



Welcome to the PFDC newsletter

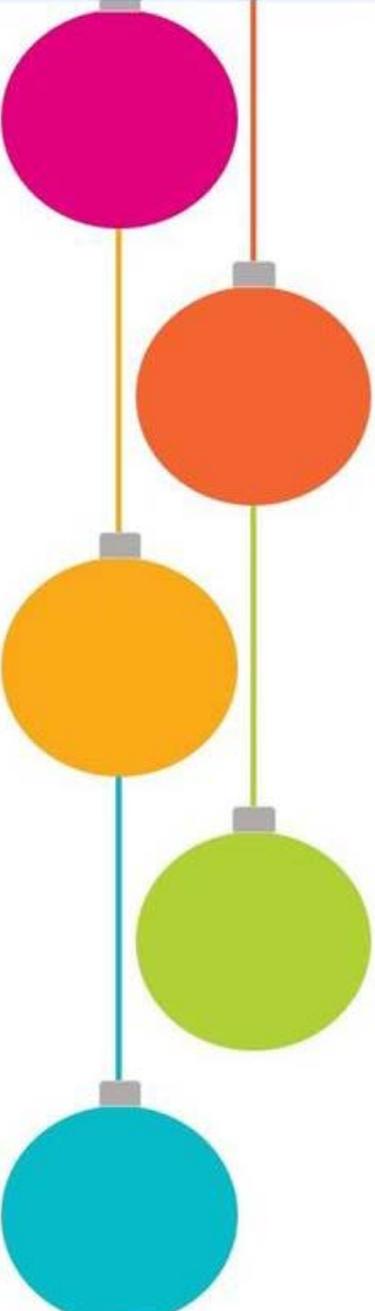
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For more information about the Postdoc and Fellows Development Centre (PFDC) please visit our [website](#), follow us on [Twitter @ImperialPFDC](#) or [contact us](#) with any queries. Note that information about grants and fellowships is posted on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

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PFDC in Focus



PFDC CHRISTMAS CEILIDH
TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
QUEEN'S TOWER ROOMS
17:30 – 21:00

Festive drinks and treats will be provided
A great opportunity to meet colleagues from across the College
No experience of Ceilidh required
Christmas accessories encouraged

Register for this **FREE** event here



1. Welcome to the new Reps

Faculty of Engineering

Kiron Athwal - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Francesco Restuccia - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Joseph Wood - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Riccardo Secoli - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Danilo Cuccato - CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Rebekah Moore - EARTH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
Katharina Wilmes – BIOENGINEERING
Veranika Lim - DYSON SCHOOL OF DESIGN ENGINEERING

Faculty of Medicine

Matthew Hyde - DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER
Matt Siggins - DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Deborah Schneider-Luftman - SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (EBS)
Jessica Laine - SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (EBS)

Thank you to all the Postdoc Reps who have recently resigned

Joshua Giles - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Ankur Majumdar - ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
Anna Freni-Sterrantino - SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (EBS)
Karin van Veldhoven - SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (EBS)
Linda M Oude Griep - SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (EBS)
Stefaan Verbruggen – BIOENGINEERING
Ben Deadman - CHEMISTRY

To find out who the Postdoc Reps for your department are please see the [Postdoc Reps Network page](#) on the PFDC website.

If you would like any further information about the Reps Network or you would like to talk about becoming a rep, then please contact pfdc-support@imperial.ac.uk

2. Postdoc reps - upcoming events

Taking the Next Step – A Guide to Promotion for Postdocs, Research Fellows, Teaching Fellows and New Lecturers

Monday, **4 December 2017**, at 13:30-15:00 in the **Bannister LT**, St Mary's campus.

Have you ever wondered how promotions work at Imperial? what are the options available to you now and in the future?

Professor Nigel Gooderham, Assistant Provost (Academic Promotions) will be coming to St Mary's campus to talk to us about Taking the Next Step – A Guide to Promotion for Postdocs, Research Fellows, Teaching Fellows and New Lecturers

This will be a fantastic opportunity to hear about the processes and criteria for promotion, think about our own career progression, and to ask questions of the Assistant provost and representatives from HR.

Registration for this excellent talk is required: go to the Eventbrite page on <https://goo.gl/cx2eyU>

Please contact Anat Melamed (anat.melamed07@imperial.ac.uk) with any queries.

The Maths Department will be hosting the following events:

30th November pizza seminar, speaker Dante Kalise.

5th December breakfast in the Huxley Level 5 common room with the HoD David van Dyk.

17th January Maths postdocs and fellows' day.

More details will be made available soon.

