The Researcher Development Pitch Competition

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Do you have an idea for professional development that you think would benefit the postdoc community in Cambridge?

Can you design a programme or tool that you think will help your fellow postdocs to enhance their skills? Improve their wellbeing? Help them to be even more ready for their next career move?

Do you have a creative way to broaden teaching, leadership, or collaboration opportunities to include more postdocs?
The Pitch Competition

- Great Ideas
- Broad and Innovative
- Fresh Ways
- Tools, Programmes, Platforms
Considerations

• Possible themes
• Needs and priorities of the postdoc community
• Creative ways that ideas could be adapted, expanded, or renewed in order to make an impact on the postdoc community
• First and foremost about your ideas
• The professional services teams can help with the finer details
How does it work?

Ideate
Explore
Propose
Refine
Pitch
Try
Grow
Important Dates

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<td>21st January 2019</td>
<td>Deadline for expressions of interest</td>
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<td>By 8 February 2019</td>
<td>Shortlisted candidates will be invited to the Pitch Competition</td>
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Expressions of Interest:

- Pitch your idea, its potential impact, and any resources requirements
- Max 300 words
- Emailed to [hollie.godden@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:hollie.godden@admin.cam.ac.uk) by 21 January 2019
Strategic, Intentional Thinking

*Map Your Postdoc Journey Now!*
Research

- Peer Review
- Grants & Funding
- Communicating Research
- Writing
- IMPACT!
There are many different training providers across the University, and while this means that there are a wealth of personal development opportunities available to you, it can also make it quite confusing to find what you need!

The RDP has therefore collated all of this information into the Researcher Development Hub, with courses organised by application, as a resource to help postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers find appropriate courses more easily. The colours relate to the CamRDF.

Your Department and School will also run subject-specific courses, and may even run bespoke versions of the courses below: check their programmes too!

- Data and Reference Management
- Literature and Libraries
- Other Software and IT Skills
- Statistics
- Software for Writing and Graphics
- Bioinformatics
- Publishing Research
- Programming
- Careers
- Foreign Languages
- Enterprise and IP
- English as a Foreign Language
- Policy
- Public Engagement
What we do..

Info and role models on career options – academia and outside
Finding & applying for positions
Interviews prep & practice
Fellowships info and tips
Serve all depts, discipline themes
What we’re good at

Pool resources and offer in depth conference style events

Fellowships: what you need to know 5th Dec

Record audio sessions, career stories, top tips and videos

Workshops: Experience and feedback to refine these

Run interactive workshops on career options; CVs + other application materials, fellowship proposals, interviews

Gather postdoc job market intelligence from former postdocs and employers incl academics

Write expert publications + web pages: CVs, interview questions, job market, funding
What’s missing for you?
Ghina Halabi – She Speaks Science
Questions...