Fast Track Training for Researchers by Researchers

Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} March 2018, 9am – 5pm

David Attenborough Building, University of Cambridge

Call for applications for a training place

\textit{Learn from the professionals how to equip yourself with powerful tools you can use immediately to create a step change in the impact of your research}

Impact has become increasingly important within academia particularly with the next Research Excellent Framework. Key focus is on how researchers are able to convey their work to a wide range of stakeholders, including decision makers and media as well as public engagement.

University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute (UCCRI) Cambridge Infectious Diseases IRC, Cambridge Immunology SRN and the Bioscience Impact Team are delighted to announce that they have funding for Fast Track Impact, an international training company working in the Higher Education and research and innovation sectors to provide a bespoke training session for researchers within our networks.

This high-quality training, provided by Professor Mark Reed (Newcastle University), will include:

- Full-day training on Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} March
- 275-page handbook for each participant
- 100-page magazine and handouts
- A five-step online follow-up course including written feedback and two one-to-one sessions per participant with a trainer over two months after the workshop.

For further information about Fast Track Impact please see their website
Due to the funding available, the workshop is limited to 30 places; participants will be selected via an internal call, with a deadline of **Friday 16th February 2018**.

If you would like a place on this high quality professional programme, please complete and submit the application form

**Eligibility**

1) **Early Career Researchers**
   This training is specifically for early career researchers therefore it is open to anyone who is a PhD student or a recent post-doc (+2 years maximum from PhD).

2) **Conservation, Infectious Diseases and Immunology related disciplines**
   It is important that you work within either the UCCRI (Conservation) or Cambridge Infectious Diseases IRC or Cambridge Immunology SRN. If in doubt, please contact the IRC co-ordinator (Alison Harvey, ah786@cam.ac.uk for Conservation; Allyson Walsh alw83@cam.ac.uk for Infectious Diseases) to check.

3) **Interdisciplinary focus in your research**
   You will need to show that your research involves liaising with other disciplines since our IRCs are very focused on interdisciplinarity, such as highlighting aspects of your research that might include both social and physical sciences. For example, you may be researching a particular species or disease but need to take into account the political or cultural aspects involved.

4) **Attendance and Commitment**
   You will need to be able to confirm in your application that you can attend the full day training as well as be committed to the five follow up sessions provided.

*Please note that if you are offered a place and you can no longer attend you must give us at least 3 days prior notice, so your place can be offered to someone else (we will be offering standby places). If you cancel any later/or just don’t turn up you will be charged a fee of £100 (unless you are unwell or there are exceptional circumstances)*