Events

31st October
Drop-In Session

Graduate School Events

10th October
Editing and proofreading your
thesis

30th October
Overcoming Imposter
Syndrome

7th November
Grounded Theory

15th November
Time management for
your research project

22nd November
Setting out on your Research
Project

Upcoming Events (Continued).



Graduate School Workshops

Preparing for the Viva

Wednesday, 3rd October from 5-7pm in Senate 204, Waterside Campus

This workshop is intended for PGR Students and you will discuss the purpose(s) of the viva from the different perspectives of the student, examiner and university and use these insights to help us plan the best way to prepare for your own viva. There will be lots of opportunity to ask questions, discuss concerns and share experiences.

Editing, finishing and proofreading your thesis (Lite)

Wednesday, 10th October from 2-4pm in Senate SN304, Waterside Campus

This workshop will focus on the later stages of completing your thesis, including managing the editing process, redrafting and final completion. It will also feature a short session on proofreading.

Overcoming Imposter Syndrome

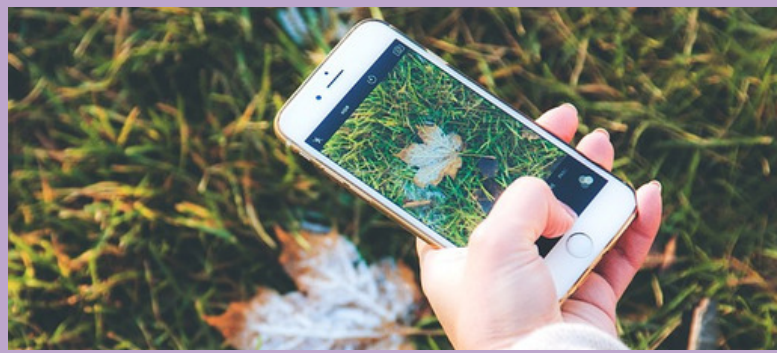
Tuesday, 30th October from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Platform, George Row, Northampton

This session will equip you with the best evidence-based knowledge currently available about imposter syndrome and train you in a range of proven techniques that you can apply to overcome it. It will cover What is imposter syndrome, who is likely to suffer from it and what you can do to change.

Additionally the course will introduce ten techniques that can be used to respond to imposter experiences with an opportunity for you to plan a personal action.

If you are interested in attending these workshops please book on **Gateway** or email **David.Watson@northampton.ac.uk**

Call Announcements.



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

EPSRC Third Call for University and Business Prosperity Partnerships

Notification of Intent Deadline: 19th October. Expression of Interest deadline: 26th October

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/calls/3rdprosperitypartnerships/>

EPSRC End Use Energy Demand Technology Call

Application via Je-S Deadline: 23rd October 2018

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/>

Innovative Medicines Initiative New Calls Worth €434 Million

Application Deadline for both Calls: 24th October

<https://www.imi.europa.eu/>

BBSRC 18ALERT Call

Application Deadline: 25th October

<https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/filter/2018-alert-mid-range-equipment-initiative/>

Dunhill Medical Trust Call for Research into Home Adaptations in Older People's Home

Application Deadline: 9th November

<http://dunhillmedical.org.uk/our-work-in-action/partnerships/home-adaptation-apply/>

NordForsk Joint Nordic-UK Migration and Integration Research Programme Call

Pre-proposals Deadline: 15th November

<https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/joint-nordic-uk-research-programme-on-migration-and-integration/>

INTERREG North-West Europe Programme – 8th Call

Outline project proposals Deadline: 22nd November

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