3. Pop-ups and workshops

Pop-Up: Planning a Successful Fellowship Application – 23 November 2017, 10:00-12:00, SALC 9, South Kensington Campus

This Pop-up introduces postdocs to fellowship funding and the process of making a fellowship application. During the course you will learn where to look for appropriate fellowship funding, how to apply and how to prepare a written application.

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

Pop Up: 'Navigating the Lifecycle of Collaborative Research Projects' – 1 December 2017, 10:00-12:00, SALC 1, South Kensington Campus

The session will be delivered by the College's [Programme Management Office](#) (PMO) team.

In this pop-up session, we will provide an overview of the **value of research collaborations** and the **benefits of effective project management**.

We will introduce you to the lifecycle of a research project with the added complexity of working with multiple collaborators from academia as well as industry.

Specific project management areas such as dissemination, exploitation and communication, data management and stakeholder engagement will be explored.

Key areas

- To gain insights into the strategic benefits of collaborations in research.

- To understand how to manage the lifecycle of collaborative research projects (from application to project closure and beyond).
- To understand current funders' requirements and associated terminology.
- To explore specific project management skills to lead and participate in research collaborations.

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

Pop Up: Pensions – 1 December 2017, 14:30-16:00, SALC 1, South Kensington Campus

Everything you need to know about the Pension Scheme at Imperial. The session will cover a brief introduction on the Pension Scheme and address all of your questions including changing jobs in the UK, what will happen if you move to another country, what is the opt-out option, can you save extra money?... and much more.

Carey Southward from Imperial College London will be delivering the session.

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

4. Upcoming courses at the PFDC

[Preparing Successful Fellowship Applications](#) – 7 December

[Stand and Deliver: Presenting with Confidence and Flair](#) – 8 December

[Writing Tools for Research Publication Success](#) – 15 December

[Science Communication: Reaching a Wider Audience](#) – 11 January

[Interviewing for Lectureships](#) – 15 January

[Project Management: Core Skills](#) – 25 January

[Planning for Success Beyond Your Postdoc](#) – 25 and 26 January

[Interviewing for an Academic Position](#) – 31 January

5. Pathways for Postdocs: Editorial Careers

This month the PFDC hosted Dr Nancy R. Gough owner and author of BioSerendipity (www.bioserendipity.com). Nancy worked as a postdoc researcher in cell biology before moving into the publishing industry. Where she ultimately became the Editor of Science Signaling (a weekly journal published by AAAS), for 17 years.

She delivered an insightful talk on the world of science communication and publishing, specifically what the role of a Journal Editor entails, the pros and cons, and what recruiters are looking for in an editorial candidate?

The best and the worst of the Editor's life

- ✓ Flexibility
...Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines
- ✓ Always something new to read, new to learn
...Always a lot to read, a lot to learn; familiar but rarely “expert”
- ✓ Travel
...Travel
- ✓ See the culmination of years of work, help it to publication
...You deliver a lot of rejections

What are recruiters looking for when hiring?

Skills and Experience

- A PhD in a relevant area
- Postdoctoral experience in a different relevant area
- Authored papers
- Understanding of and interest in science relevant to the journal
- Ability to evaluate science

Plus

- Scientific curiosity
- Ability to interact and communicate
- Writing skill
- Breadth of knowledge
- Reason for considering an editor position

If you are interested in talking about your career plans and next steps please book a one to one with the PFDC.

6. The Staff Supporters Scheme

The Staff Supporters Scheme is made up of a network of [volunteers](#) all drawn from the staff community who have received specifically designed training. They act as a signposting and guidance service providing information directly to staff, and helping colleagues who don't know who to contact about a particular problem they are experiencing. They are able to provide confidential assistance on a wide range of issues, from queries about career advice, flexible working, or concerns about the behaviour of a colleague. If staff need some support, or even if they just have a query about who to speak to for help, they can contact a [Staff Supporter](#) direct.

There will be an article in staff briefing this week to launch the application process for cohort 2. The deadline for [Application Forms](#) to be received is Monday 11th December. If anyone would like to find out more about the scheme please [visit the website](#) or contact s.christopher@imperial.ac.uk x49792. There is also an information session taking place on Tuesday 5th December from 12 to 12.30 in Room 3.19, 3rd Floor, Faculty Building.

7. Imperial College London science policy Angle Journal

Are you passionate about the intersection of science, policy and politics? Imperial's science policy Angle Journal (<https://anglejournal.com/>) is seeking associate editors for 2017.

You will have a PhD (or Master's plus professional experience) and an interest in science, policy and international affairs, plus great writing, communication and organisational skills. No prior editorial experience is required.

Interested? Please send a CV, one writing sample/link, and a one-paragraph proposal for a theme or topic we could feature to anglejournal@imperial.ac.uk.