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October 2019

"Ohhh the times, they are a-changin'"... I hope you're all enjoying the Autumnal spectrum of colours and managing to keep up with the news. On the PER front we've a bountiful harvest of opportunities, so if you've not been involved before or not for a while, why not turn over a new leaf?



Hidden Figures: Xmas Lecture Live Screening & Mathematical Merriment!

Being Human Festival 2019: 21st Century Body with Professor Alice Roberts



Getting in the mood for merriment...

We're now well into the new academic year which means our busiest season of activity is underway and we might even permit ourselves to mention the 'C' word... We've started doing the rounds on training, offering sessions for Schools/Departments, Colleges and at Institutional level. If you need to hone your skills why not sign up for training next Monday, 4th November, for [The Engaged Researcher: Intro to Engagement and Impact](#) (10am-12:30pm), [Design-a-Demo: How to Make Research Hands-on](#) (1-3pm) or [Newsworthy: How to Navigate the Media](#) (3-4:30pm). Come along for one, two or all three! If you're keen to work with artists, how about our Arts & Science Festival workshops, running from mid-November ([email to sign up or for more info](#)). Or if your thing is non-traditional media we've got you covered with [Creative Engagement: Digital strategies for engaging public audiences with research in the sciences and arts](#), coming up on 22nd January. On the event front, we held the first ever [Thinktank Lates](#) on 24th October, which saw almost 350 researchers, artists, creatives and members of the public come together for a night of curiosity and intrigue. We're still crunching the data, but we can already see from feedback that

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the activities went down a storm and that there's plenty of appetite for more like it so watch this space. [Past Issues](#) October we took part in [BOM+](#), a genetic bonanza evening of activities with our friends at Birmingham Open Media and their young people's programme.

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BOM+. Next up, Being Human Festival is fast approaching so why not join us on 21st November (6:30–9pm) for [21st Century Body](#), where a stellar line-up of UoB Heroes will be exploring ever-changing beauty ideals, complex legal questions about human biomaterials the effect of social media on young people and more.

[But wait, there's more...](#)

The Royal Society recently announced the [first ever nationwide live screening of the iconic Christmas Lectures](#), this year to be given by Dr Hannah Fry (UCL) on the hidden power of maths. And yes, you guessed it, Birmingham is one of the locations! We'll be hosting [Hidden Figures](#) on 12th December, 6–9pm, where we'll stream the first lecture alongside a variety of flash talks and activities based on UoB's maths, artificial intelligence and algorithm-based research. So why not get involved? We can help you to develop your content so [get in touch ASAP if you're interested](#).

Engaged Researcher



What does it mean to carry out 'engaged research' and how can you create 'impact'? Find out everything you need to get started in engagement and impactful research in this workshop session, 4th November, 10am–12:30pm.

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Design-a-Demo



Simple demonstrations of research can be worth their weight in gold for public events, but it can be hard to translate complex information into a hands-on activity. Join us on 4th November, 1–3pm, for this workshop to learn how it's done and get creative in developing your very own demo.

Demystifying the Media



Want to engage with the media, but don't know where to start? Or have ideas but are worried about how to get your message across without becoming fake news? Join us for a skills and myth-busting workshop on 4th November 3–4:30pm.

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Breakfast Brainstorm



Our next monthly drop-in session will be 30th October, 9–11am. Open to all who want to learn more or get advice and support on public engagement. Find us in Muirhead Tower Starbucks, upper level seating.

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Creative Engagement



The latest in our #CreativeEngagement series looks at what is needed for success in digital engagement with Prof Alice Roberts, Christopher Wakefield of the Must Farm project and experienced UoB researchers. Taking place on 22nd January 2020, 12–4pm.

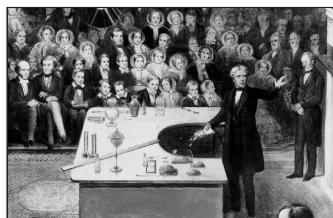
Arts & Science Festival



Want to work with a professional artist to create an event for Arts and Science Festival? Take part in our four-week mentoring workshop programme (4 sessions from mid-November to mid-December). Some funding available to support great ideas.

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Christmas Lectures



The University of Birmingham and Thinktank Museum will be

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STFC PER Grants

Engineering Champions



EPSRC are looking for 10 engineering engagement

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hosting live screenings of this year's Royal Society Christmas lectures on 12th &

14th December. The 2019 theme is algorithms and we're looking for researchers to deliver lightning talks and activities.

Get Involved

British Science Week



British Science Week returns 8th–17th March 2020. Grants <£1,000 to organise events with schools or community groups. Full criteria available [here](#). Previous grantee projects [here](#). Deadline 11th November.

