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## ESRC POST fellowships

The scheme provides an opportunity for ESRC funded postgraduate students to be seconded to the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) to assist in producing independent, balanced and accessible analysis of public policy issues for Parliamentarians. ESRC/ POST Fellows may work on a policy topic grounded in the natural sciences or technology, where social science research evidence has a key role to play, or on a more substantive social science topic of relevance to public policy.

Any ESRC-funded PhD student in their 2nd or 3rd year in 2016/ 2017 (or part time equivalent) is eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is **20 November 2016**. For the application form and guidance notes, please see [here](#), and for any queries not answered by the guidance (or any requests for further information), please contact Dr Abbi Hobbs ([hobbsa@parliament.uk](mailto:hobbsa@parliament.uk)).

## DTC Welcome Event and ESRC Scholars Reception—thank you

Many thanks to all those who were able to attend both the DTC Welcome Event and the ESRC Scholar's Reception on Friday 21st October 2016. As promised, please find attached PDF files of the powerpoint presentations used during the induction event. Studentship holders in year 2 onwards of their award may also find the presentations useful.

## DTC Annual Conference—Friday 21st April 2017—save the date!

The DTC Annual Conference will be held this year on **Friday 21st April 2017 at the Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens**. More details will follow in due course, but for now, please could all DTC students put this date in your diaries.

## ESRC Writing Competition 2016-17 in partnership with SAGE publishing

*Are you an ESRC-funded student, or have you been in the past four years? Are you keen to communicate your research to a wider audience? Then the ESRC writing competition, in partnership with SAGE Publishing, is for you. We want you to tell us about how your research is making sense of society, and why your research matters. Your article should be based on your PhD research. It should not be a general overview of the topic. The winner will receive £1,000 cash prize and two runners-up will receive £500 cash prize each.*

*All shortlisted entrants, including the winner and runners-up, will receive a SAGE master class on 'how to get published' and their articles will be published in print and online. The deadline for entries is 16.00 on 30 November 2016. Please see the [ESRC website](#) for further details, or contact [writ-ingcomp@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:writ-ingcomp@esrc.ac.uk).*

## ESRC Media Training

Did you know that the ESRC offer free media training to ESRC-funded academics who are working on news-worthy research projects?

The one-day training session is an opportunity for researchers, no matter what stage of their career, to develop their skills and feel comfortable handling media interviews. Whether a PhD student, postdoctoral researcher or senior fellow, the new practical media training session provides the guidance needed to engage the media with confidence – and plenty of opportunity to practice. In small group settings run by journalists, the sessions are full of simulations providing each delegate with expert advice, allowing them to develop their interview technique, explain the findings of their research, and pitch their story. The course is tailor-made for academics with interesting research projects, worth shouting about – no matter the amount of experience you have with interacting with the media.

For further information see the Media training booking form and the Media training terms and conditions, both of which are available on the ESRC Media Training website [here](#). For anything else related to the ESRC media training, please contact [esrcmediatraining@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:esrcmediatraining@esrc.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://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/>.

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.

## 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](mailto:daniel.meacoe@socsci.ox.ac.uk)). Please note that the scheme is open to applications from students currently enrolled on DPhil programmes only.

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