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NERC - Commissioning process for DTP2 confirmed
Call opens: January 2018
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/application/currentopportunities/dtp2-commissioning/
NERC will commission its second round of doctoral training partnership investment (DTP2) through a fully open competitive call, to be launched in January 2018. The announcement of opportunity, containing full details of the call, is currently under development and will be published in January. To ensure a fair and transparent process, NERC will not answer individual queries about the DTP2 call in advance of the announcement of opportunity being published.
A town hall meeting will be held in central London on Tuesday 30 January 2018 to provide an opportunity to discuss the call. Details of how to register your interest in attending the town hall meeting will be announced in due course.
Please note: Anyone considering applying to this call, please inform environment@ucl.ac.uk

UCL-EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellowship
Deadline: 18 December 2017
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/cdt/epsrc-doctoral-prize
Applications are now invited for the Winter Call of the EPSRC funded Doctoral Prize Fellowships. Up to 4 awards are available to support exceptional researchers who have just finished, or are about to finish an EPSRC funded PhD. The Fellowships provide 2 years’ worth of salary and research-related costs to enable outstanding candidates to developed their career as independent researchers. Project proposals should be devised by the candidate, with support from the UCL department where the successful candidate will be based for the duration of the award. Proposed projects must primarily be within the EPSRC remit. Proposals are invited from both internal and external candidates, and should be submitted by no later than December 18th 2017.
Any questions should be directed to the BEAMS Doctoral Training Manager, Miss Emma Grant at emma.grant@ucl.ac.uk or ext 32568.

ESRC - Postdoctoral Fellowships
Call closes: 23 March 2018
http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/postdoctoral-fellowships/
ESRC are pleased to announce the introduction of a Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF) Scheme aimed at those in the immediately postdoctoral stage of their career, to provide the opportunity to consolidate their PhD through developing publications, their networks, and their research and professional skills. The call is open to applicants who have completed their PhD at a research organisation that is part of a DTP or CDT and who are within 12 months of completing their PhD. At the submission deadline, the applicant must either have been awarded a PhD or have submitted their thesis and passed their viva voce with minor corrections, with the expectation that the PhD will be awarded by the fellowship start date.
Call specification, FAQs, and application form will be available on the DTP/CDT websites. Each DTP / CDT will peer review the proposals and make funding decisions on behalf of ESRC by June 2018.

The DTPs and CDTs participating in the first round are:

- Cambridge Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership
- Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership
- The London Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership
- LSE Doctoral Training Partnership
- Midlands Graduate School Doctoral Training Partnership
- Northern Ireland and North East Doctoral Training Partnership
- North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership
- The South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership
- The South East Network for Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership
- South West Doctoral Training Partnership
- UCL, Bloomsbury and East London Doctoral Training Partnership
- Wales Doctoral Training Partnership
- White Rose Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership
- Data Analytics and Society Centre for Doctoral Training

**ERC – Consolidator Grants**

Call closes: 15 Feb 2018

[https://erc.europa.eu/funding/consolidator-grants](https://erc.europa.eu/funding/consolidator-grants)

Are you a scientist who wants to consolidate your independence by establishing a research team and continuing to develop a success career in Europe? The ERC Consolidator Grant could be for you. You can also apply if you have recently created an independent, excellent research team and want to strengthen it. Researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD (Extensions are possible under certain circumstances — see the latest ERC Work Programme), a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal.

Applications can be made in any field of research.

Applications for an ERC grant must be submitted by a single Principal Investigator (PI) in conjunction with and on behalf of their Host Institution, called the applicant legal entity.

ERC grants support projects carried out by an individual researcher who can employ researchers of any nationality as team members. It is also possible to have one or more team members located in a non-European country.

Consolidator Grants may be awarded up to € 2 million for a period of 5 years (pro rata for projects of shorter duration). However, an additional € 0.75 million can be made available to cover eligible “start-up” costs for researchers moving from a third country to the EU or an associated country and/or the purchase of major equipment and/or access to large facilities.

An ERC grant can cover up to 100% of the total eligible direct costs of the research plus a contribution of 25% of the total eligible costs towards indirect cost.
NERC- ESRC - Understanding of the Impacts of Hydrometeorological Hazards in South East Asia

Call closes (Notification of Intent): 4 December 2017
Call closes (Full Proposals): 21 February 2018
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/funded/programmes/hazards-seasia/news/ao/

Proposals are invited to five research programmes to improve understanding of the impacts of hydrometeorological hazards, such as floods, droughts, landslides and storm surges, in Indonesia, the Philippines, VietNam, Malaysia and Thailand. The calls are being launched in collaboration with the following countries and funding partners:

- Indonesia - The Ministry of Research, Technology & Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia (Ristekdikti), NERC and the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC)
- Philippines - The Department of Science & Technology's Philippine Council for Industry, Energy & Emerging Technology Research & Development (DOST-PCIEERD) and NERC
- Viet Nam - National Foundation for Science & Technology Development (NAFOSTED), NERC and ESRC
- Malaysia - Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), NERC and ESRC
- Thailand - Thailand Research Fund (TRF), NERC and ESRC.

