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RCUK Briefing on Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave and Pay now available

Research Councils UK (RCUK) has published a briefing on Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave and Pay to provide clarity for researchers and their employers. This comprehensive briefing provides information relating to Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave and Pay from the Terms and Conditions of Grants and Training Grants; and the RCUK Training Grant Guide and Research Council Funding Guides. It is intended primarily for Research Council funded students and researchers to assist their discussions with their supervisors and line managers; it will also be useful for staff in research offices, HR and equality and diversity specialists.

http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/media/news/140508/

International Women’s Day

International Women's Day 2014 took place on 8th March 2014. The University of Essex held its own event to celebrate Women in Science on 6th March although events to inspire and celebrate women’s achievements are held right through to the end of July in the UK. The International Women's Day website has been created to be a hub for sharing news, information on events and resources.

http://www.internationalwomensday.com/

House of Commons Science & Technology Committee report on Women in Science

The House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee published their report into women’s careers in science in February this year. Andrew Miller MP, Chair of the Committee: “It is astonishing that women still remain under-represented at professorial levels in academia across every scientific discipline. It’s time for universities to pull their socks up.” Some universities are doing a great job at improving working conditions for women scientists, but others are not. The system of short term contracts is hugely off-putting for many women scientists. More standardisation is required across the whole higher education sector and that is why we have called for Government, universities and research councils to review the academic careers structure, so that talented women, and men, can have more stable career pathways.” Read the report:

Grant, Fellowship, Funding Opportunities to promote women in STEM

WISE Awards 2014

The annual WISE Awards celebrate female talent in science, technology and engineering. In 2014, the WISE Awards categories have been re-aligned to fit into two strategic areas of the WISE campaign. The first group of awards is for individual women and girls who are ideal role models to inspire the next generation of girls. The second group recognises teachers, careers advisers and recruitment campaigns for growing the talent pipeline. Last but not least, nominations are invited from employers, leaders and champions who are making a difference to the position of women in their organisation or sector. The deadline for nominations is 22nd August 2014.


FEBS/EMBO Women in Science Award 2014

This award is a joint initiative of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies and the European Molecular Biology Organisation and aims to acknowledge exceptional achievement and to inspire future generations of women scientists. Nominees should be women scientists working in an EMBC Member State or FEBS member country, who have made outstanding contributions to life sciences research and significantly advanced our understanding of a particular discipline in the last five years. Their research can cover any area of the life sciences including agricultural and biomedical research. Nominations for the 2015 award will open in autumn 2014 with a deadline of 15th October 2014.

http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/women-in-science-award#nominate

The Royal Society Rosalind Franklin Award

The Royal Society Rosalind Franklin Award is awarded annually for an outstanding contribution to any area of science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The recipient of the award is expected to spend a proportion of the grant on implementing a project to raise the profile of women in STEM in their host institution and/or field of expertise in the UK. As part of the nomination process for the award all nominees are asked to put forward a proposal for the project. It is anticipated that the award will be made to someone in their mid-career and actively involved in scientific research. Nominations are welcomed for both women and men. The next call for nominations for this award opens on 28th November 2014.

https://royalsociety.org/awards/rosalind-franklin-award/

Daphne Jackson Trust

The Trust enables highly qualified and talented women or men to return to their career in science, engineering and technology after a break. A Daphne Jackson Fellowship is a unique fellowship designed to return scientists, engineers and technologists to their careers after a break. They are flexible and include a tailored training programme designed to update the skills and knowledge of the Fellow thus allowing them to return at the appropriate level to their career.

http://www.daphnejackson.org/fellowships/eligibility/