

# WARWICK

INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY

## Institute of Advanced Study

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## New Funding Schemes

The Institute of Advanced Study has recently updated its funding programmes designed to provide support for academic and early career research activity.

Our core objectives remain to facilitate research that is interdisciplinary and international in nature. Details of the revised funding programmes are provided on pages 2-3.

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## New Funding Schemes Launched

Over the last twelve months the IAS has undertaken a review of its funding programmes as part of an initiative to consolidate its activities with that of the wider University; including the Global Research Priorities (GRPs), Research and Impact Services and the International Office.

The diagram below gives an overview of the funding available from the Institute of Advanced Study.

## IAS Schemes at a glance



For academics, three schemes are available to support the key stages of the research development process, namely; **Developing Ideas, Advancing Grants and Delivering Results.**

#### Developing Ideas:

Offers a forum to explore emerging research concepts, new partnerships and 'blue sky' topics. It provides a number of mechanisms to scope and test out initiatives at the embryonic stage of development.

#### Advancing Grants:

Resources are available to bring external collaborators together to facilitate the process of developing an external funding application that addresses an interdisciplinary research question. Involving either a major UK consortium and/or international partners, the project must be led by a Warwick-based academic.

#### Delivering Results:

Facilitating research related public-engagement, impact, project continuation plans and further collaborative initiatives etc., this programme provides resources to enable the delivery of new outputs from an interdisciplinary project and, where appropriate, involves an international and/or cross-sectoral team.

These three schemes are supported by initiatives to engage with our external partners via the **International Visiting Fellowship and Residential Fellowship** programmes.

The Institute of Advanced Study continues to support Early Career Researchers and currently has two active schemes; the **Early Career Fellowship** and **Vacation School** programmes.

## Deadlines

Advancing Grants	Rolling: applications can be made throughout the year
Delivering Results	
Developing Ideas	
Residential Fellowships	
Early Career Fellowships	Monday 18 January 2016 Monday 09 May 2016
International Fellowships	Monday 22 February 2016 Monday 04 July 2016 Monday 14 November 2016
Vacation Schools	Monday 14 November 2016

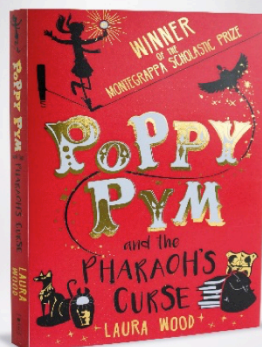
## Success for IAS Fellows

### IAS Early Career Fellows

Our Early Career Fellows continue to be hugely successful in securing on-going employment. From our October 2014 cohort, 90% have secured positions at various institutions in the U.K and overseas, including a permanent lectureship at Bristol, post-doctoral appointments at Leiden University, University California Davis, Kings College London, and the Universities of Birmingham, Sheffield and Warwick. Recruitment extends beyond academia and has recently included an appointment with a leading fuel manufacturer, Infineum.

IAS Early Career Fellow Laura Wood (English) is looking to combine a career in academia with her recent success as an author of children's literature. In 2014 she was named the winner of the

Montegrappa Scholastic Prize for New Children's Writing, seeing off competition from over 1,000 entrants. Laura's debut novel, *Poppy Pym and the Pharaoh's Curse*, was published in September 2015 by the company behind *The Hunger Games* books; a second book in her series is underway.



## Leverhulme and ESRC Awards 2015

Fellows from the Institute of Advanced Study have gone on to secure Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship awards for the third year in a row.

Joining former IAS Postdoctoral Fellows Dr Katrin Wehling-Giorgi and Dr Christabelle Peters, who received their Leverhulme awards in 2013 and 2014 respectively, are Dr Simone Varriale and Dr Charlotte Heath-Kelly.

Simone developed his Leverhulme application as an IAS Fellow in 2014; he now holds his award in the Department of Sociology.

Having completed her IAS fellowship in July, Charlotte started her Leverhulme project in August; however, this was quickly followed by the announcement that she had been awarded an ESRC Future Research Leaders fellowship. Charlotte holds her ESRC award in the Department of Politics and International Studies.

## External Engagement

The IAS continues to support external engagement initiatives led by Fellows and Academic staff.