This collaboration is supported by the Newton Fund.

Proposals are sought for collaborative bilateral research projects involving researchers from the UK and Indonesia, UK and Malaysia, UK and VietNam, UK and Thailand, and the UK and the Philippines, respectively. Up to £1.5 million is available from NERC and ESRC per South East Asian country for this call, with up to £375,000 (80% full economic cost) available for the UK component of a project. Projects can have a maximum duration of three years. Matched funding in terms of research effort will be provided by partner funding agencies in Indonesia, Malaysia, VietNam, Thailand and the Philippines to eligible South East Asian researchers.

Please see the Announcement of Opportunity documents and Notification of Intent form below for full details of the scope of each programme and how to apply.

Only applicants who have submitted an online Notification of Intent form will be eligible to submit a Full Proposal.

NERC-ESRC - Call for evidence: Environmental Evidence for the Future Initiative

Call closes: 23:59, 4 December 2017
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/partnerships/crosscouncil/eef/news/input/

NERC is seeking input from the community to articulate the key knowledge gaps and evidence needs pertaining to a set of future environmental policy and practice challenges, developed as part of the Environmental Evidence for the Future (EEF) initiative.

EEF is a new programme of activity that will pave the way to addressing the crucial medium to long-term challenges and exciting opportunities that present from the UK leaving the European Union (EU). It will include optimising sustainable environmental management and ensuring the resilience of our ecosystems and the quality of our environment.
Sixty-five challenges were identified and NERC is now seeking the input of the wider environmental science community to:

- validate these challenges
- begin to outline broad areas of research and translation activities that have the potential to meet the required future evidence needs.

Input will inform the scope of a proposal for a future large-scale transformative programme that will look to address priority future research and innovation needs.

**NERC-ESRC - Cross-disciplinary mental health network plus call**

The research councils are pleased to announce the cross-disciplinary mental health network plus call. The aim of the call is to encourage the creation of multi-disciplinary networks that cross the remit boundaries of the research councils. These networks will address important mental health research questions that require an innovative, cross-disciplinary approach to accelerate progress; to build cross-disciplinary research capacity in the field; and to strengthen the UK mental health research base.

The call has been informed by the research councils recently published cross-disciplinary mental health research agenda - external link which represents our collective interest in supporting and furthering mental health research. It encourages areas where high quality cross-disciplinary research could add the most value and impact to the broader mental health research landscape through novel and transformative research.

Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to £1.25 million (at 100% full economic cost (FEC)) for up to 48 months' duration. The research councils will contribute 80% FEC on successful proposals.

**http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/cross-disciplinary-mental-health-network-plus-call/**

**Call closes: 22 March 2018**

**NERC - SHEAR Announcement of Opportunity: Catalyst grants (outline bids)**

Call closes (outline bids): 21 November 2017

**http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/funded/programmes/shear/news/ao-catalyst/**

Outline proposals are invited for a catalyst grant call as part of the Science for Humanitarian Emergencies & Resilience (SHEAR) research programme, funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) and NERC.

This catalyst grants call will aim to support small projects with a maximum project size of £250,000 (100% full economic cost), with UK institutions eligible for 80% full economic cost and overseas organisations eligible for 100% direct project costs. The total available budget for this call is £2.5 million, and it is anticipated that 10-12 projects will be funded. It is expected that projects will start in September 2018 and have a maximum duration of two years.

Projects will be expected to focus on weather-related hazards such as floods and droughts, heatwaves and the events weather can trigger, such as landslides, and improving people's resilience to these, in Sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia. The catalyst grants should not duplicate already funded research, including current
SHEAR grants, but will compliment ongoing activities. They should be coherent activities to address the SHEAR goals. This call has two stages: an outline bid and an invited full proposal. Submission of an outline proposal is mandatory in order to participate in the funding round at the full proposal stage. All outline proposals will be assessed by an assessment panel and only applicants successful at the outline bid stage will be invited to submit full proposals.

