

WELCOME

Welcome to the second edition of RKE News. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide a termly update of internal and external research and knowledge exchange news, successes and opportunities.

This issue focuses on the Festival of Learning 2018, some of the many funding opportunities which are available and upcoming events.

I hope this information is helpful and of interest to you. If you would like to send in any stories or ideas for inclusion or if you have any feedback in general, please email Natalie Baines: bainesn@bournemouth.ac.uk



FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2018

The Festival of Learning 2018 was a great success with approximately 3000 people enjoying free events and activities over five days at Bournemouth University, and increasing the festival rating to 9 out of 10, with 10 being excellent.

The Festival ran from Saturday 16 to Wednesday 20 June, with over 90 free events which aimed to bring learning to life and share BU's research and expertise with the public. Events included a Festival for the Family at BU's Talbot Campus, four in-community events on the Sunday and a range of professional development and learning opportunities from Monday to Wednesday back on Talbot Campus including subjects as diverse as digital health technology and the impact of Brexit on local businesses.

The new model of curated in-community events on the Sunday and the overall move to showcasing high quality research and an RKEO-supported faculty based content selection method appears to have worked well and additionally the events appealed strongly to the public. There was a huge range of events, covering the archaeology of the past to artificial intelligence of the future and everything in between, so it's a brilliant way of showcasing what's going on at the university.

Our guest speaker, Professor Alice Roberts was a fantastic addition to the festival and drew large crowds for both of her fascinating sold-out talks about the evidence and implications of the domestication of species including dogs, apples, and wheat. She said: "I think events like the Festival of Learning is just what universities should be doing. We are engines of knowledge, the sources of amazing stories so there's a cultural enrichment that can happen."

"But also, when people are making decisions about politics or health – whether that's personally or collectively – we need to have the best evidence, we need to have up-to-the-minute research and this is where that research happens, so there's another good reason for universities engaging with the public."

The Festival of Learning Steering Group wish to extend their thanks to everyone right across the university who contributed to making the festival such a success.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some of the latest funding opportunities available to you:

UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships scheme

UK Research and Innovation

Deadlines: 4th October 2018

This cross-UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) scheme will support early career researchers and innovators with outstanding potential in universities, UK registered businesses, and other research and user environments including research councils' institutes and laboratories. [Find out more](#)

AHRC Leadership Fellows scheme - ECRs

No deadline

The Arts and Humanities Research Council invites applications for its leadership fellows scheme. This enables early-career researchers to undertake focused individual research alongside collaborative activities which have the potential to generate a transformative impact on their subject area and beyond. Proposals must include collaborative activities to support the development of the fellow's capacity for research leadership in the arts and humanities. [Find out more](#)

NIHR Programme

Development Grants

Deadline: 28

November 2018

Acting as a precursor to the Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) scheme, the sole purpose of the Programme Development Grant scheme is to increase the rate and number of successful applications by supporting applicants in the preparatory work required for a full PGfAR.

[Find out more](#)

Independent Research Fellowships, NERC

Deadline: 2 October

The NERC Independent Research Fellowship (IRF) scheme is designed to develop scientific leadership among the most promising early-career environmental scientists, by giving all fellows five years' support, which will allow them sufficient time to develop their research programmes and to gain international recognition. As part of this scheme, NERC will expand its fellowship networking and training activities, working with host institutions, to support the development of future leaders in NERC science. [Find out more](#)

Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund - various opportunities

A fund to strengthen UK science and business innovation and take on the biggest challenges that society and industries face today.

The Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund aims to bring together the UK's world-leading research with business to meet the major industrial and societal challenges of our time. This is part of government's £4.7 billion investment in R&D over 4 years.

[Find out more](#)

Innovate UK - Strength in Places Fund

Please contact [Ehren Milner](#) if considering the second call

Innovate UK has announced a new competitive scheme that takes a place-based approach to research and innovation funding, to support significant regional economic growth.

To be successful, applications must build on existing research and innovation capability and present a valid plan of new research and innovation activities. These should have a demonstrable impact on local economic growth.

[Find out more](#)

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IN CONVERSATION WITH....

Alexandra Pekalski, Research Facilitator

Alex Pekalski, Research Facilitator for Faculty of Management and Faculty of Media and Communication gives us an insight into her role at BU and how she supports the academic community.

Hi Alex. Please can you tell me about your role at BU?

As a Research Facilitator I help deliver on pathways for the Pre-Award process. This includes assisting with bid-writing, running STEAMLabs and carrying out research intelligence. I do a lot of one-to-one facilitation helping our academics with their ideas through to submission of bids. I review lots of applications, identify funding opportunities, network with potential partners and I help to build teams around specific funds for institutional bids.

