November is Academic Writing Month!

This annual event was established as a way to support academic writing via the #AcWriMo hashtag on Twitter.

During November 2018, the Institute for Academic Development will be running WriteFest, a local contribution to this academic writing month, with the aim of bringing people together to raise awareness and celebrate academic writing.

To see what is running during November and to access resources and support for academic writing visit: https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/research-roles/writefest

Induction Event | Get Connected: Welcome Day & Networking for New Research Staff and Academics, 11th January 2019, 09:00 - 13:00, Outreach Centre, Holyrood Road

Have you recently joined the university in an academic or research role?

Discover the support and resources available to you - table discussions will focus on career development opportunities, applying for research funding, advice on engagement, impact and consultancy, the services available from Information and Library services and support for learning and teaching roles.

Meet other new colleagues from across the university (Brunch is included)

Hear insights from senior academics and find out about PURE

Get a professional profile picture (optional)

The IAD have developed an online resource, based on the Get Connected Welcome day event. This is for research staff and academics who are unable to attend our main event and includes information about the University and key things new staff in research related roles need to know about.

To book onto the event on the 11th January visit: https://edin.ac/2qvOlaB (EASE login required)
For more information about the day and to view the online resource, visit: https://edin.ac/2ASNvP2

Technician Commitment launch event

Date: 5th December  Time: 12.30 - 3.30pm  Location: McEwan Hall

This launch event will provide an overview of the Technician Commitment and the University of Edinburgh’s responsibilities as a signatory. The Commitment aims to ensure visibility, recognition, career development and sustainability for technicians working in higher education and research, across all disciplines.

The day will be led by the Technical Staff Support Group (TSSG) who are providing the ‘technician voice’ which will inform the University’s action plan to fulfil the Technician Commitment requirements.

An email invite has been sent out to all technicians, however if you didn’t receive this and should have, or if you require assistance in any way to facilitate your attendance or have any questions, please contact techcom@ed.ac.uk
Get accreditation for your teaching experience
The IAD provides support for teaching staff to get accreditation for their teaching through the Higher Education Academy (HEA). The Introduction to Academic Practice (IntroAP) course is aimed at teachers (including postdoctoral researchers) who are experienced in tutoring and demonstrating, and allows participants to gain Associate Fellowship of the HEA.
There will be an information session for IntroAP on November 8th, 10:00-11:30, and applications for IntroAP running in semester 2 will open on November 9th. For more information and to apply visit: https://edin.ac/2hxw51v

New Academic Blogging Service
Provision and support for blogging has been expanded by the development of a new Academic Blogging Service for the University, which was launched on 2nd of October.
The new service, for staff and students, will consist of a WordPress based service (blogs.ed.ac.uk) along with the tools that already support blogging, such as simple tools in our VLEs and Pebblepad ePortfolio tool. Setting up a blog will be simple for postgraduate research students to do, via an online form on https://blogs.ed.ac.uk.
Find out more about the service here - http://edin.ac/2pvMCXP

Extended deadline Go Abroad for staff
NEW deadline | 30 November
Erasmus+ funding is still available for academic and professional services staff to teach or train in Europe and beyond. Apply before the end of November for the best chance of receiving funding!
https://edin.ac/2qw5WEA

Call to be part of the 2019 Cabaret of Dangerous Ideas
Has your research given you some dangerous ideas? Come share them with the world at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe!
The call for expressions of interest to be part of the summer 2019 Cabaret of Dangerous Ideas is now open with a deadline of 7th December 2018.

Enhanced online resources and information for research staff
IAD Researcher Development have been working on improving and developing our research staff webpages and have started to produce a selection of online resources for research staff. These are based around popular workshops and themes and are openly available on our webpages for researchers to access at their convenience.
We have created an A-Z list of the available online resources: https://edin.ac/2qvWsZW

Consultancy for your career at UoE workshop 5 December 2018
Learn about how you can develop your career by engaging in Consultancy as part of your job here at the University. We start with defining what consultancy is, how the University of Edinburgh supports you as a consultant, and discuss some of the benefits and challenges. Next we take you through a series of activities to help you think of yourself as a consultant:
• what skills and expertise you can offer to companies
• think about what companies or sectors of industry might be interested in you
• how to communicate that efficiently and effectively to the outside world
This is also a great opportunity to network with other academics across Schools and Colleges, and lunch and refreshments are provided after the session. After the session, one of the Consultancy team at Edinburgh Innovations will meet with you one to one to discuss your own situation more in depth and offer contextualised assistance.
The course is aimed at people with no or little experience of working as a Consultant through UoE and Edinburgh Innovations.
To book visit: https://edin.ac/2F7DGCi

Mental Health and Wellbeing Week
The programme for Mental Health and Wellbeing Week 2018 is now LIVE:
https://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/whatson/category/mhwweek/

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