New beginnings
In October the new academic year begins and those of you starting a new position or project might find Vitae's 'Focus on' new beginnings interesting. Vitae is the national organisation supporting the professional development of researchers. Register for member-only content, using your York email address: https://www.vitae.ac.uk/membership/if-youre-a-researcher

Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) Research Development Fund (RDF)
The WUN Research Development Fund (RDF) fosters innovative, international collaborative research and mobility programs. Open only to academic staff at WUN member universities. Funds may cover the costs of exploratory research initiatives, targeted workshops, faculty exchanges and the formation of collaborative networks, among other activities. Application deadline: 17:00, 30 September 2016. Further details at: Research Development Fund

ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) funding
Applications are sought from academics who have ideas for projects with the primary aim of improving the welfare and economic development of a country on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list. Applicants must complete the IAA GCRF Application Form September 2016 (MS Word, 53kb) and IAA GCRF Cover Sheet (MS Word, 17kb) and submit them to esrc-iaa@york.ac.uk.

Any questions?
Call / email the team on:
• 01904 56 7974
• If you are calling internally, please dial 9567974
• rett@york.ac.uk
Application deadline: 12 noon, 6 Sept 2016.

There is also a Responsive Mode Scheme open all year to help fund time-critical impact generating activities costing up to £1500. Further details: Responsive Mode Scheme.

**Discovering Collections, Discovering Communities Conference 2016**

Registration is open until 16 September for the National Archives and Research Libraries UK joint annual conference 10-12 October 2016.

This year’s conference, will look at the varied and innovative ways in which archives, museums, libraries, and academia can help realise the potential of collections and translate this into social, cultural, and economic impact. Full programme and registration: http://dcdcconference.com/

**Courses in October**

The ESRC IAA is running two impact training courses on 6 October. Please alert colleagues to:

- **Marketing your research: Introduction to MailChimp**
- **Pathways to Impact in the Social Sciences**

For more information on forthcoming events please visit: ESRC IAA events

- **Searching the Literature**, 10 October 2016
  “Very useful knowing what databases to search for my subject and the location of the subject-specific info on the library website – I didn’t know that before and I’ve been here two years!” (18 April 2016)

- **Managing Your Research Data**, 19 October 2016
  “Very clear and concise. Great resource provision” (6 June 2016)

Research staff can also take advantage of development and training from the open staff development programme and our coaching scheme.

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started"
- Mark Twain