

From the new Research Staff Office

Hello, and welcome to the very first issue of the Research Staff Newsletter!

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EURAXESS

The University has signed a Declaration of Commitment to join the EURAXESS Service Network as a EURAXESS Contact Point (ECP) for Sussex researchers.

[EURAXESS](#) is a unique European initiative providing access to a complete range of information and support services to EU researchers.

In addition to accessing EURAXESS and information on jobs, relocation and your rights as a researcher; Sussex researchers will be eligible to participate in EURAXESS initiated activities which may include, workshops, conferences, training, placements and exchanges.

If you are a Sussex Researcher with a query that you think that EURAXESS can help you with please email Euraxess@sussex.ac.uk.

First Research Staff Forum

On the 11th March, the Research Staff Office hosted the first Research Staff Forum. The Forum is set to become a termly event for researchers to get together over lunch, share experiences and provide feedback to the University on issues affecting early career researchers from across campus. It is also an opportunity to hear talks on a range of topics.

The first forum included an introduction to the work of the new Research Staff Office; a talk from Vitae Hub Coordinator Sarah Robins-Hobden about the support and resources available for researchers from [Vitae](#); and research staff reps from Psychology, Leanne Proops and Rebecca Graber talked about how they are improve the experiences of postdocs in their School. Presentations from the Forum have been circulated with this newsletter.

There was also plenty of lively discussion at the event, with researchers sharing their experiences of applying for funding, managing the difficulties of short term contracts and striking the balance between teaching and research.

The next Research Staff Forum will take place at lunchtime on **Weds 4th June**, and we hope to see many of you there. Further information on location and agenda will be circulated closer to the event.

Government Report Women in STEM

The House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee has recently published its report into [Women in Scientific Careers](#). The report follows an inquiry into *Women in STEM careers*, which commenced on 25th June 2013.

Over 90 written submissions were received and oral evidence was taken from 13 witnesses.