

# FACULTY NEWS BULLETIN

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PhD Approvals

Many congratulations to the following student who has recently completed their PhD:

Sixuan Sven Wang	DPMMS	Statistical inference and computation in elliptic PDE models
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Belated congratulations to the following past PhD students who completed their PhD's in the Summer last year, but were missed from the News Bulletin at the time.

Roxana Rosca-Mead	DAMTP	Gravitational collapse, compact objects and gravitational waves in GR and modified gravity
Christina McKenna	DAMTP	The influence of Arctic sea-ice loss on mid-latitude weather and climate: exploring sensitivities and mechanisms

### Career Support Fund

The Career Support Fund (CSF) is a short-term fund, limited to the current academic year (2020-2021) and is designed to support employees whose careers have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It replaces the Returning Carers Scheme (RCS) for this academic year. The CSF eligibility criteria includes those who have taken a three month break due to caring responsibilities within the last five years.

The CSF will be accessible to all employees who can evidence that their career has been or is being disrupted as a direct result of the pandemic, or due to a career break for caring responsibilities under the terms of the RCS. Funding through the CSF can be used to mitigate past adverse impact or potential anticipated future adverse career impact. Grants may be awarded of up to £10,000 (typically no more than £5,000) to support award holders with their career development.

For more information and to apply, please see [here](#).

### Reintroduction of reward and progression schemes in 2021-22

The University Council agreed on Monday 22 February that the [University's reward and progression schemes](#) will be reintroduced from the academic year 2021-22, in accordance with their normal implementation cycles.

### Working Remotely Overseas

In March 2020 the University made the decision to support employees to work remotely overseas on the basis that this was an exceptional and temporary arrangement that had arisen as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, due to the enduring nature of the pandemic it was necessary to review the University's position in order to ensure compliance with overseas regulations and mitigate any risks, including costs.

At the beginning of Michaelmas term, the University requested that all Institutions support the return/relocation of employees to the UK by 31 December 2020, with guidance and advice provided by the University's Global Mobility Adviser (GMA). The University's position on this remains unchanged; employees who have not returned / relocated are expected to do so as soon as possible, unless otherwise agreed with their Institution.

if you have not yet returned to the UK, please contact the HR Office [hr-office@maths.cam.ac.uk](mailto:hr-office@maths.cam.ac.uk) and we can investigate the options for you with the Global Mobility Advisor. For more information about temporary working overseas, please see the guidance on the [Global Mobility Webpages](#).

### p2i online course - Empowering researchers to innovate

This is an online course for postdoctoral researchers who want to learn to innovate. A great starting point for those who want to turn research into a venture as well as those who want to apply the mindset and skills in academic and industry careers. Researchers with entrepreneurial skills are highly valued. View course content [here](#) and apply [here](#). Application **deadline 12<sup>th</sup> April**, course opens 19 April 2021. Successful candidates will be notified by 16 April.

## EVENTS

### International Women's Day Lecture

Monday 8 March 4pm-5.15pm

Dr Nicola Rollock and Professor Stephen J Toope discuss race, gender and identity at the University of Cambridge as part of International Women's Day celebrations.

Dr Rollock is a leading academic, consultant and public speaker whose scholarship addresses racial justice in education and the workplace. She holds a number of advisory appointments including with the Wellcome Trust and the British Science Association. She is a Distinguished Fellow at the Faculty of Education and was appointed Senior Adviser on Race to the Vice-Chancellor in October 2020.

Book your place [here](#)

### Post-Doc Welcome Event

Tuesday 20 April, 10am-11.30am

The Post-Doc Society are holding a virtual session with information tailored to new postdocs in Cambridge.

At this event, you will be given information about:

- Your contract
- Professional development and the Careers Service
- How to connect to the wider postdoc community at Cambridge

You will also meet representatives from various University services who may be helpful to you while you are working in Cambridge. To attend, please book [here](#).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Mind over Chatter: The University Podcast

One series at a time, these podcasts will try to break down complex issues into simple questions. The first series has been exploring climate change. They ask smart people some simple questions and see what happens! To listen please click [here](#).

### It's ok not to be ok – mental health and lockdown

Dr Martin Vinnell, Director of Occupational Health and Safety at the University, has been speaking to a number of institutions about his views on mental health and lockdown. He believes it is important to accept the difficulties staff are facing, rather than create additional stress by trying to stay 'happy, healthy and mentally well.'

An audio recording of Martin's talk is available [here](#)

On BBC Sounds recently, Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss one of the outstanding French mathematicians and natural philosophers of the 18th Century, celebrated across Europe. Emilie du Châtelet, 1706-49, created a translation of Newton's Principia from Latin into French that helped spread the light of mathematics on the emerging science. Listen [here](#).

And finally, nearly a year on, you maybe missing CMS - so its nice to see the roof in Spring bloom.

