

FACULTY NEWS BULLETIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many congratulations to the following students in DPMMS who have recently completed their PhD's:

Nikolay Baldin	Optimal estimation in high-dimensional and nonparametric models
Thomas Holding	Asymptotic behaviour and derivation of mean-field models

Undergraduate Exams taking place in CMS

As a reminder, the Part III exams will take place in CMS between Thursday 30 May and Tuesday 11 June. Please try not to make any excessive noise outside Meeting Rooms 3, 4, 5, 9 and 12 during these dates—thank you!

Adams Prize 2020

The Chairman of the Adjudicators for the Adams Prize invites applications for the 2019-2020 prize which will be awarded this year for achievements in the field of Algebra. The prize is open to any person who, on 31 October 2019, will hold an appointment in the UK, either in a university or in some other institution; and who is under 40 (in exceptional circumstances the Adjudicators may relax this age limit). For more information, please visit www.maths.cam.ac.uk/adamsprize.

EVENTS

Festival of Wellbeing 2019

The full programme information is now available for the **WellCAM Festival of Wellbeing**.

Events take place between **Monday 24 June and Friday 5 July** across the University.



This year's Festival Lectures include:

- * **Bad Work Destroys Wellbeing, But What Makes Work Good?** Professor Dame Carol Black CBE
- * **The Power of 'We': How Inclusion Contributes to Our Health and Performance**, Jonathan Taylor, Pearn Kandola
- * **Invisible Disabilities**, Dr Sara Booth, University of Cambridge
- * **Gene Eating: The Truth about Diets**, Dr Giles Yeo, University of Cambridge
- * **Collaborating with Men to Build an Inclusive Workplace Culture**, Dr Jill Armstrong, Murray Edwards College

Other highlights include:

- Tours of College gardens, Museums and the University Library
- Relaxation, mindfulness and meditation sessions
- Strengthen Relationships and Teams
- Menopause cafés
- Dr Bike
- The science of happiness
- Exploring your wellbeing with LEGO®
- Carefree canines
- Come and sing
- How to be an active bystander
- Lots of free sports sessions at the Sports Centre

All events are free of charge and everyone is welcome. **To book visit:** www.wellfest.admin.cam.ac.uk.

2019 Armourers and Brasiers' Cambridge Forum

Tuesday 18 June, 1pm-6.30pm

The 21st Kelly Lecture will be given by Professor Yves Bréchet, Grenoble Institute of Technology, 'Teaching science to politicians, the example of materials science: a hopeless but unavoidable challenge?' The event is free, but attendees need to [register](#). Full details of the programme can be viewed [here](#).

New: Inclusive leadership and Professional Services Career Development Programmes

Two new exciting development programmes have been introduced to better support staff in their leadership and management responsibilities, foster a thriving and inclusive culture and tackle issues of inequality, including pay inequality. See below:

1. Inclusive Leadership Programme – Designed to support academic, research and professional services leaders and managers with the skills and insights they need to lead others effectively. It will enable participants to reflect on their current leadership style and provide techniques they can use to effectively manage a diverse range of perspectives and create an inclusive culture across the University. Booking details for the launch event and the programme are below:

To book on the **launch event** on 2 July click [here](#). To book or register your interest for the **Programme** starting in September 2019 (for all leaders and managers) click [here](#) or for courses starting in October 2019 (for academic and research leaders) click [here](#). Further dates will be added shortly.

2. Professional Services Career Development Programme - Designed to support career development and progression and open to all professional services (non-academic) staff. Women, BAME staff and other under represented groups are particularly encouraged to take part. It will include career development workshops and one-to-one coaching to help individuals develop strategies for identifying and achieving their career goals, as well as highlighting tools and networks to support further career development.

To book a place or register your interest click [here](#). Please note that further dates for the academic year 2019-20 will be released in August. Further information can be found on the [For Staff pages](#).



Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The office of postdoctoral affairs organises a number of activities and workshops that may be useful for post-docs, please see the link to their calendar of events

<https://www.opda.cam.ac.uk/Events/postdoc-calendar>

Being Assertive and Making Yourself Heard

Tuesday 11 June, 9.30am - 11:30 am, Postdoc Centre, Mill Lane

Are you able to ask for the things you need and want? The career of a postdoc researcher is demanding, and it involves forging careful relationships with a variety of figures, from PIs to fellow researchers and peers to postgraduate students. Are you capable of asking for help from others? Do you spread yourself too thin by saying yes to others' requests for support? This course is designed to help you develop an assertive mind-set and to communicate your needs in an honest, clear, and respectful way.

Outcomes:

- Understand the benefits of being assertive and the difference between assertive, aggressive, and passive thinking and behaviour
- Know what assertiveness looks and sounds like
- Develop skills in communicating assertively in day-to-day conversation

Writing a Grant Application with Impact (STEMM)

Wednesday 12 June, 9.30am -12.30pm, Postdoc Centre, Mill Lane

Do you know how to write a successful research grant application? This course is designed for postdocs with little or no experience of getting their research funded. It will explore the current research environment and impact agenda and help you understand how research is funded. You will also experience the process of reviewing applications and gain valuable and timely knowledge about how to get research funded.

Outcomes:

- Learn tips and strategies to help you to get your current & future projects funded
- Understand how proposals are assessed by funders
- Gain experience of reviewing funding applications
- Gain information about translational research funding and support available to post-docs

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reminder to always apply for University travel insurance

Travel insurance is available through the University's Group Business Travel Insurance Policy for employees and postgraduate students travelling away from the UK to carry out University activities. University activities would include overseas trips to attend University-related meetings and conferences or to carry out research. Most trips will be low risk but you should always check the guidance especially when travelling to certain countries.

Full guidance is available at www.safety.admin.cam.ac.uk/policy-guidance/miscellaneous/hsd089m-guidance-travel-fieldwork-and-work-away-cambridge

Before you travel checklist :

- Inform your Departmental Administrator of your forthcoming trip (students do this already via the application for travel expenses).
- Arrange appropriate accommodation and method of travel.
- Complete the appropriate risk assessment form (Low, Medium, High).
- Obtain University travel insurance as soon as possible after booking your trip (only possible if the risk assessment is complete) by following the online registration process. Cancellation cover is only available from the date of taking out the insurance www.insurance.admin.cam.ac.uk/travel-insurance.
- Obtain personal travel insurance for any non-work parts of the stay or activities planned, for example sports activities. If you travel frequently it may be sensible to take out annual cover but note that some insurers exclude cover while you are overseas for work reasons so you still need University travel insurance as well.
- Make sure your contact details (including emergency contacts) are up to date on the University HR system (visit Employee Self Service pages www.hrsystems.admin.cam.ac.uk/systems/systems-overview/employee-self-service-ess).
- While on the trip, report any safety concerns to the department.
- If the trip is medium or high risk – arrange to frequently check in with someone in the department while away so that they know you are ok.