### Dr Michael Scott: Classics Ancient Drama Festival

As part of a special festival day for schools which took place on 26 and 27 January 2015, Warwick Classics Society produced and performed Aristophanes *Thesmophoriazusae*, in a new translation by Classics Teaching Fellow, Clive Letchford.

The performance was acted, produced and directed by Undergraduate student members of the Warwick Classics Society.

The public performance was attended by over 300 people and the schools' festival performance was attended by 550 school children, who were from various schools up and down the country, studying a wide variety of subjects (Drama, English, Classical Civilisation as well as Latin and Greek). Schools attended from Cumbria, Bolton, Newport, London, Manchester and Shrewsbury, as well as from all around the Warwick area.



### Dr Elena Riva: 'Science on Screen'

Arising from a workshop on interdisciplinary teaching methodology, IAS Fellow, Dr Elena Riva, has produced a series of workshops bringing together the disciplines of Chemistry and Film & TV Studies. Entitled 'Science on Screen', the workshops take popular 'superpower' films as a starting point to explore and explain the scientific principles behind them and their relevance to everyday life.



'*Spiderman*' and *Polymers* involved students viewing the *Spiderman* movie and observing the web with which Spiderman swings, slides and jumps through the streets of New York City. This web is a long-chain polymer, similar to nylon, which is used in plastics, for example. Students then visited a laboratory belonging to the Material Science group to observe how polymers are experimentally made.



## 'Voices of the University' Project

The 'Voices of the University' project was initiated by the IAS in 2013. The aim of the project was to conduct interviews with former and current staff, students and local residents to find out more about the history of the University of Warwick but also to explore the place of the university within participants' lives.

Oral histories do not always necessarily tell the same story: interviewees have different relationships and recollections of the institution, resulting in a rich and diverse archive. Much of this archive is available online for researchers to consult through the University's Modern Records Centre. The 'Voices of the University' oral history project featured in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

A popular monthly podcast series, accompanied by a blog, highlighted aspects of the collection, ranging from student life to work done 'behind the scenes' at the university. The blog can be viewed via the following link: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/about/warwick50/blog/voicesoftheuniversity>

The Institute of Advanced Study has also produced a booklet highlighting extracts from the interview collection; free copies of this publication are available from the IAS upon request.

The Oral History material was also used as part of IATL's 'Warwick 2065' project (led by Dr Jonathan Heron), part of which involved student researchers analysing the history of student drama on campus and culminated in performances for the Emerge Festival at the Warwick Arts Centre in November 2015.



## IAS Symposium



On Friday 15 May 2015, the Institute of Advanced Study launched its first annual symposium at the Warwick Business School London campus, The Shard.

Themed around The Future of Interdisciplinary Research, the event provided an opportunity to view the innovative interdisciplinary research being undertaken at Warwick and to learn more about how interdisciplinary research is fast changing academic research and careers. The discussion, chaired by Professor Stuart Croft, included the directors of the AHRC, ESRC and European funding agencies, as well as researchers from the academic community.

The next IAS symposium will be held at Warwick in the Summer Term 2016 and will focus on the Globalisation of Research.

## Warwick Research *Exchanges* Journal

Volume 3, Issue 1 of the *Exchanges open access, online* journal is now available.

The current edition features interviews with the winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Professor Michael Levitt, and Professor Martin Hairer, winner of the Fields Medal for Mathematics in 2014. *Exchanges* continues to promote articles and interdisciplinary scholarship from researchers at all stages of their careers.

The latest issue includes articles from a range of disciplines, including English and Comparative Literature, History, Politics and International Relations, Art History,

Women's Studies, Chemistry, and Mathematics. All of the articles published in this edition highlight the importance of breaking down traditional disciplinary boundaries. We hope that the submissions in this edition of the journal will offer productive exchanges between different academic disciplines.

**Colleagues are invited to contribute to this online open access research journal. Please direct any enquiries to the IAS resource account:**  
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We welcome applications from PhD and Postdoctoral researchers to sit on the *Exchanges* Editorial board. For enquiries, or to submit an application, please contact the IAS.

## IAS Fellows and Staff 2015



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