



**March 2018**

# Welcome to the PFDC newsletter



## Happy Easter from the PFDC!

With Spring around the corner the Easter holidays are quickly approaching. A reminder that Imperial College closes at your usual finishing time on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and re-opens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Whilst eating your Easter Eggs you may find it useful to reflect on your personal and academic goals for the year. Please check [our website](#) for any courses which could help you to achieve them.

The PFDC Team would like to wish you a relaxing Easter break and share with you an article on weird and wonderful ways to eat your Crème Eggs!

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/food-and-drink/news/the-weird-and-wonderful-ways-people-eat-creme-eggs/>

For more information about the Postdoc and Fellows Development Centre (PFDC) please visit our [website](#), follow us on Twitter [@ImperialPFDC](#) or [contact us](#) with any

queries. Note that information about grants and fellowships is posted on our Twitter feed.

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## PFDC in Focus

### ***The fellows and clinicians post***

**After much consultation and many meetings, we are finally able to announce the remit of the new fellows and clinicians post at the PFDC.**

#### **WHO IS THIS SERVICE FOR SPECIFICALLY?**

##### **CLINICIANS wishing to pursue clinical academic careers at Imperial post PhD**

- post-doc clinical lecturers
- post-doc clinicians who are back in clinical training but wish to pursue a clinical academic career at Imperial (i.e. Registrar, Speciality Registrars)
- Intermediate fellows or clinician scientists (postdoctoral)
- Postdoctoral clinicians in any other clinical academic schemes (e.g. Imperial Clinician Researcher Fellows/IPPRF) wishing to pursue a clinical academic career.

##### **FINAL YEAR CLINICAL PHD FELLOWS**

- Final year clinical PhD fellows - who need to know the way ahead.

\*note that [Clinical Academic Training Office \(CATO\)](#) provides support for clinical academic trainees (medical and non-medical healthcare professions), advice and information on academic careers, recruitment, training and funding.

## **BASIC SCIENTISTS: INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FELLOWS**

- This is a member of research staff that has successfully applied for funding to include their salary (e.g. amongst various fellowships includes ICRFs, BBSRC Future Leaders, Sir Henry Dale, MRC NIRGs and others)  
**Note that Fellows employed on project grants are already eligible for the wide range of PFDC services available.**

## **BASIC SCIENTISTS: FELLOWSHIPS APPLICANTS**

- Postdocs/Fellows applying for fellowships  
**Note that this service is already in place as a standard service provided by the PFDC**

## **1. Call for Postdocs who are Members/Fellows of the Royal Society of Biology or the Institute of Physics.**

We are seeking Mentors for postgraduates who are seeking to gain membership of these societies.

The Graduate School and Dr Alastair McIntosh have launched the **MARS Scheme**, whereby postgraduate students may achieve professional recognition through attending graduate school courses and building a professional portfolio under the guidance of mentors.

Please see this website which describes the scheme which is currently available in Chemistry.

<http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/strategy-and-governance/impact-influence/professional-body-alignment/>

Due to the success of the scheme we are rolling it out to other disciplines. Being a mentor will also provide a CPD opportunity for Postdocs.

If you are interested please contact Dr Janet De Wilde and Dr Alastair McIntosh via [imperialmars@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:imperialmars@imperial.ac.uk)

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## **2. Health and Wellbeing**

### **Mental Health First Aid**

What can a MHF Aider offer me? A Mental Health First Aider will provide you with a safe space to start a confidential conversation about your mental health and signpost you to the most appropriate support. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Confidential Care

Confidential Care is the external advice service that the College provides for staff, offering access to a range of services including counselling, a managerial advice line, legal advice and other types of help. Click [here](#) to visit the website.

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### 3. Postdoc reps - upcoming events

#### Bioengineering

The postdocs and PhD students of the Bioengineering department will have a Science Friday on March 9th at 5pm in RSM 301c.

Stefania Garasto will talk about 'Data and algorithms: good or bad? Spoiler alert: it is more complicated than that.'

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### 4. Pop-ups and workshops

Pop-up workshops are brief, informal and interactive sessions designed to deliver bite-size, timely, targeted information to postdocs on a range of themes that will be helpful for their careers. Further pop up sessions in March will be advertised via email.

The PFDC team continually request input from the postdoc and fellows community - if you have requests for specific pop ups or pop up themes please email [r.herries@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:r.herries@imperial.ac.uk) – these will be discussed at the PFDC team meetings and with PFDC Reps Network.

**Pop Up: Open Data and Open Access - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 10:00-12:00, SALC 9, South Kensington**

**Are you applying for funding?** Do you know what your existing or future funders may require with regards to open access and open data?

We have arranged a bespoke workshop for postdocs and fellows that will give you more information about funders requirements i.e. **Data Management Plans** and how to maximise your **research impact** by making your research more **discoverable**.

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

**Pop Up: Get Involved with Energy Futures Lab – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 11.30-13:00, SALC 9, South Kensington**

Is your research energy-related? Maybe you're developing a new kind of solar cell, investigating materials for carbon capture and storage, or modelling modular nuclear reactors, or maybe these things interest you.

If so, Energy Futures Lab can help you to gain visibility, and connect you with energy researchers around college.

At this event, you will find out about Energy Futures Lab and the activities and services we offer, including our seminar series, support with energy-related fellowship proposals, and our Post-Doc Champions programme designed to help set you up as a future energy leader.

There will be a short introduction, Q&A, and a networking lunch.

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

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## **5. Upcoming courses at the PFDC**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

[So You've Got Your Fellowship, Now What?](#)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

[Interviewing for a Position outside Academia](#)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

[Getting Your Next Job \(Postdocs in Life Sciences & Medicine\)](#)