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| NOVEMBER 2021 Newsletter |
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## **Welcome to new STAFF**

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| **Events**  December 8  Research Day   |  | | --- | |  | | **SAFETY AT WORK**  Report any safety hazards at work. Log the fault by contacting estates and facilities helpdesk  Ext 1234 option 2 or e-mail: [estates@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:estates@sgul.ac.uk)   |  | | --- | |  | | **Travelling on Business**  Record all business travel in [MyWorkplace](https://myworkplace.sgul.ac.uk/) under ‘other absence’ to ensure you are covered on your business trip AND you must complete the  [travel certificate](https://www.sgul.ac.uk/about/our-professional-services/finance/documents/Travelcertificate-v3.xlsx)  for each travel occasion and [email the completed form](mailto:travcert@sgul.ac.uk) prior to the start date  **Reporting Data Breaches**  You can find the Data Incident Reporting Form [here](https://www.sgul.ac.uk/about/our-professional-services/information-services/information-governance/policies-and-procedures/information-technical-security) | | |  | |
| **Monthly Deadlines**  **Expenses Claims:**  7th March 2018 |

Welcome to the following staff who joined us recently:

Dr Hasina Hannan Clinical Research Fellow for Paul Heath

Sinduja Sivarajan, Clinical Trial Manager for Paul Heath

Hsiang-Te Tsai, Research Data Analyst for Yingfen Hsia/Mike Sharland

Sasmita Upadhyaya, Technician for Paul Heath

Welcome to the following PhD students:

* Aurora Campagna

The role of γδT cells in the infiltration and destruction of prostate tumour organoids

Supervisors: Mark Bodman-Smith and Ferran Valderrama

* Emily Carr

The impact of Vitamin D supplementation on immune responses to respiratory pathogens in older children in Zambia with perinatally-acquired HIV-1 infection

Supervisors: Derek Macallan, S Filteau

* Zack Croxford

Engineering cancer immune checkpoint inhibitors for optimal expression and performance

Supervisors: Audrey Teh, Julian Ma

* Ramla Cusman

Investigating metabolic pathways that drive tissue remodelling and fibrosis in Tuberculosis

Supervisors: Jon Friedland, Deborah Chong, Rajko Reljic

* Artemis Papacosta

Therapeutic gene editing of CFTR: Identifying efficiency levels required for functional correction of the CF epithelium by gene editing

Supervisors: Debbie Baines, S Hart

* Sophie Webb

MD(Res) Development of an affordable point-of-care test for HPV DNA cervical cancer screening and reducing barriers to cervical cancer screening through patient self-sampling

Supervisors: Sanjeev Krishna, K Hayes, Henry Staines

All new starters should read the Institute Induction for New Staff via the following link:

<https://www.sgul.ac.uk/about/our-institutes/infection-and-immunity/information-for-staff>

**NOTE:**

All supervisors should inform me, [Melanie Monteiro](mailto:mmonteir@sgul.ac.uk), of the room numbers new staff and PhD students will be working in to ensure that the space allocation spreadsheet is kept up-to-date. Similarly, for leavers.

**MANDATORY Training**

You are all encouraged to complete your mandatory training and ensure it is kept up to date. There is list of the mandatory training requirements at the end of this newsletter

Mandatory training completion rates are monitored by SGUL.

**Register for Research Day 2021**

Research Day 2021 takes place on Wednesday, 8th December. Research Day is an annual event to showcase the world class research done at St George’s, University of London. It will be a hybrid event. Poster presentations will take place in the boardrooms and Alistair Hunter room.

The Thomas Young Lecture this year will be given by Dame Anne Johnson and is called People, policy and pandemics.

