

3rd Research Staff Conference
University of Liverpool, Foresight Centre
2nd June 2011

Career Development in Academia and Beyond
Realising your true potential

What will you gain from attending:

- Information about the University's Research Strategy
- Realise what is available for supporting your development as research staff
- Advice about career development within and outside academia
- An opportunity to discuss research careers and development within the Higher Education sector
- Meet and share experiences with Researchers from all faculties of the University
- Raise issues and concerns with the University's senior management

Audience: Research Staff across all disciplines. The conference is free of charge to University of Liverpool staff

Conference Themes:

Careers Outside Academia

- Speakers with different research backgrounds will discuss their experiences of transition from academia to industry and the public sector

Support Services for Researchers

- A range of initiatives are in place locally and nationally to support researchers in their professional activities. These parallel sessions will explore these options in detail

Academic Careers and Funding

- Funding and progression in the academic pathway are part of the career planning for many research staff. These sessions will demonstrate the characteristics and challenges of a flourishing research career in academia

In addition, the conference will provide information relating to University priorities. This includes: the new Research Strategy for the institution, employment, ongoing professional development and retention of research staff

Conference Organising Committee

Dr Ben Carter, School of Physical Sciences

Dr Michael Davies, Molecular and Clinical Cancer Medicine

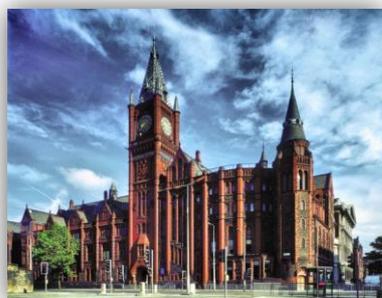
Dr Lee Faulkner, Molecular and Clinical Pharmacology

Dr Sucheta Kapoor, Cultures, Languages and Area Studies

Dr Christos Petichakis, Educational Development Division

Dr Sue Povall, Health Inequalities and the Social Determinants of Health

Dr Lea Zibrik, Musculoskeletal Biology



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Conference Programme

Conference website: <http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2011>

9.00 – 9.15	Registration and Refreshments
9.15 – 9.20	Welcome note and Introduction by conference team and morning session Chair
9.20 – 9.30	Summary of information collected from questionnaire consultation with Liverpool Research Staff
9.30 – 10.00	Keynote – Research Careers and Liverpool Strategic Priorities, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange, Professor Dinah Birch Brief Description: Professor Birch will discuss the University's strategic priorities and how they influence research careers within the wider research environment. The University is actively responding to significant changes in the sector and the funding landscape, input from research staff is essential to the University's future success.
10.00 – 10.30	1st Plenary – The University's Research Strategy, Head of Research Policy, Dr Alison Fairclough Brief Description: This session will present the University's newly developed research strategy. The speaker will discuss the University's vision and key ambitions including the role of research staff in a research intensive institution.
10.30 – 10.50	2nd Plenary – Careers for Researchers , Careers adviser, Wendy England Brief Description: This session will highlight some of the career options available to researchers outside academic research and provide evidence of effective transition from academia to the industry and other sectors. The session will also introduce the aims of the 1 st parallel.
10.50 – 11.10	Coffee Break
11.10 – 12.10	1st Parallel – Careers outside Academia – More information at http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2011_parallel1.htm Choice of 4 parallel sessions: Session 1.1 – Dr Helen Powell from Astra Zeneca, Pharmaceutical Session 1.2 – Dr Will Sopwith from Research and Development at the Wirral PCT Session 1.3 – Alison Welsby from University Press Session 1.4 – Dr Greg Zysko from EA Technology, Power industry
12.10 – 13.10	Lunch - including Information Fair. The fair will include stalls from Vitae, Library, Pensions, Sport, UCU

13.10 – 13.50	<p>3rd Plenary – Working as a Researcher at Liverpool, Strategic HR Policy Manager, Frances Hardisty</p> <p>Brief Description: The session will provide information on the employment principles of Research Staff in the University. Topics for discussion will include employment contracts, the purpose of Professional Development Review (PDR) and presentation of new initiatives in the area of researcher support in the University. The last 10 minutes of the session will be used for questions. Participants will have more opportunities for questions at the Q&A panel discussion at the end of the day.</p>
13.50 – 13.55	Moving Rooms
13.55 – 14.50	<p>2nd Parallel – Support Services for Researchers – More information at http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2011_parallel2.htm Choice of 4 parallel sessions:</p> <p>Session 2.1 – The Researcher Rights by Ronnie Kershaw from UCU</p> <p>Session 2.2 – Realising your potential using the Researcher Development Framework, Dr Emma Gillaspay from Vitae</p> <p>Session 2.3 – Introduction to the Research Support Office (RSO), Catherine Cochrane & Jo Arthur from RSO</p> <p>Session 2.4 – More than books and journals: what the Library can do for Researchers, Lisa Hawksworth from Library</p>
14.50 – 15.10	Coffee Break
15.10 – 16.00	<p>3rd Parallel – Academic Careers and Funding – More information at http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2011_parallel3.htm Choice of 4 parallel sessions:</p> <p>Session 3.1 – Dr Darren Bradshaw, RCUK Academic Fellow & ERC Starting Grantee, Chemistry</p> <p>Session 3.2 – Dr Violaine Sée, BBSRC David Phillips Fellow, Biochemistry and Cell Biology</p> <p>Session 3.3 – Dr Jonathan Coleman, Royal Society Research Fellow, Physics</p> <p>Session 3.4 – Dr Kate Marsh, Senior Lecturer in French, Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship, Cultures, Languages and Area Studies</p>
16.00 – 16.05	Moving Rooms
16.05 – 16.55	<p>Q&A panel discussion, Interactive session to share views and opinions. Another opportunity to ask your questions to senior staff of the University. The panel consists of: Prof Dinah Birch, PVC for Research and KE; Frances Hardisty, HR; Marie Monaghan, UCU</p>
16.55 – 17.00	Conference Summary and Close
17.00 – 17.30	Wine Reception

