

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of RKE News. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide a termly update of internal and external research and knowledge exchange news, successes and opportunities.

This issue focuses on REF 2021, some of the many funding opportunities which are available, RKEO staff and their roles and upcoming events.

I hope this information is helpful and of interest to you. If you would like to send in any stories or ideas for inclusion or if you have any feedback in general, please email Natalie Baines: bainesn@bournemouth.ac.uk

REF 2021

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) is the exercise for assessing the volume and quality of research in UK HEIs. As with its predecessor (the RAE), the results of the REF are used by Research England (previously, HEFCE) to determine the annual quality-related research (QR) grant distributed from Research England to HEIs in England.

The next REF exercise has been confirmed as REF 2021 meaning that the submission will be in autumn 2020; this will be a seven year assessment period.

The REF assesses research excellence through a process of expert review, informed by indicators where appropriate. It is based on HEIs submitting evidence of their research activity and outcomes to discipline-based units of assessment (UOAs) to be assessed by expert panels.

HEFCE published the '[REF 2021 decisions on staff and outputs](#)' document in November 2017. All staff with a significant responsibility for research will be included in REF 2021, providing they are independent researchers. This was one of the recommendations from the Stern Review (2016). These terms are rather ambiguous and, despite wide consultation with the sector, HEFCE was unable to agree suitable definitions that could be applied in all situations. As such universities can opt to either submit 100% of all eligible staff or to implement codes of practice (approved by Research England) to identify staff who meet the definition based on either an agreed proportion of time to undertake research or a menu of indicators to evidence significance/independence. Further guidance on REF 2021 is expected mid-2018.

Whilst awaiting this guidance, BU's strategy is to put in place positive and supportive plans to help: 1) staff with no outputs to publish at least one output; 2) staff with outputs to publish higher quality outputs; 3) staff undertaking doctorates to complete and publish; and, 4) to accelerate and realise the impact of case studies with potential.

BU is currently considering submissions in 16 of the 34 units of assessment (UOAs). For further information about the REF and BU's preparations, please see the RKEO blog: <http://blogs.bournemouth.ac.uk/research/ref/>

How is preparation for REF 2021 supported at BU?

BU governance: Prof John Fletcher, Pro Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation, has established a REF Committee (all UOA Leaders plus colleagues from Professional Services as appropriate) as a sub-committee of URKEC. The REF Committee met for the first time in September 2014 and meets at least three times per year. The preparation for BU's REF submission is managed by RKEO.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some of the latest funding opportunities available to you:

URKEC UPDATE

University Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee (URKEC) Update, Meeting date: 22 January 2018

<p>Major research fellowships in the humanities and social sciences Leverhulme Trust Deadlines: 10 May 2018 & later Applications due by 4pm. This call is repeated once a year. Focus: Social Sciences; Humanities These enable well-established researchers in the disciplines of the humanities and social sciences to devote themselves to a single research project. Fellowships are awarded for two to three years, covering salary and research expenses.</p>	
<p>EPSRC Fellowships The EPSRC Fellowship aims to provide greater support to the aspiring and current world-leading individuals who are delivering the highest quality research to meet UK and global priorities. Through links to our strategic priorities and focussing on areas where growth is required, Fellowships develop the next generation of researchers with the greatest potential across the postdoctoral, early and established career stages. Find out more here: https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/fellows/</p>	<p>BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants Deadline: 6 June 2018 (5pm UK time) The BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. These awards, up to £10,000 in value and tenable for up to 24 months, are provided to cover the cost of the expenses arising from a defined research project.</p>
<p>Development through the creative economy in China Arts and Humanities Research Council Deadline: 26 April 2018 Applications due by 4pm. Consortium required This aims to provide a catalyst for joint UK-China research in the creative economy that will facilitate collaboration between academics, businesses, policy professionals, community groups and other organisations. Funding is worth up to £250,000 per project over up to three years.</p>	<p>Independent Research Fellowships, NERC Deadline: 3 October The NERC Independent Research Fellowship (IRF) scheme is designed to develop scientific leadership among the most promising early-career environmental scientists, by giving all fellows five years' support, which will allow them sufficient time to develop their research programmes and to gain international recognition. As part of this scheme, NERC will expand its fellowship networking and training activities, working with host institutions, to support the development of future leaders in NERC science.</p> <p>Investigator awards in humanities and social sciences Wellcome Trust Deadlines: 4 July 2018 & later Preliminary applications due by 5pm GMT/BST, 4 July 2018; full applications due by 5pm GMT/BST, 18 September 2018. Focus: Health & Society; Medical Sociology These support researchers in established posts at all career stages working on important questions of relevance to health. Awards range from under £250,000 to £1 million each over a maximum period between 3 and 5 years.</p> <p>Collaborative awards in humanities and social science Wellcome Trust Deadlines: 4 July 2018 & later Preliminary applications due by 5pm BST, 4 July 2018; full applications due by 5pm BST, 18 September 2018. This call is repeated 2 times a year. Focus: Social Sciences; Humanities Consortium required These support teams who are tackling major health-related questions in the humanities and social sciences that require a collaborative approach. Awards are normally worth between £1 million and £1.5m each over a maximum period of five years.</p>



