Welcome to the May newsletter!

For more information about the Postdoc Development Centre (PDC) please visit our [website], follow us on [Twitter @ImperialPDC] or [contact us] with any queries. Note that information about grants and fellowships is posted on our Twitter feed.

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PDC IN FOCUS:

We are delighted to announce the publication of the new book: What Every Postdoc Needs to Know by Dr Liz Elvidge, Dr Carol Spencely and Dr Emma Williams.

“This friendly, practical and occasionally humourous guide to all things postdoc combines the three authors’ vast experience of postdoc careers and personal development.”

Available now on Amazon.

1. New Postdoc Welcome Lunch, 4 July

The Postdoc Development Centre would like to invite all new postdocs who have started at Imperial in the last six months to join us on Tuesday 4 July at 12:30 for lunch. We will give you valuable information about the support and opportunities available to you at Imperial. The meeting will take place on the South Kensington campus. Please email [PDC-Support] if you would like to attend.
2. Imperial College Research Fellowships

Imperial College Research Fellowships - 2018 ICRF competition - advanced information now online

Imperial's prestigious Imperial College Research Fellowships (ICRF) sustain the brightest and best early career researchers from across the world, providing a level of commitment and support that is rare from a UK university.

Advanced notice of the 2018 ICRF round has now been released on the ICRF website. It is anticipated that this call will be launched in June 2017. The application deadline is Monday 28 August 2017.

See [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/research-fellowships](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/research-fellowships) and [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/research-fellowships/information-for-applicants/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/research-fellowships/information-for-applicants/)

3. Faculty Fellowships

Faculty Fellowships are a new Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund opportunity, replacing the previous ISSF Value In People awards. This scheme will provide flexible funding for up to 18 months for non-clinical, early career researchers who have not yet submitted a Fellowship application but for who an award is in the pipeline because of the quality of the applicant, supervisor and project.

These fellowships are open to researchers across all Faculties. Postdoctoral researchers from disciplines outside of biomedicine can apply for funding to apply their expertise to the goals of understanding health and disease, provided the proposed area of research is within the remit of the Wellcome Trust.

The closing date for applications is 12:00 on 19 June 2017. Please note that within the Faculty of Medicine, the Departmental deadline is 1 June. Further details regarding these Fellowships can be found on the ISSF webpage.

4. Postdoc Reps – Upcoming Events

Have you met your departmental postdoc rep?

Do you know what events are being organised by postdoc reps for your department or campus?

If not, get involved and take a look at some of the upcoming events taking place across the College.

Coffee Morning - 11 May - from 10:00 to 11:00 - Wolfson Building Break-out space, Hammersmith Campus

Come and join us at any time between 10:00 and 11:00 for coffee, tea and cakes. Meet your postdoc reps and fellow postdocs and find out what is going on for postdocs at Hammersmith campus.

CV Clinics - Show your interest and we will organise more!

At the CV Clinic a member of the PDC provided 15 minute 1-2-1 meetings to help you improve your CV. The 4 May clinic was fully booked, so if you would be interested in one of these in the future please [sign up here](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/research-fellowships/information-for-applicants/) mentioning the range of dates or times of day that would work for you.
Imperial College Biomedical symposium, 20 June, 10:00 to 16:00 - Wolfson Education Centre - Call For Abstracts

Come and showcase your work to your fellow postdocs, send us your abstract for a talk or poster here: https://imperial.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_003MMOAkFghGOIl. Prizes of up to £100 for the best talks and posters!

The very first Imperial Neuroscience Research Day (INeRD), Hammersmith Campus, 20 September 2017

The aim of the event is to connect all Imperial College early career neuroscientists, who are spread across disciplines, departments and campuses and give the participants a stimulating environment to exchange ideas and create new networks and collaborations. To achieve that, an exciting mixed format, which includes a keynote talk, a discussion panel and space and time for the participants’ demonstrations and exchange has been arranged - click further details for more information.

Research, impact and industry: bridging the gap - Date TBC - White City campus

Don’t miss this workshop organised in collaboration with Imperial innovation to get your research closer to industry. Also a great opportunity to explore the brand new White City campus!

INSPIRE secondary science and maths teacher training (PGCE)

Do you wish to inspire a future generation of chemists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicists? If so, the INSPIRE PGCE may be for you, and EEA candidates will be entitled to a tax-free bursary of up to £32,000*.

The INSPIRE PGCE is an intensive 10 month programme that differs to other teacher training routes, and is ideal for those who wish to be exceptional science and maths teachers.

Places are now available for applicants who:

- Have, or will have, a STEM Master’s or PhD degree by August 2017
- Are passionate about science communication.

Benefits of INSPIRE PGCE:

- Receive a tax-free bursary of up to £32,000*
- Get hands-on teacher training in London-based secondary schools
- Work alongside Imperial researchers on bespoke activities to inspire the future generation of STEM practitioners
- Engage with pupils in over 10 schools
- Benefit from an exceptional staff to student ratio.

