May 2016 newsletter

Conference Fund deadline approaching

The deadline to apply to the York Graduate Research School Conference Fund is Thursday 19 May.

Self-funded PhD students can apply for funding to attend conferences - though you must leave enough time to apply through your supervisor.

Find out more and apply to the Conference Fund.

GSA election nominations now open

Fancy leading an organisation representing over 3700 students?

Nominations are now open for various positions in the Graduate Students’ Association elections 2016, including President and Vice-President.

Nominations close on Friday 27 May.

Find out more about the elections and nominate yourself.

WUN Research Mobility Fund

The call for applications for the Worldwide Universities Network Research Mobility Programme 2016-17 is now open.

The Research Mobility Programme (RMP) is an opportunity for postgraduate researchers in any academic discipline to bid for funding to visit any Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) international partner. The visit can be anything from a week to six months duration. Awards are worth up to a maximum of £2,500 and cover economy air travel, visa, accommodation, and subsistence costs.

As an example, funds could be used to attend the Inaugural CUHK Research Summit on digital methods and social development, taking place in Hong Kong in August.

The deadline for applications to the fund is 5.00pm on Friday 1 July.

Find out more about the WUN Research Mobility Fund and apply.

N8 AgriFood Launch Event

The N8 Agrifood Launch event will explore new projects and solutions to the major food security, agritech and consumer health issues across the supply chain.

With over 60 speakers, choose from a range of workshops and sessions taking place over two days. It is also an opportunity to network with senior industry, farming, government, NGO and academic experts.

Find out more and book your free place.

York Graduate Research School fundraising for CARA
Prof Tom Stoneham (Dean of the York Graduate Research School), Dr Karen Clegg (Head of the Research Excellence Training Team) and two PhD students are running the Jane Tomlinson Hull 10K next month in aid of CARA, the Council for At-Risk Academics.

Our Chancellor, Sir Malcolm Grant, is also President of CARA and here outlines the purpose of the organisation:

“The pursuit of knowledge and truth is the fundamental responsibility of universities across the world, but it can expose their academics to acute danger under oppressive regimes. CARA was founded in the era of Nazi Germany, and brought many outstanding scientists to safety in the west, several of them going on to become Nobel prize winners. Sadly, the need for CARA’s work remains undiminished. We continue to support hundreds of academics who are at risk today in oppressed countries across the Middle East and Africa. This is vital work, and we have a constant need for funding to continue it.”

Support Tom and the team by donating on the JustGiving page.

Cumberland Lodge scholarship applications

Good luck to three York students applying for Cumberland Lodge scholarships: Agata Lambrechts, Anu Selvaraj-Thomson and Gillian Loomes.

Question of the month:

Where is your favourite place to work on campus over the summer vacation?

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

Last month’s prize winner was Dawn Debenham, who answered the question ‘Which member of departmental or university support staff deserves recognition for their help for research students?’ Congratulations to her nominee, Lydia Aarons (Physics), who received the most nominations! Dawn wins a £20 Amazon voucher.

External opportunities for current students

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