Gender equality and research
 URKEC discussed the sector trends regarding gender and research, alongside data on BU's research activity split by gender. The BU trends largely mirror the sector trends. These include: 1) women and men have similar success rates for external research funding; 2) on average women submit lower value bids and receive lower value awards; 3) women publish fewer research outputs but there is no evidence these have less impact (e.g. citations); 4) women were less likely to be considered and ultimately submitted to REF 2014; and, 5) women are less likely to be in senior academic positions and research leadership roles.

Possible explanations for these trends were discussed, alongside possible solutions. URKEC agreed that further data is required to understand what is evidently a complex situation and will discuss this again at a later date once further data has been gathered.

Income allocation across Faculties
 URKEC is keen to encourage cross-Faculty collaboration and team-based working. One of the perceived barriers to this is that cross-Faculty research awards belong to the Principal Investigator's Faculty, i.e. they get all the credit. URKEC agreed that for future cross-Faculty awards: 1) all income will be split (as appropriate) between Faculties; and, 2) a mechanism will be created to record and recognise those who 'bring in' awards, not just those who deliver or lead them.

Approvals:

- RKE institutes policy and procedures (and equality analysis) – endorsed by URKEC and sent to UET for approval.
- Change to income allocation process for cross-Faculty research and KE awards.

RKEO FACULTY STAFF ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

Research Facilitator – provides expert support with developing your ideas, horizon scanning for possible funding, building networks/teams, and advice on the structure and content of your bid.

Funding Development Officer – provides support with application submission, including: submission timelines, checking funder guidance and eligibility, costings, internal approvals, submitting your application, recording it on RED, using Research Professional, etc.

Project Officer – provides support with the financial and project management of your research grant, legal and audit queries, reporting, etc.

Impact Officer - provides support with the development of impact case studies for the REF and enables the acceleration of research impact.

Who are RKEO's Faculty Facing Staff? <http://blogs.bournemouth.ac.uk/research/contact/faculty-facing-staff/>

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IN CONVERSATION WITH....

Emily Cieciura, Research and Knowledge Exchange Development Framework Facilitator



Emily Cieciura

Hi Emily. Please can you tell us, for how long have you worked at BU?

16 and a half years. I started as an Assistant Librarian, then I worked as Research Centre Coordinator in the Business School before joining RKEO at the end of 2009.

Most people probably know you best as a Research Facilitator (EU and International) but you've just started a new role in RKEO. Please can you tell us a bit about it?

Yes, I am now the Research

and Knowledge Exchange Development Framework (RKEDF) Facilitator. It is my job to ensure that the RKEDF is delivered on time and is of benefit to our Academic staff members in order to support them to meet performance targets.

What are your priorities?

My focus is on increasing awareness and engagement of the Framework, working with the DDRPPs and other professional services across the University, particularly Organisational Development, as well as external suppliers. We are introducing career based activities, offering training and support to ECRs, Mid-career Researchers and to the Professoriate.

What is a typical day like for you?

There isn't really a typical day. It varies. Most involve lots of emails, meetings, planning, making lists and speaking to people.

What should people come to you for?

Anything related to the Development Framework. It would be great to have ideas of how we can develop the Framework. If anyone has suggestions for a good speaker, perhaps an external they've seen at a conference for example, then do get in touch and let us know.

And finally, what do you love about working at BU?

The people. The opportunities.

Thanks for joining us, Emily.

