Career Development Support for Technicians

In September 2017 the University of Edinburgh signed the Technicians Commitment in recognition of the role technicians' play in research, teaching and supporting students. Since then HR and the IAD have been working collaboratively to develop a career development programme of support for Technicians. This includes:

**Take Charge of Your Career:**
A 2hr session providing an overview of the new technicians career development programme, including tools and opportunities available from within the University and beyond. (Running at different campus’ between Oct 2019 - Feb 2020)

**Career Insights:**
1hr discussions with speakers and other technicians to allow you to explore the different career paths available. (Running from Jan - May 2020). A one-off Career Insights will run on the 23rd October focussing on support for Professional Registration.

**Taking Steps to Plan Your Career:**
A 1-day workshop to allow you to identify steps in planning your career. (Running at different campus’ from Jan - April 2020)

**Professional Registration Fund:**
Funding has been secured for AY 19/20 to support technicians who would like to apply for Professional Registration. The scheme will cover the Science Council registration fees and membership of a professional body for one year. Professional registration is a great way of formalising your career path and supporting further career development. For more on Professional registration see: [www.ed.ac.uk/technicians/professional-registration](https://www.ed.ac.uk/technicians/professional-registration) (Applications open 16th Sept 2019, deadline 1st Nov 2019)

**Technician Lens on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF):**
RDF Lenses can be used to help you focus on a particular area of expertise and identify how this contributes towards your professional development. Using lenses can enable you to recognise learning already acquired and consider future goals. The Technicians’ lens will be developed in the next few months and available to all technicians to support their training and development.

Keep an eye on the Support for Technicians webpages for further information: [https://www.ed.ac.uk/technicians](https://www.ed.ac.uk/technicians)
£20K iTPA Accelerator Fund
Deadline: 24 October 2019, postdocs encouraged to apply. The funds can be used on a broad range of activities to stimulate translation of specific early stage research projects across the medical, life and social sciences. High potential projects will be considered for an award of up to £20,000. Email itpa@ed.ac.uk or visit Edinburgh Innovations website

Murgitroyd IP Seminars
Plausible Inventions (17 September): How much information is required to demonstrate when a problem has been solved.
A Pragmatic View of Software Patenting (1 October): A practical approach to protecting inventions involving software, including apps and AI.
Patenting Artificial Intelligence (22 October): How to secure patents on AI inventions in Europe. Further information

Breakthrough
Breakthrough is a new postdoctoral enterprise programme running until March 2021 on the Easter Bush Campus, which will offer interactive workshops addressing skills and techniques to support translational research and other commercial activity.
Kissing with Confidence 27 September: the opening event, “Seven Principles of Relationship Management”, Easter Bush Campus, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Further information: barbara.blaney@ei.ed.ac.uk.

Festival of Creative Learning Update: AY 2019/2020
Partly in light of University-wide financial pressures in AY19/20, we have decided to pause the Festival of Creative Learning (FCL) curated week that otherwise would have taken place in February 2020. One advantage this gives us is the opportunity to experiment with new approaches, a method that is central to the ethos of the FCL, and in this case will allow us to focus more of our resources on the FCL Pop-up programme. While the overall budget will be reduced for annual Festival activities, we will have more resource available for Pop-ups which offer staff and students increased flexibility, as they can take place any time during the academic year (including during the third week of February, aka Flexible Learning Week). For more details visit: www.festivalofcreativelearning.ed.ac.uk.

Postdoc Appreciation Week | 16th—20th September 2019
During Postdoc Appreciation week the Medical School (@EdMedECR) will be running roadshows at different campus:
Monday: Hugh Robson Building (12-2pm) | Tuesday: QMRI (12-2pm) | Wednesday: IGMM, WG (12-2pm) | Thursday: SCRM (1-3pm)
Come along to learn more about IAD training, making the most of P&DR, small grants & fellowships, career development & working with industry.

PTAS Applications now OPEN (Principal’s Teaching Award Scheme) Open for grant applications NOW. Submission dates in October 2019 and March 2020. Full details on how to apply and of workshops to help with your application available. https://edin.ac/2EyVJ0j

Post Academic Careers Fair
Technology and Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde 19.11.19. 09:30–16:30
Come and join SULSA at their Post-Academic Careers Fair and explore the career options available to you outside of academia. The day will involve, Inspirational speakers; Workshops; My Job Panel Session; CV Clinic and free Professional Headshots. https://www.sulsa.ac.uk/careersfair/

Seminar - Drug Discovery Club - Academic-Industry Collaborations (18.09.19, 15:00 - 17:00. WGH)
Academic–industrial partnerships in drug discovery have existed in some form since the birth of the pharmaceutical industry over 100 years ago, and are becoming increasingly appreciated and pursued to address the significant challenges associated with developing novel medicines for complex diseases. There are a broad variety of academic-industry partnership programs that can provide mutual benefits to both industry and academic research. In this issue of the drug discovery club we will hear about academic-industry partnerships with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), a British multinational pharmaceutical company from both the industry and academic perspective.

CMVM Post Doc Careers Series David Jenkinson - The Brain Tumour Charity (02.10.19, 15:00 - 17:00 BioQuarter).
In the second issue of the postdoctoral career symposia series, The University of Edinburgh welcomes Dr David Jenkinson, Chief Scientific Officer of The Brain Tumour Charity.

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