Deadline extension for conference funding

In order to allow extra time following the Christmas break, the deadline for Conference Fund applications has been extended to **19 February 2016**.

The Conference Fund is to enable self-funded PhD students to present at conferences or similar events held either in or outside the UK when other funding options are unavailable. Funding is allocated competitively in two annual rounds. Applications can only be accepted on the official application form via your supervisor. Find out more about the YGRS Conference Fund.

York 3 Minute Thesis returns

3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competitions challenge participants to explain their research effectively and concisely to a non-specialist audience in three minutes, helping to develop their presentation and research communication skills.

The closing date for entries to the York competition is **11 April 2016**. The York winner will go on to the national 3MT competition. Find out more about 3 Minute Thesis.

Research Spotlight competition winners

Congratulations to all students who took part in the postgraduate poster competition at YorkTalks 2016.

The Faculty prize winners were:

- **Daniel Cornwell**: “Beyond Jelly Babies: The Potential of Smart Gels.”
- **Laura Louise Nicklin**: “‘Condemn the fault and not the actor of it’ Initial findings from an ethnographic exploration of Shakespeare-specific criminal rehabilitation projects in the USA.”
- **Imke van Heerden**: “‘The Body in Pain’: South African Literature Today.”

Research Integrity Tutorial

A reminder for first year students to complete the Research Integrity Tutorial on the VLE before your first TAP meeting. Log in to the VLE.

Save the date: YLTA Learning and Teaching Symposium

The YLTA Learning and Teaching Symposium takes place on **Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March 2016**. Further details will be available next month.

Launch of White Rose University Press
Established by the universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York, the White Rose University Press (WRUP) opened for submissions this month. It is a new open access digital publisher of peer-reviewed academic journals and books, publishing across a wide range of academic disciplines. The York representatives on the Board are Prof Stuart Bell (Dean of Social Sciences) and Prof Tom Stoneham (Dean of YGRS).

Find out about publishing your book or journal with WRUP.

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**Question of the month: What is the best New Year resolution for a PhD student?**

**Answer this quick question to be entered into a prize draw** for a £20 Amazon voucher.

Last month’s prize winner was Jessica Roberts who answered the question ‘What does a PhD student want for Christmas? ’ with:

“To be able to write how good they’ve been on a one page letter to Santa rather than have to prove it with a 90,000 word thesis to two examiners”

Jessica wins a £25 Amazon voucher.

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