

September 2016 edition

Welcome Event for new starters

The DTC is hosting a Welcome event for **all new ESRC studentship holders from 2pm-6pm on Friday of 2nd week (21st October)**. This will be in the **Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens**, a short walk across University Parks from the Science Area.

This is an important afternoon. It is a chance to find out more about the funding opportunities open to you as an ESRC student, and hear from existing students who have completed Internships, Overseas Institutional Visits or run events. We will also be discussing your Training Needs Analysis, so please bring along initial drafts.

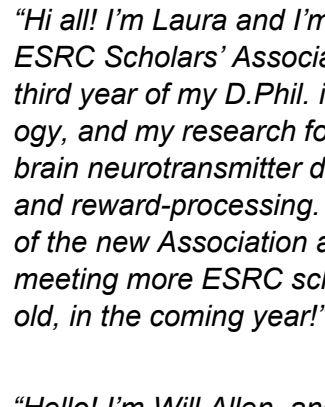
Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided, plus drinks afterwards. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to Daniel Meacoe (daniel.meacoe@socsci.ox.ac.uk) by Friday 14th October, and let us know of any dietary requirements you have.

ESRC Scholars Reception

The welcome event for new starters on the **21st October** will be followed by an evening reception from **6pm-8pm at the Department of Education**, hosted by the ESRC Scholars Association. **All ESRC-funded students** are warmly invited to attend. It's a chance to meet and network with students from across the division and beyond.

ESRC Scholars Association—introductions

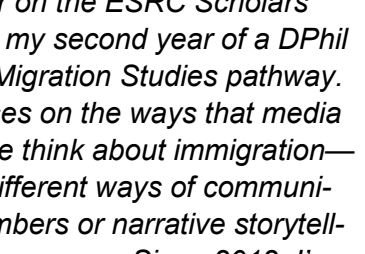
"My name is Ivo and I am the president of the organising committee of the ESRC Scholars Association. I am starting the second year of my doctorate in Law (Socio-Legal Studies). My research focuses on individual access to constitutional adjudication and the rights-protecting function of young constitutional courts in post-authoritarian societies. We created the ESRC Scholars Association in order to promote a more active involvement of the ESRC scholars body on the governing level.



The function of the association is twofold. Firstly, to represent your interests and voice your concerns and demands at the governing body level. Secondly, we want to offer a platform for social and academic events, initiated and organised by ESRC scholars. Our aim is to build a stronger community spirit and to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue in Oxford and beyond.

If you want to get involved, or have any suggestions/queries, do feel free to get in touch on ivo.gruev@merton.ox.ac.uk or through your pathway repre-

"Hi all! I'm Laura and I'm the Secretary of the ESRC Scholars' Association. I'm going into the third year of my D.Phil. in Experimental Psychology, and my research focus is the role of the brain neurotransmitter dopamine in motivation and reward-processing. I'm excited to be a part of the new Association and I look forward to meeting more ESRC scholars, both new and old, in the coming year!"



"Hello! I'm Will Allen, and I'm the academic officer on the ESRC Scholars Association. I'm in my second year of a DPhil in Politics, on the Migration Studies pathway. My research focuses on the ways that media impact what people think about immigration—and the role that different ways of communicating through numbers or narrative storytelling play in these processes. Since 2012, I've also been working with the Migration Observatory here at Oxford in getting research into public and policy debate.



My role is to help all ESRC-funded students—at all stages of their degrees—in achieving their professional and research goals, whether that is finding ways of engaging with groups outside of academia, linking up with other disciplines to develop new ideas, or alerting us to additional training opportunities. If there are experiences, skills, or opportunities that you want support with, please feel free to get in touch either with your pathway representative or directly to me at wiliam.allen@compas.ox.ac.uk."

DTC website URL update

The URL for the DTC website has been recently updated due to an internet domain change. As such, the new link to the homepage is simply <http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/>, and the funding guidelines pages can now be found at <http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>. Please ensure that you update your bookmarks accordingly.

Thinking of doing an Internship? Where do you start?

We want your research to have influence and relevance beyond your immediate discipline and this university. To help you with this, the DTC actively encourages 'knowledge exchange', and in particular promotes internships. Since 2011, over 70 ESRC-funded Oxford students have participated in collaborative activities with non-academic partners, and 33 have carried out internships in a wide range of organisations, from the United Nations to Oxfam, from Goldman Sachs to Locus Analytics, from the International Criminal Court to Thames Valley Police, and from the Japanese Ministry for Health, Labour and Welfare to the Scottish Government.

There are three ways you can go about organising a funded internship, which can last up to 3 months.

i) Your own personal or professional contacts and networks, or those generated through your research. To apply for funding to support the additional costs of an internship, and to find out more about our expectations, fill in our internship application form at <http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>.

(ii) a bespoke service provided by Oxford's Careers Service, called the Doctoral Internship programme. Their trained advisors can help you identify internship possibilities and facilitate every step, from applications to signing contracts to follow-up. For further information, see the Doctoral Internship Programme website, or contact the Doctoral Internship Programme team at doctoral.internships@careers.ox.ac.uk. They ask you to follow their application process in order to process funding

(iii) nationally advertised schemes, such as the Policy Internships organised by the [Research Councils](#) themselves. You can apply for these in addition to our own funded internships.

Note: you can only undertake one DTC-supported internship across either the DTC internship support scheme or Social Sciences Doctoral Internship Programme.

Interdisciplinary Funding

The DTC provides funding for interdisciplinary projects - such as workshops, seminars or small conferences (or whatever is specifically covered) - on a rolling basis, and you can apply for funds at any point. Now is the time to plan an event for next year.

Full guidance is available under the interdisciplinary funding section on the DTC website at <http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>.

Applications should be sent to Daniel Meacoe (daniel.meacoe@socsci.ox.ac.uk). Please note that the scheme is open to applications from students currently enrolled on DPhil programmes only.

Funding guidance reminders

Full funding guidance, covering all of the schemes available to DTC students such as RTSG, OFE, DLT, OIVs, etc, is regularly updated at <http://dtc.socsci.ox.ac.uk/current-students/ressource-and-funding-guidelines>.

Training

For information on available training courses, please see the training website at <http://researchtraining.socsci.ox.ac.uk/>, which has been recently revamped.

Don't forget to check the ESRC's National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) portal at <http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/training/> for training courses available nationally.

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