What is a typical day like for you?

Every day is different. I can be running events, attending meetings, attending Funder Briefings, reviewing bid applications and generally helping and supporting our academics.

What is your advice for anyone thinking about submitting a bid, who is perhaps unsure?

Come and speak to your Research Facilitator, your BU research mentor in your Faculty, your Deputy Dean for Research and your peers. Firstly you need a good idea but it's important to check the guidance and to make sure you're eligible. Your RKEO colleagues know how to structure your bids to get them reviewed so make use of their knowledge and of the knowledge of your colleagues. We have colleagues at BU who are Panel Chairs for Research Councils so do talk to them and use their experience to help make your bid a success.

What support is available for preparing bids?

Funding Development Officers can provide support with funding and justification of resources; Research Facilitators provide expert support with developing ideas, horizon scanning for possible funding, building networks/teams, and advice on the structure and content of a bid. Every year, the Research & Knowledge Exchange Office, along with internal and external delivery partners, runs

over 150 events to support researcher development through the Research & Knowledge Exchange Development Framework (RKEDF).

What is one of your ambitions in your current role at BU?

To increase the quality and volume of research funding awarded to BU.

Thanks for joining us, Alex.

If you would like to get in touch with Alex, please email apekalski@bournemouth.ac.uk

For information about RKEO Faculty Facing staff, please see the [Research blog](#)



Alex Pekalski

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY July-October 2018

REF 2021 Guidance – end of July 2018

Research England will publish the draft 'Guidance on submissions', setting out the information that will be required in institutions' submissions, and the generic definitions and criteria that will apply.

This will be published alongside the consultation on the 'Panel criteria and working methods', and detailed guidance on developing codes of practice.

Inaugural Lecture Series - coming this Autumn

Allowing newly appointed Professors to celebrate their achievements and share their research with friends, family, colleagues and members of the public.

More information coming soon.

Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Framework events

Wednesday 11th July – Introduction to bibliometrics

Wednesday 11th July – Advanced bibliometrics – Using bibliometrics to understand research impact

Thursday 12th of July – Writing and presenting for non-academic audiences (ECR session) *New*

Monday 23rd July – The Writing Academy – Writing day

Tuesday 24th July – Preparing impact case studies for the Research Excellence Framework: a workshop

Wednesday 12th September - Engaging with policy makers

[Book online here](#)

RECENT AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Highlights of recent research funding successes include:

Name	Faculty	Project title	Funder	Amount awarded
Clive Andrews	Faculty of Health & Social Sciences	Workforce Transformations 2018/19 (Was LBR)	Health Education England - Wessex LETB	£450,630
Ian Jones	Faculty of Management	Chinese Football Coaches 2018	China Scholarship Council	£351,600
Vasilis Katos	Faculty of Science & Technology	IDEAL-CITIES: Intelligence driven IoT for trustworthy smart cities	European Commission H2020 MSCA RISE	£237,546
Emma Jenkins/ Sarah Elliott	Faculty of Science & Technology	Investigating Neolithic villages and farming communities in Jordan: developing and validating new scientific multi-methodologies	British Academy fellowship	£232,157
Wen Tang	Faculty of Science & Technology	iGAME	European Commission RISE	£174,099
Lihua You	Faculty of Media & Communication	Facial blendshapes	Innovate UK	£171,450
Ian Swain	Faculty of Science & Technology	TETRAGRIP II Usability trial of an FES orthosis for people with tetraplegia.	Inspire Foundation	£154,610
Alison Mcconnell	Faculty of Health & Social Sciences	Knowledge Transfer Partnership between Bournemouth University and HRV Fit Ltd	Innovate UK	£148,896
Maurizio Borghi	Faculty of Media & Communication	Study on illegal IPTV and Cardsharing in the European Union	European Union Intellectual Property Office	£120,840
Jacqui Taylor-Jackson	Faculty of Science & Technology	KTP LIMETOOLS Ltd - Evaluation of existing company cybersecurity packages and development of new packages to enhance the effectiveness of behaviour change and retention levels in online learners.	Innovate UK	£109,935
Derek Robbins	Faculty of Management	DESTI-SMART	European Commission ERDF INTERREG Europe	£68,040
Bernie Edwards	Faculty of Health & Social Sciences	Foundations in Practice Nursing (17/18) March 2018	Health Education England - Wessex LETB	£61,500
Simant Prakoowit	Faculty of Science & Technology	MFS 2017 - Computing applied to insurance business - Adnan Mohammed Alrifai	Smart Sure Ltd	£60,600
Fred Charles	Faculty of Science & Technology	CORPUS	AHRC	£3,997