If you would like to get in touch with Emily about the Development Framework, please email RKEDevframework@bournemouth.ac.uk

For information about upcoming RKEDF events, please see the [RKEDF booking pages](#)

RKEDF'S RESEARCH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

In March, BU ran the first session for the new Research Council Development Scheme (RCDS) which is a coordinated, targeted set of activities designed to inspire and equip BU researchers to achieve greater success with Research Council funding. The aim is to increase awareness of the Research Council's opportunities; equip researchers with the confidence and skills to apply for the Research Council's funding in line with their career stage; and fast-track the development of a portfolio of proposals by facilitating proposal writing, setting next steps and allocating support. The RCDS has three cohorts to match different career stages (early, mid and professoriate).

A mix of development activities are available from group training to 1:1 support, and hands-on work to develop proposals. 25 academics are participating in the first round of this scheme from across all Faculties and all career stages. This pilot is a fantastic opportunity to accelerate academics research council funding track record.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April-June 2018

Family Fun Day
16 June

**Stepping Forward:
a life in research**
Matthew Bennett
20 June, 6pm-7pm,
Fusion:
Inspire Lecture Theatre

**The Future of Human
Computer Interaction:
when machines see, hear,
read and reason**
Dinusha Mendis,
Nikolaos Maniatis
(The Cato Bot Company)
18 June,
6pm-8pm, Fusion: F109

**#TalkBU
Coping with stress
in changing health
behaviours**

April 19 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Speaker: Dr Fiona Ling
(Lecturer in Psychology)
Where: Room FG04, Fusion Building
[Register here to attend](#)

Raising Horizons
30 April - 22 June 2018

Raising Horizons highlights the roles and contributions of women in the development of archaeology, palaeontology and geology. 14 portraits, posed by women working in the field today, depict an imagined moment in time from the life of a historical counterpart.
[Find out more](#)

**FESTIVAL of
LEARNING**

16 -20 June 2018

Here is an example of some of the events taking place during the Festival

**What You Don't See:
Sex work in the context of
the sport mega-event**
Michael Silk,
Amanda De Lisio
16 June,
11am-4pm, Fusion, F112
Attendees must be 16+

**Health and
Migration Research
in Nepal and India**
Edwin van Teijlingen, Pramod
Regmi
16 June, 5pm-6pm , Fusion:
Create Lecture Theatre

**Women in Science
- why media presence matters**
Shelley Thompson,
Tiantian Zhang
19 June, 7pm-9pm ,
Share Lecture Theatre

**Career planning for research staff -
Research Concordat event**

Friday 27 April 2018
12.00 - 16.00, Lansdowne Campus
Keynote: Dr Kate Jones (Vitae) will present the Vitae Researcher Development Framework and link this to the BU RKE Development Framework.
To book a space on this event please [click here](#).

RECENT AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Highlights of recent research funding successes include:

Name	Faculty	Project title	Funder	Amount awarded
Robert Britton	Science and Technology	(PRIMER) Predicting the impacts of climate change and management actions for the invasiveness of alien species in Europe	European Commission H2020 MSCA IF	£172,782
Marcin Budka	Science and Technology	KTP: BlueStar Software LTD - Robust automatic and scalable shoeprint pattern matching	Innovate UK	£191,923
Dinusha Mendis	Media and Communication	Study on the Intellectual Property Implications of the Development of Industrial 3D Printing	European Commission GROWTH	£160,873
Heather Hartwell	Management	Veg+	British Council	£55,904
Tim Slattery	Science and Technology	MFS 2018 - Development of oculomotor control and reading ability: return sweeps and other reading saccades in children learning to read	Microsoft Corporation	£51,000
Luciana Slomp Esteves	Science and Technology	Rising from the Depths: Utilising Marine Cultural Heritage in East Africa to help develop sustainable social, economic and cultural benefits	AHRC	£146,839
Caroline Jackson	Management	The economic and social value of outdoor events in the UK	Events Industry Forum	£65,000
Ellen Hambleton	Science and Technology	Synergies in zooarchaeology: Comparative studies of early food-producing communities in Transcaucasia and human-animal interactions in early medieval urban sites in northern Europe	British Academy	£11,234
Tom Wainwright	Health and Social Sciences	Health Economics, Logistics and Outcomes Trial [HELO] for Mako Hip Replacement	Stryker UK Limited	£218,697
Einar Thorsen	Media and Communication	Data storytelling workshops 2018	Public Health Dorset	£78,671
Stephanie Schwandner-Sievers	Health and Social Sciences	'The Role of Cultural Institutions in exploring the legacy of traumatic pasts on young people to support sustainable development in the present'	AHRC	£27,940

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