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Research Staff Newsletter January 2020

Semester 2 Research Staff Workshops are now open for booking! <https://edin.ac/2ysaTjv>

Career Management for Early Career Academic Researchers

A free online course that aims to support research students and research staff to explore their career options and make career plans is being offered again this month. Researchers will be encouraged to consider what they want out of a career; to explore the academic career path and many other career options; and to increase their confidence in job search and applications.

The course was developed by careers consultants at the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Sheffield and is open to researchers at any institution in the UK and beyond - so you get the opportunity to learn from many different researchers. It can be studied in your own time so can fit flexibly around research commitments.

My motivation to take control of finding my future career has increased exponentially from the day I started this course.
(Quote from previous participant)

The course starts on 27.01.2020. For more information and to sign up go to: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/career-management>

Career Development Support for Technicians | February - May Workshops *(click on web links below for dates and booking link)*

Take Charge of Your Career: This 2hr session will provide an overview of the new technicians career development programme, including tools and opportunities available from within the University and beyond. <https://edin.ac/2pR3UC5>

Taking Steps to Plan your Career: This 1-day workshop will allow you to understand and present the skills, knowledge and experiences you have to offer to support you develop in your career. <https://edin.ac/2N9yi3i>

Career Insights: These 1hr discussions aim to support you explore the different career paths available to you. <https://edin.ac/2oHTOmV>

Creating the Seven Secrets of a Highly Successful Research Student (for Supervisors)

27th February 2020, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Room 4.3 Lister Building

Booking Link - <https://www.events.ed.ac.uk/index.cfm?event=book&scheduleID=37269>

You know what your research student should be doing, but it just doesn't seem to be happening. Despite your best efforts to set up good habits for your student, it does not work. Why is this, and what can you do to make completing a PhD easier for your students and for you?

Students attending the seven secrets workshop have consistently reported a marked improvement in their progress towards completing their PhD. Now they have asked us to please tell their supervisors the same things!

This session gives you practical strategies to deal with common problems such as: supervisor/student relations; dealing with writer's block; attitude (or lack thereof!) in relation to the PhD – it's not a Nobel prize; getting your student to seek help when they are stuck; the student who never has enough time; treating the PhD like a job; keeping on going when the going gets tough

Who is it for? Supervisors of research students at any point in their candidature.

Facilitator: Hugh Kearns, Flinders University Australia. Hugh is recognised internationally as a public speaker, educator and researcher. He regularly lectures at universities across the world and is widely recognised for his ability to take the latest research in psychology and education and apply it to high-performing people and groups.

SULSA ECR Prize



SULSA have opened applications for the second year of the SULSA ECR Prize which aims to award outstanding early career scientists whose work shows excellent potential to make an impact in the field of Life Sciences!

The prize allows exceptional postdocs to raise their profile in Scotland and have a prestigious award on their CV. It includes a **fully-funded tour of three Scottish Universities** where the awardee will deliver a seminar and meet with staff in order to raise their profile around Scotland, and develop their independent networks. In addition, the awardee will receive **£2,000 of flexible funding** to be used at their discretion for attending conferences, buying consumables, attending training courses or visiting collaborators etc.

Full information and application details can be found at: www.sulsa.ac.uk/ecr-prize/ **Application deadline:** Friday 14th February 2020

Learning Lunch: Engaging Business with your Research

Wednesday 22nd January 2020, 12.30pm – 2pm, Project Room 1.06, 50 George Square You can register now on [MyEd](#)

Eligibility: This event is open to all academic staff.

Are you interested in engaging with business? Keen to collaborate with other disciplines? Do you have research that might be of interest to industry, or have an idea that you wish to take further? Come along and hear from academics who have already developed positive links between their research and business. Find out more about how they did this, what help they received and mistakes they learned from as they developed beneficial links between their academic expertise and business. This learning lunch is part of the Knowledge Exchange team's wider initiatives to help boost academic engagement with business.

Chair: Clare Sowney, Business Development Manager, Edinburgh Research Office

Panellists:

- Andrew Manches (*Director of the Children and Technology Group, Moray House School of Education and Sport*) will talk about his work on Magic Cloud and Move to Learn.
- Christine Boswell (*Professor of Politics, SSPS, Dean of Research CAHSS*) will discuss Towards an Immigration Commission for Scotland.
- James Cook (*Lecturer Early Music, ECA*) will present his work on Place, Space, Sound and Memory.
- Angela Tregear (*Business School*) will talk about the Carbon Menu Planning project.

What are Knowledge Exchange (KE) Learning Lunches? Learning Lunches provide a space to explore and learn about knowledge exchange and impact combined with the opportunity to network over a sandwich lunch. Colleagues and external speakers will share their experiences, with plenty of time for questions and discussion.



Post Doc Careers Seminar Series

22 January 2020, 3pm – 5pm, Large Seminar Room, Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine



Unsure on your next steps in your career?

Our next seminar in our postdoctoral career symposia series can help. Denise Barrault from the National Phenotypic and the University of Edinburgh will give an open and honest account of her career journey including the highs, lows, opportunities and mistakes. For Post Docs, Technicians and PhD students. [Book now](#)

Consultancy and business engagement workshops provided by Edinburgh Innovations



Consultancy for Your Career - Learn how you can develop your career by engaging in consultancy as part of your work at the University. Discover what a consultant is, how we support you, and how to think of yourself as a consultant – what you have to offer companies and what sectors may be of interest to you. ****For all staff at all levels, across all Colleges.**

Dates: 18 February and 25 June; **Time:** 9.15am – 12 noon; **Venue:** Central Area, room TBC; **Booking for 18 February:** eil.ac/ConsultancyCareer

Making a Difference with Consultancy - Engage with MHSES colleagues who are experienced in working with external organisations as consultants through Edinburgh Innovations. Get honest opinions from speakers who use their education and sports research in a wide range of consultancy and meet research and professional services colleagues who will share their experience and provide support. The aim of this event is to provide a clear picture of how you can develop your consultancy, introducing you to the contacts and the support you will need to take this forward. ****For all Moray House School of Education and Sport staff.**

Facilitated by Dr Andrew Manches and Claire Pembleton, with speakers Dr Michael Gallagher, Dr Gillian McClusky and Professor John Ravenscroft.

Date: 25 February 2020; **Time:** 11am – 1.45pm; **Venue:** Holyrood Campus, room TBC; **Booking:** eil.ac/ei-consultancy

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