

Wider Outlook

Funding, Policy updates, and Research from Enterprise and Commercial Development

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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers!

Welcome to the January edition of Wider Outlook, the team have produced a shortened update this month which provides the latest funding opportunities as well as a report on the recent ECD EU collaboration workshop. The team has also launched a new blog, the aim of this is to enhance our communication with internal colleagues as well as providing a email update on a daily basis to promote: funding, research and commercial activities as well as policy and our contract services. To access the blog you can click on this link: <http://blogs.staffs.ac.uk/research/>. If you have any feedback please let us know! Jose



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<http://bit.ly/externalprojects>

www.researchprofessional.com

www.ukro.ac.uk

<http://bit.ly/findfunding>

European Event Feedback

ECD hosted a European Workshop on December 5th 2012. The event drew in over thirty colleagues from across the University to discuss EU engagement.

Sandra Booth, ECD Director, began by outlining the personal benefits she had gained from her experience of EU projects – most recently in Sicily and Poland. Sandra cited; credibility, building a network and a community of practice and professional development as her key learning points. Sandra's experience of visiting EU countries is leading to new collaborative funding opportunities with colleagues in the EU, this demonstrates how individual experiences feed into institutional targets and enhance the reputation of the University.

Dr. Peter Kevern, Senior Lecturer, in the Faculty of Health Sciences, presented on how European Funding has assisted his research interests in the fields of dementia care and an ageing population.

Peter covered his learning from an EU project and above all the over arching aim of European integration, whatever the project.

Dr. Neil Hart, Enterprise Reader; Scholarship, Enterprise and Research

from the Faculty of Computing, Engineering and Sciences, engaged the audience by looking at the wider range of commercial partnerships the University is involved in across the EU – concerned with the student experience; and prompted much debate.

Dr. Lesley Rollason, Head of Policy and Planning; Executive Business Unit, drew the session to a close by charting the way in which the EU has been both absent and more recently present, as she has tracked references to it in policy documents.

The event was a big success with feedback requests for one of these sessions every month!

The full presentations can be found [Here](#)

The next European event is the UKRO (UK Research Office) on the 13th February 2013. The details of the event will be released shortly in our blog and also on RSS.

The next European event will be in May 2013, this session will help staff to identify the University's priorities in relation to the new European Funding in 2014-2020.

**Up Coming Funding
events:**

UKRO

SAVE THE DATE!!

February 13th 2013

**Further details will be
sent out shortly!**

Funding coming up

Who /Closing Date	What	Outline details - link
NERC/ESRC 12/02/2013	Fellowships	The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) wish to appoint two IRNH Knowledge Exchange Fellows for the Increasing Resilience to Natural Hazards in Earthquake-prone and Volcanic Regions (IRNH) research programme. Applications are welcomed on a part-time basis (between 60 per cent and 80 per cent fTE). Ideally the Fellowships will commence in April/May 2013 for a period of three years, with the possibility of a one year extension. Here
Nuffield Foundation, ESRC and HEFCE 28/02/2013	New Funding Programme on Quantitative Methods Training for UK Social Science undergraduates	The Quantitative Methods (QM) Programme aims to promote a step-change in quantitative methods training for UK social science undergraduates. To promote institutional change; produce a first cohort of quantitatively skilled undergraduates; and create links between undergraduate and postgraduate training. To benefit academic research and meet the needs of the wider labour market. Here
Higher Education Academy 28/02/2013	Teaching Development Grants - Collaborative Scheme	This scheme invites proposals from two or more departments that support the enhancement of learning and teaching. The project lead must be a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and the lead institution must be a subscriber to the Higher Education Academy. Funding up to £60,000 from the Higher Education Academy. Key themes assessment, feedback and flexible learning. Here
British Academy 01/03/2013	Wiley prize in psychology	This prize is awarded in recognition of excellence in research in psychology. The prize is worth £5,000. Here
Royal Society 01/03/2013	JSPS/Royal Society postdoctoral fellowship programme	Opportunities for young postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. Funding for subsistence, a settling-in allowance, return air fare, insurance and a research grant of up to 1,500,000 yen per year. Here
STFC 01/03/2013	Science in society fellowships	Investing in good communicators with research credibility to act as champions or ambassadors for STFC's science, technology, engineering and mathematics work to public audiences. Here
NIHR 07/03/2013	Efficacy and Mechanism (EME) Evaluation Programme - Researcher-led work stream	The EME programme invites research proposals to evaluate the clinical efficacy of interventions, add significantly to the understanding of biological or behavioural mechanisms and processes, explore new scientific clinical principles, and develop/test of new methodologies. Here
ESRC 15/02/2013	ORA - Open Research Area in Europe for the Social Sciences	Proposals will be accepted for research projects in any area of the social sciences involving researchers from any combination of three or more of the participating countries. Here
Royal Society 15/03/2013	Education research fellowships	The aim of this scheme is to provide educationalists with the opportunity to build an independent research career in the field of physics education as 5-19 subjects. Up to two fellowships are available to cover salary and research expenses for up to two years. Here
TSB 23/01/2013 (registration)	Inspiring New Design Freedoms in additive manufacturing/3d Printing	This competition aims to overcome some of the barriers – including the so-called 'dirty secrets' of additive manufacturing. By investing target areas, aiming to accelerate the creation of exciting new design, production and supply chain competences for UK businesses. Here