

Vice Principal Humanities and Social Sciences' report to Senate

ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership

Preparations are under way to involving an application as part of a consortium led by King's College London, and including Imperial College, to the ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership call. This will involve the development of a significant and larger partnership to underpin QMUL's research training of doctoral students in the social sciences, to follow on from our current involvement in the smaller ESRC-funded London Social Science Doctoral Training Centre in partnership with Goldsmith's College.

Research Grant Development Programme

This academic year a second cohort of participants in the Faculty Research Grant Development Programme will be involved in a programme of support as they develop large, collaborative research applications to one of the Research Councils or to a Horizon 2020 programme. It will involve a larger cohort of around 12 academic staff from across the Schools in the Faculty.

Major Research Grant Awards in the Faculty since January 2015

Jan 2015	HIS	Colin Jones	Commission of the European Community
Jan 2015	SED	Ruth Ahnert	AHRC Early Career Fellowship
Jan 2015	LAW	Sean McConvile	The Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship
Mar 2015	GEO	Adrian Smith	ESRC grant
April 2015	SPIR	Clive Gabay	ESRC grant
April 2015	SPIR	Tim Bale	ESRC grant
June 2015	SLFF	Hagit Borer	The Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship
June 2015	HIS	Michael Questier	The Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship
June 2015	GEO	Miles Ogborn	The Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship
Aug 2015	SLLF	David Adger	Commission of the European Community
Aug 2015	SLLF	Andreas Schonle	Commission of the European Community
Sept 2015	SPIR	Clive Gabay	AHRC grant
Sept 2015	HIS	Saul Dubow	Commission of the European Community

(Table derived from award data provided from JRMO)

Progress in summer schools

We are planning to run a summer programme in International Relations with the University of London Institute in Paris (ULIP) and a Shakespeare programme between Global Shakespeare and People's Palace Projects, both for summer 2016, as a pilot, and full programmes in the majority of HSS schools, from summer 2017.

New international opportunities

New partnerships were signed with Beijing Foreign Studies University in China, and some Schools (eg SEF, CCLS and SLLF) are focusing on Latin America for new developments.

Liberal Arts

All HSS Schools are now involved in a Task and Finish Group to bring to fruition a programme in Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Sciences, which could start in 2017.

Language Learning Scholarships

The scheme was launched over the summer and proved to be very successful, even if not enough funds were available to support all students who applied. We had 297 applicants, 207 supported by their Schools and awarded 142 scholarships for a semester language module only. We were unable to support a full year or more students, given the limitation of funding. For 2016-17 the application process will be earlier, at the time that students make module choices for the following academic year. The highest number of applicants came from SBCS, followed by SEF, Law, and SMD.