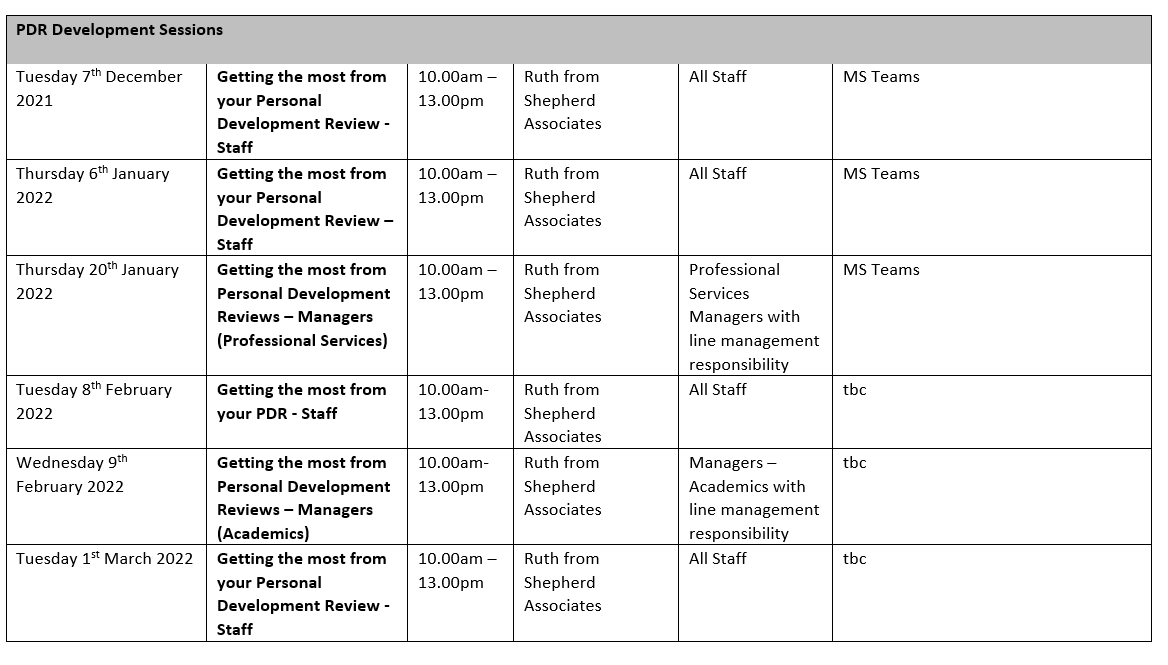
You can [view the full schedule for Research Day 2021 here](https://www.sgul.ac.uk/research/research-events/research-day/documents/Research-Day-2021-programme.pdf)

You are all encouraged to register to attend the day, [**please click here**](http://georgesweekly.sgul.ac.uk/1univ7duq6i15hx93zsix8/external?a=6&p=60667202&t=28568509).

**PDR Training for Reviewers and Reviewees**

In anticipation of the next PDR round which will run from 1st January 2022 to March 2022, training is available for reviewers and reviewees.

Booking is through [**My** Workplace](https://ce0229li.webitrent.com/ce0229li_ess/ess/index.html#/) under Career and Development.



**N- Mentor Launch event Tuesday 30 November**

St George’s is continuing to participate in B-MEntor Professional, a cross-institutional mentoring scheme for black, Asian and Minority Ethnic staff in Professional Services roles. We are encouraging staff to participate as a mentee or as a mentor for this upcoming round of the programme, beginning in the New Year.

This mentoring programme is run by UCL and various other London-based Universities participate

Applications are now open, further information on how to apply, including induction dates and application deadlines, is hosted on the [UCL B-MEntor webpage](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/equality-diversity-inclusion/equality-areas/race-equality/b-mentor-professional-mentoring-scheme).

**We will be holding a B-MEntor launch event on Tuesday 30 November at 12:30 – 14:00 on MS Teams.** This will be an opportunity for staff to hear more about the scheme, what opportunities participating as a mentee or a mentor can bring, and to have the space to ask any questions you might have.

There will also be the chance to hear from staff who’ve previously been part of B-MEntor as mentees or mentors.

To sign up to attend this launch, please email Liz Grand, Diversity and Inclusion Adviser ([lgrand@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:lgrand@sgul.ac.uk))

[Find out more about B-MEntor here](https://www.sgul.ac.uk/about/equality-diversity-and-inclusion-edi/about-edi-at-st-georges/race-equality/b-mentor).