If you would like to find out more about the programme by attending a 1 hour information session, please
email inspire@imperial.ac.uk to book your place and receive room details:

- Tuesday 9 May at 4pm
- Thursday 11 May at 6pm
- Wednesday 17 May at 2pm
- Friday 19 May at 10am

* EEA candidates. Imperial College London tax-free bursary of £2,000 for every student, plus up to £30,000 tax-free bursary awarded by the government. Exact amounts and eligibility criteria here www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary/overview

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5. Pop-up Workshops

**Pop Up: EPSRC Fellowships Briefing**
23 May 2017, 10:00 – 11:00, SALC 5, South Kensington Campus

Are you thinking of applying for one of the EPSRC Fellowships? While applications are open for submission year round it is advised to plan ahead and have a clear understanding of the submission procedure - this pop up will provide guidance on how to prepare an effective application and help you maximise your chances of success.

Please sign up for the event via this [link](#)

**Pop Up: Academic CVs**
25 May 2017, 10:00 – 11:00, SALC 7, South Kensington Campus

Maximise your chance of making the shortlist by ensuring your CV is professional, targeted and well written. This one hour workshop will address academic CVs. It will cover a myriad of do’s and don’ts to consider when crafting your CV. **Please bring your CV with you to this workshop.**

Please sign up for the event via this [link](#)

**Pop Up: Research Professional**
25 May 2017, Two sessions (1st) 11:30 – 12:30 (2nd) 12:30 – 13:30, SALC 7, South Kensington Campus

Looking for a fellowship but don’t know which ones are available in your field? Want to improve your CV by applying for funding such as travel grants but don’t know what’s out there? If you have ever asked yourself any of these questions then Research Professional will give you the answers. This one hour workshop will focus on how Research Professional can benefit you; learn how to navigate the website and make the most of its features. Ensure you never miss a new funding call, including upcoming fellowships and travel grants, by setting up customised alerts.

Please sign up for session 1 (11:30 – 12:30) via this [link](#)
Please sign up for session 2 (12:30 – 13:30) via this [link](#)

**How to be more Powerful**
25 May, 14:00 – 15:30, SALC 7, South Kensington Campus

Are you a female thinking about making a career transition?
Would you like to hear some hints and tips about how to be successful in a male dominated environment?

The PDC, together with Women@Imperial, would like to invite you to attend a female-only talk on Friday 25 May by Dr Deborah Coughlin. Debbie will talk through her experiences of making career transitions. From getting a PhD in Chemistry, to working in investment banking and being highly successful in a male dominated world, to changing careers entirely and working for Defra as well as studying for a MSc in Applied Sports Nutrition, Debbie has tried it all and will be sharing with you her experiences and insight.

She will also share with you her hints and tips on how to be more powerful in a male dominated environment including how to ensure you get the most out of meetings, how best to be assertive and how to get noticed. This will be concluded with some take-away messages.

This is a great opportunity to hear from a very interesting and knowledgeable speaker and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions and network over coffee and cake.

Please sign up for the event via this [link](#)

**Pop Up: Writing Lay Summaries**

30 May, 13:00 – 14:30, SALC 7, South Kensington Campus

Are you struggling with how to write a lay summary? As scientists, we have all been trained to write scientifically but lay summaries require a very different style of writing. In this interactive workshop, you will get to grips with lay summaries: what purpose they serve and how to write them.

Please sign up for the event via this [link](#)

**Pathways for Postdocs: Your gateway into startups: an afternoon with Deep Science Ventures who support scientists to build groundbreaking ventures from scratch**

31 May 2017, 15:00 – 16:30, SALC 7, South Kensington Campus

An increasing number of researchers are crossing over from years in the academic realm into startups. It’s fast-paced, impact-driven and enables a rare degree of independence. As some of the scientists at Deep Science Ventures have put it: "Anywhere else, you join someone else’s vision for what a perfect workplace is. The most valuable thing about building a company is that you get to build the place where you go to work every day.” Finally, it is arguably the most direct and rewarding way to transfer your research skills to creating something of tangible value fast.

The million dollar question is, of course, how does one even get started? How to validate the “good” ideas, how to mitigate the inherent risk, how to build a killer team? How to attract capital for continuous growth? For interesting answers to these and many other questions that you have about the world of a scientist-entrepreneur at Imperial, join an unconventional workshop with Deep Science Ventures, experienced venture builders and science geeks at heart.

Please sign up for the event via this [link](#)
Pop Up: Pathways to Impact
31 May 2017, 10:00 – 12:00, SALC 2, South Kensington Campus

Does the phrase “pathways to impact” leave you scratching your head in bewilderment? If so, this is the workshop for you! During the session you will learn what ‘impact’ is and why it matters to you and your applications, how to approach writing the ‘pathways to impact’ section and some top tips.

Please sign up for the event via this link

Please contact your departmental rep if you have any suggestions or issues you would like them to raise at the next Postdoc Reps Network Meeting which will take place on 30 June 2016.

6. Postdoc Development Centre Courses

Below is a list of courses with available places over the next few months. Please follow the links to sign up or email PDC-Support with any queries. Additionally, details about all of our courses are available on our website, including a calendar of courses for 2016-17.

15 May Interviewing for a Position outside Academia
16 May Lectureship CVs: What You Need to be Working Towards Now to Succeed in 5 Years
24 May Interviewing for an Academic Position
02 June Time Management for Postdocs
08 June Leadership in Research Part II: Vision, Strategy & Team Culture
09 June Innovation and Industry: Effective Project Implementation
16 June Science Communication: Reaching a Wider Audience
20 June Preparing Successful Fellowship Applications (IN HAMMERSMITH)
23 June Writing Tools for Research Publication Success
27 June Voice Projection for Effective Lecturing
05 July Great Presentations for Great Results