

March 2017 edition

ESRC Scholars Annual Conference—Research Careers in an Uncertain World Friday 21st April 2017 Last places available!

Registration is still open for this year's ESRC Scholar's conference, 'Research careers in an uncertain world'.

Date: 21st April 2017

Time: 10:00-17:15, followed by a reception

Venue: Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens

The conference will focus on professional skills in a rapidly changing academic and research environment. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Alistair Buchan, who is head of the University's Brexit strategy. There will also be sessions on how to get published; running a major research project; engaging with the media; and more. DTC students will also be contributing via 'Three Minute Thesis' presentations.

There will of course be a free lunch, and a reception at the end of the day.

Please register with melanie.goodchild@socsci.ox.ac.uk asap, indicating if you have any dietary requirements.

'The new Grand Union Blog': Call for contributions

We are planning to develop a Grand Union blog on our News pages with regular contributions from Scholars and the Grand Union leadership team. It is a chance for you to share your experiences as an ESRC student, and to promote broader awareness of the opportunities your funding has given you. We want to use it to encourage a broader range of potential applicants to think about doctoral study, and to celebrate the social sciences!

Please get in touch with Ben or David if you'd like to write something for the site: all contributions warmly received.

"Research Methods for Multimodal Communication and Discourse Analyses" Course

Please see the attached flyer for information concerning a course on 'Research Methods for Multimodal Communication and Discourse Analyses'. Sign up instructions are included in the attachment.

Reminder of the funding available to DTC/DTP students

Please see the attached 'DTC-DTP funding guide' document which provides an overview of the various schemes that are available to you as DTC/DTP students.

Innovation Caucus PhD intern opportunity

Applications are invited from highly motivated PhD candidates for a three month internship to undertake research to inform the strategy and practice of Innovate UK and ESRC.

A full overview of the opportunity is available on the ESRC website at <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/innovation-caucus-phd-intern-opportunity/>.

Interested PhD students, with the permission of their supervisors/institutions, should complete the online application form by **20 April 2017**. Interviews will be held in early May 2017.

Any queries about the internship should be directed to Professor Tim Vorley at tim.vorley@sheffield.ac.uk.

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://www.granduniondtp.ac.uk/forms-and-guidance-for-current-award-holders>.

Training

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

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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Interdisciplinary Funding

The DTC provides funding for interdisciplinary projects - such as workshops, seminars or small conferences, etc – 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://www.granduniondtp.ac.uk/forms-and-guidance-for-current-award-holders>.

Applications should be sent to Melanie Goodchild (melanie.goodchild@socsci.ox.ac.uk). Please note that the scheme is open to applications from students currently enrolled on DPhil programmes only.