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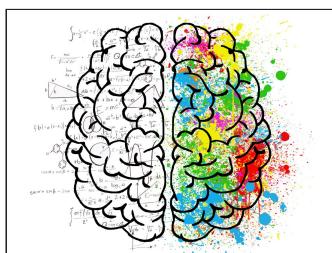
Thai Astronomy Grants



The STFC is offering promotion funds for astronomical research in Thailand in collaboration with the National Astronomical Research Institute of Thailand (NARIT) to support STEM outreach projects. Deadline 5th December.

Find Out More

Mental Health Grants



Adolescence, Mental Health and the Developing Mind



Nucleus Awards still open! These are <£100,000 and support large, sustained programmes of engagement. Details [here](#), Stage One deadline 7th November.

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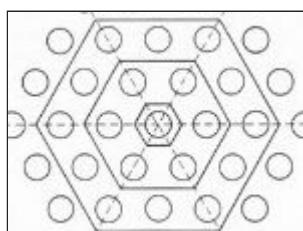
I'm an Earth Scientist...



To help promote under-represented groups in Earth Science, the Geological Society education team wants photos of Earth Scientists in any field holding a sign that reads 'I'm an Earth Scientist' in their work/study environment. The images will be collated to show the diversity of earth science. Deadline 25th November, details [here](#).

Submit Photos

Astronomy Networking



The Royal Astronomical Society education & outreach training day is taking place at the Life Science Centre in Newcastle Upon Tyne on 5th December. Anyone involved in astronomy or geophysics engagement is welcome to attend and submit an abstract to speak / demonstrate their engagement work.

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champions for a nationwide pilot scheme. The scheme will award ~£150,000 to each

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champion and support includes <0.5FTE salary buy-out. Deadline 7th November.

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Longitude Explorer Prize



Grants <£25,000 for winning ideas, from schools or youth groups (11–16 years old), on how to use artificial intelligence to help people live longer, together and/or greener. Deadline 29th November.

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Wellcome Photo Prize



The annual Wellcome Trust Photography Prize is back. Awards go to pictures that capture compelling imagery that encourages conversations about current health challenges. Each of the five categories has a prize worth £1,250, with the overall winner receiving £15,000. Deadline 16th December.

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Inclusion Grants



community in the mental health related research. The scheme supports awards <£100,000 each at 80% FEC for up to one year. Deadline 17th December.

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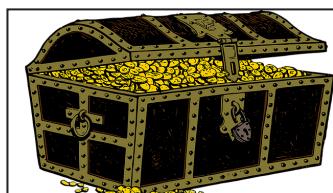
American Studies Grant



The British Association for American Studies invites applications for its postgraduate and early career public engagement and impact award worth £750 to cover costs of meetings, workshops or conferences to bring together partners and to showcase projects. Deadline 17th January.

[Details and Apply](#)

Reaction Awards



Grants up <£5,000 available to any researcher for public engagement activities provided the application includes research in an STFC-funded area of science or technology. Applications open year round.

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NC3Rs Grants



National Centre
for the Replacement
Refinement & Reduction
of Animals in Research



To recognise ERC grantees (current or within the last 2 years) who engage with audiences beyond the scientific community in effective and original ways. Categories are: public outreach, press & media, and online & social media. Deadline 10th January.

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Animal Behaviour Grant



Grants <£2,000 from the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour to promote an understanding and awareness of the importance of Animal Behaviour to a wider audience than its membership. Open year-round and to non-members.

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Plant Pathology Funds



Grants <£2,000 from the British Society of Plant Pathology to promote an understanding and awareness of the importance of Plant Pathology to a wider audience than its membership. Rolling quarterly deadlines.

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Genetics Society Grants



Grants of up to £500 are available to members of the Genetics Society to cover costs associated with travel and materials for PER activities relevant to genetics. Open year round.

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ESRC Impact Account



The ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) is a flexible and dynamic fund to support knowledge exchange and impact to engage non-academic users in generating positive change. Several different levels of grant are available, <£20,000. First deadline Autumn 2019.

[Info and Guidance](#)

PharmaSoc Bursaries



The British Pharmacological Society offers members funding for engagement

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(past and present) to engage
the public with approaches to
replace, reduce and refine
animal use in science.
Deadline: quarterly.

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activities – <£250 available
year round.

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[UoB PER Fund](#)

Don't forget!! PER Team has a small pot of funding available to help researchers to get great PER ideas off the ground. Up to £250 can be applied for year round with quarterly calls for <£2,000; next deadline **28th November**. [Find out more and apply HERE](#).

[PER Grant Success](#)

Well done to **Suzanne Bartington (Applied Health)** and **Margaret O'Hara (Patient and Public Involvement)**, who were successful in securing a large PER Fund grant for their Clean Air for All event, which will take place on 20th November.

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