

ESRC Scholars Newsletter - September 2017

DTP Updates

Grand Union DTP Launch Party

Join us at the Cherwell Boathouse on 20 October for the launch of the Grand Union DTP!

The partnership will provide access to facilities and training across the three Universities for all our ESRC scholars – more details will be circulated soon.

New arrivals

Kate Gear has recently joined the team as the Studentships and DTP Manager for the Social Sciences Division, having spent the past 6 years working in student admin across both college and department environments at Oxford. She's very happy to answer queries about your funding arrangements, and can help explain how they fit with University regulations and status changes. Please don't hesitate to contact Kate at granduniondtp@socsci.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford ESRC DTP contacts

Events, news and information about funding support for ESRC scholars can be found on the Grand Union DTP website at www.granduniondtp.ac.uk.

We're in the process of updating the website for 2017-18, along with funding applications forms and info, so please make sure to visit the website for the latest info and funding application documentation.

The DTP team can be contacted at granduniondtp@socsci.ox.ac.uk, please send all queries and funding applications to this email address.

Diary Reminders for Michaelmas Term

- **Grand Union DTP Launch Party**
Friday 2nd Week, 20th October 6-9pm, Cherwell Boat House.
Please come along to this special riverside venue to launch our new Doctoral Training Partnership with OU and Brunel (sign-up via granduniondtp@socsci.ox.ac.uk).
- **Half Term Lunch**
Friday 3rd November 1pm, Social Sciences Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building.
Networking lunch for ESRC scholars before the Publishing Workshop with OUP (see below for details), arranged in response to popular request.
- **9th Week ESRC Social**
Tuesday 5th December 7 -9pm Merton College MCR
Hosted by the Scholars' Association
- **'Shut Up and Write!' Sessions for ESRC Scholars: Michaelmas Term 2017**
Details available at www.granduniondtp.ac.uk/events
Regular 'Shut up and write' sessions for DTP students who'd benefit from peer support (or a bit of pressure) to help produce their written material.

Training Events

Academic Publishing: Making strategic choices

3rd November 2017 1.30-3pm, Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building

As a DPhil student, how do you start thinking strategically about publications? From journal articles to edited book collections : where do you start?

This session will focus on decision making and will cover:

- What academic publishers offer
- The different academic publishing options
- Making informed, strategic choices
- How to submit a book proposal and what to expect from a meeting with an editor.

The workshop is led by Dr Penelope Woolf, Head of Impact at OUP, and a highly experienced senior publisher, with contributions from Dr Heath Rose, Associate Professor in the Department of Education, and from David Mills, DTP Director.

Webinar: Introduction to the UK Data Service

Location: Online

Date: 11 October 2017

Time: 15:00 - 16:00

The UK Data Service holds the UK's largest collection of research data. This introductory webinar is for anyone with an interest in social research who wants to hear about the vast array of resources on offer. Participants will learn about the different types of quantitative and qualitative data held, how to find those data collections using the online resource discovery tools, and how to register to access datasets in a number of different formats.

The webinar will consist of a 35 minute presentation followed by 20 minutes for questions.

For more details see the [event website](#).

Research Information

Researchfish Submission Period

The next RCUK Researchfish Submission Period will be taking place between **5th February and 15th March 2018** and as an ESRC-funded student, you will be asked to fill in a submission. Please don't be put off by these rather frightening forms. Further details can be found on the [DTP Website](#).

Applying for funding from Oxford's RCUK Open Access Block Grant

As an RCUK-supported student you can apply to the RCUK Open Access Block Grant to pay an Article Processing Charge (APC) for papers *submitted for publication since 1st April 2013*. Details on how to apply can be found on Oxford's [Open Access](#) website.

Keep in mind the following advice from the Open Access team:

1. Check first that funds are available. Authors should contact the APC team before submitting article to journal to ask if RCUK OA Block Grant funds are available and journal is funder-compliant (email APC team apc@bodleian.ox.ac.uk mentioning journal title).
2. If funds are available, apply for block grant when submitting article to journal (*not at* article acceptance or later) by sending an APC [application form](#) to the APC team, to log potential call on funds.

Funds

RTSG Claim Forms

The University Finance Office issued a new expenses claim form in May 2017, and will not accept claims submitted on older versions of the form. Please ensure you use the correct form in order to avoid delays in processing of RTSG claims.

The form is available [here](#).

Please also remember to submit your expenses and claims forms in a timely way, as the Finance Office will not accept claims with receipts and documentation from previous years. Check with the team at granduniondtp@socsci.ox.ac.uk if you're not sure about the timeframes.