Liz Grand

*Diversity and Inclusion Adviser*

**CENTRAL SUPPORT UPDATES**

Starters and Leavers

STARTERS:

* Nia Watkins, MCS Research Institute Manager, Research Operations start 1 November 2021
* Jacqueline Marks, Head of Administration and Executive Officer to Deputy Principal (Research and Enterprise), Maternity cover, Research Operations
* Terry Turner, Senior Technician (Equipment maintenance), Research Operations start early November 2021
* Shahib Uddin, Senior Governance Officer (Risk Management), Governance Lega & Assurance
* Emma Whitaker, Senior Governance Officer (Corporate and Executive Governance)
* Kayode Ajakaiye, Finance Assistant, Student Union
* Fiorelli Fioretto, Head of Medical Programmes Administration
* Aysha Choudhury, Research and Enterprise Contracts Manager

LEAVERS:

* Tom Muzyka, Research Funding Officer, 13th October 2021
* Lauren Terry, Senior Technician, Research Operations, 3 November 2021
* Katherine Piggott, Head of Medical Programmes Administration

## **INSTITUTE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

**Note: Individuals applying for institute funding will need to demonstrate they are compliant and up to date with requirements if they wish to apply for institute funding such as personal staff development funds.**

**Exceptions would be considered by the Director of the Institute.**

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| **Statutory Requirement** | **Frequency** | **Indicate you are up to date and include year of completion** |
| Health & Safety –Biological Agents Form | Annual requirement  Queries to the [SHE Office](mailto:SHE%20Office%20%3chealth@sgul.ac.uk%3e) |  |
| Health & Safety –COSHH Forms | Annual review for Hazard 3 agents & 2 yrs for others  Queries to the [SHE Office](mailto:SHE%20Office%20%3chealth@sgul.ac.uk%3e) |  |
| Health & Safety – Fire Safety | Annually  [Health & Safety E-learning Platform](https://sgul.britsafelearning.com/login/index.php) If you cannot access site, contact the [SHE Office](mailto:SHE%20Office%20%3chealth@sgul.ac.uk%3e) |  |
| Health & Safety – Display Screen Assessment | Annually  [Health & Safety E-learning Platform](https://sgul.britsafelearning.com/login/index.php) |  |
| Display Screen Equipment e-Learning | Annually  [Health & Safety E-learning Platform](https://sgul.britsafelearning.com/login/index.php) |  |
| General Health, Safety and Environmental Awareness | Every 2 years  [Health & Safety E-learning Platform](https://sgul.britsafelearning.com/login/index.php) |  |
| Manual Handling | Every 3 years  [Health & Safety E-learning Platform](https://sgul.britsafelearning.com/login/index.php) |  |
| Diversity in the Workplace | Every 3 years  [Learnupon Platform](https://sgul.learnupon.com/)  Queries to [Liz Grand](mailto:Liz%20Grand%20%3clgrand@sgul.ac.uk%3e) |  |
| Unconscious Bias | Every 3 years  [Learnupon Platform](https://sgul.learnupon.com/)  Queries to [Liz Grand](mailto:Liz%20Grand%20%3clgrand@sgul.ac.uk%3e) |  |
| Prevent Duty Training | Every 2 years  <https://canvas.sgul.ac.uk/>  Queries to  [Elizabeth Okona-Mensah](mailto:Elizabeth%20Okona-Mensah%20%3ceokona-m@sgul.ac.uk%3e) |  |
| Information Governance data awareness  (IG Toolkit) | Annually  <https://canvas.sgul.ac.uk/>  Access queries to [lts@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:lts@sgul.ac.uk) |  |
| Time Allocation Survey (TAS) | Annually  (Academic HEFCE funded staff /or do teaching) |  |
| ORCID Number | Only single registration required (Essential for PhD students & upwards or where relevant) |  |

If you have any item to add to the newsletter, please contact me, Melanie Monteiro.

Melanie Monteiro

Research Institute Manager

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**Institute Webpage**