Immigration update for staff

Following the passage into law of the EU Withdrawal Agreement Act 2020, the UK left the EU with a ‘deal’ on 31 January 2020. This invoked a transition period during which the UK will remain subject to EU law, which is expected to last until at least 31 December 2020. Until this date, there will be no change to the UK’s immigration system in respect of EU/EEA/Swiss nationals, and free movement to the UK will continue during this period.

For new EU/EEA/Swiss citizens moving to the UK during this time, entry to the UK can continue to be secured using their EU/EEA/Swiss passport or ID card, and right to work can be proven in the same way. No additional paperwork or evidence will be required. No changes are anticipated to these procedures until at least 1 January 2021, when a new immigration system will come into effect.

For all current EU/EEA/Swiss employees, workers or visitors at the University, who are not also British or Irish, please note that you must have applied for settled or pre-settled status by 30 June 2021. However, you are not required to inform the University that you have gained this status and there is no expectation that the University will ever be required to check you have gained one of these statuses beyond 1 January 2021, provided you remain employed/engaged by ourselves.

Further details can be found in the University’s EU FAQs, including contact details for the HR Immigration and Compliance Team if you have any queries.

Call for proposals: IUTAM Symposia & Summer School 2022 & 2023

This is a reminder that the call for proposals for IUTAM Symposia and Summer Schools to be held in 2022 or 2023 is open. The deadline for submissions is 31 March 2020.

Proposals must be submitted online on the IUTAM website. To make a submission, please visit


where the link to the proposal form is provided.

The proposals will be evaluated by the Symposia Panels. Final decisions will be made at the meeting of the General Assembly of IUTAM to be held in Milan, Italy in August 2020.

Work Life Balance Survey

Further to our staff survey results, Kaitlin Birrell, HR Advisor, is exploring the topic of work-life balance within the School of the Physical Sciences.

Information gained in the study will be anonymous and data will be used to potentially improve staff working conditions within the School of the Physical Sciences. Feedback will also be considered in relation to the University’s work-life policies.

Please do take a look at the survey.

https://angliaruskin.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/work-life-balance-survey

The Cambridge Libraries Survey 2020

The Cambridge Libraries Survey provides an opportunity for all users of Cambridge libraries to provide their feedback and opinions on the services those libraries provide. The data gathered through the survey on library users’ views and experiences are used to inform service provision and planning and to ensure that our libraries are able to fully meet users’ needs.

The survey should take no more than ten minutes to complete. On completing the survey all respondents will be eligible to enter a prize draw with the chance to win one of ten £50 Amazon shopping vouchers. The survey will open from 12 February - 3 March, click here to complete.
Research led by Karol Bacik (PhD Student, DAMTP) suggests that sand dunes can communicate with each other. This has been widely reported, including PhysOrg, Science Daily, Cosmos.

EVENTS

Know Moore About...Referencing
Thursday 20 February, 1pm-2pm, Pink Study Room, Betty & Gordon Moore Library

This session introduces participants to the importance of good referencing practices within their work, and how it promotes good academic integrity. The University of Cambridge’s position on plagiarism will be examined before moving on to a discussion around good referencing techniques (both by hand and using a reference manager), using the Harvard referencing style as an example. Participants will see a live demonstration of the reference management tool Zotero, and will have plenty of opportunity to ask questions or book a follow-up 1-2-1 session.

To book a place. If this session is fully booked, please register your interest to be added to the waiting list.

CUED Fluids Seminar series

LGBT History Month Lecture: ‘Sex, laws and violations’: Gay rights from the 1960s to the present day
Wednesday 26 February, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Auditorium LG18, Faculty of Law

Martin Bowley, QC, advocate and campaigner for gay rights will be in conversation with Paul Seagrove University of Cambridge’s News Communications Manager.

This event is free, but please register here for more information.
Cambridge Science Festival 2020

The Cambridge Science Festival starts on 9 March until 22 March. Bookings opened for events on 10 February, browse the 2020 programme [here](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

**Short Leave during Full Term**

A reminder that during Full Term a period of Short Leave (2 – 14 nights) may be requested through your Head of Department, using the appropriate form:

*DPMMS Short Leave form*
*DAMTP Short Leave form*

Permission is not required for an absence of two nights or less. Requests for an absence of more than fourteen nights must be made to the General Board, *via the Faculty Board* using the *CHRIS/67 form*.

**Online Data Protection Training**

As nearly all University staff are likely to collect and handle personal information about living identifiable individuals in one way or another, it’s important to have a basic understanding of the main issues. We ask that all staff members undertake this online course which offers a short introduction to data protection concepts, explains why they are important to the University, and signposts to further guidance materials.

If you haven’t already completed this training, please sign up [here](#).