Newton RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnerships call 2017
Call closes: 30 November 2017
http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/international/newton/newton-rcuk-colciencias-research-partnerships-call-2017-coming-soon/
Research Councils UK (RCUK) and the Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia (Colciencias) are pleased to announce the Newton RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnerships call 2017. This initiative will provide funding for internationally competitive, transformative and high-quality collaborative research projects which address a broad range of areas related to post-conflict transitions in Colombia under three main themes: participation and inclusion, working towards reconciliation, and education for peacebuilding. This call aims to bring together researchers from Colombia and the UK, as well as civil society practitioners and public sector stakeholders in order to allow the pursuit of shared research interests. Research proposals should be focused on research that will benefit the Colombian nation in general and at least one of the 170 municipalities targeted under the Development Programs with a Regional Focus (PDET) in particular.
More information (in Spanish only) (external website)
The Newton Fund requires that the UK funding is awarded in a manner that fits with ODA guidelines. All applications under this call must therefore be compliant with Official Development Assistance (ODA) guidance (external PDF) and demonstrate this compliance within the written proposal. Consortia should consider how their proposal makes the best use of available expertise in the UK and Colombia, the added value of collaboration and how the proposal will meet the ODA requirements of this Newton Fund activity.

ESRC - Centres Competition 2018
Call opens: November 2017
http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/centres-competition-2018/
In November 2017 ESRC will be announcing an open competition for research centres. There will be no priority areas for this call. Research centre funding is aimed at experienced research leaders who require longer-term or extended support for research groups, inter-institutional research networks, project-linked programmes, medium-to-large surveys, other infrastructure or methodological developments, or any related larger-scale projects. Research centres also have a distinct role in supporting the development of early career researchers and building new research capacity. They are expected to be high-impact investments over the longer term. The ESRC will be investing up to £30 million 100% full economic cost (fEC) over five years through this Centres competition. The competition is for proposals ranging from
£2 million to £8 million 100% full economic cost (fEC) with a term of up to five years. It is anticipated that ESRC will fund four centres. There will be a two-stage application process and ROs are asked to limit the number of applications to support the most competitive bids. The centers require evidence of long term institutional commitment, including additional financial resources from the RO to extend the work programme beyond the 100% fEC funding requested. In addition to any Centre applications supported by the RO, all investments currently designated as ESRC Centres will be entitled to apply to this competition. 

Please note: Demand management for the call will be coordinated by OVP-R. Details of the process will be published once the call is announced.

NERC-BEIS - MOSAiC
Deadline: 31 January 2018
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/funded/programmes/mosaic/news/ao/
Proposals are invited under a new research programme which will provide the opportunity for participation in the Multidisciplinary Drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC) initiative. This opportunity is expected to support up to six two-month berths on the MOSAiC expedition and associated research proposals that are compatible with the MOSAiC science and implementation plans. Up to £1.8 million is available from NERC for this call. A travel fund will be made available for UK applicants to travel to the 13-16 November MOSAiC Implementation Workshop in St Petersburg to support development of proposals compatible with the MOSAiC science and implementation Plans. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, although if required some balancing may be made across organisations.

RCUK - Telling Tales of Engagement Competition 2017
Deadline: 12:00, 06 December 2017
https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/ttoe2017/
The RCUK Digital Economy (DE) Theme is running a competition to help capture and promote the impact of RCUK-funded research. Three prizes of £10,000 are available to support researchers to further tell the story of research impact in an interesting and engaging way to a wider audience. This year, the Telling Tales of Engagement (TTE) 2017 competition has two aims:

- tell stories that describe how your pathway to impact genuinely unfolded, to help the wider research community and public understand how impact really occurs and what benefits have been (or are expected to be) delivered from your Research Council funded research.
- explain how the prize will be used to engage the public with your research; to show how the benefits of your research help make a contribution to various challenges and to help address RCUK’s equality, diversity and inclusion agenda.

NERC Follow-on Fund Pathfinder
Open deadline
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/schemes/pathfinder/
NERC Pathfinder awards complement Follow-on awards.
Follow-on awards of up to £125k (£100k NERC contribution at 80%) fund development projects whose objective is to realise the commercial potential of NERC-funded research via a combination of complementary technical and commercial engagement work programmes.
Successful applications to the Follow-on Fund are invariably built upon a good understanding of the likely market potential for the technology around which the project is based.
If you are confident that you already have a sound assessment of these, and the other, issues described in Follow-on Fund - Guidance for applicants, you are ready to submit an application to the Follow-on Fund (call opening Spring 2017).
If, however, there are gaps in your knowledge, you are strongly advised to first apply for a Pathfinder award.
This will give you the best possible opportunity to secure Follow-on funding by enabling you to carry out work that will help you develop a greater understanding of the commercial aspects and possibilities of your research, and hence produce a more robust, better informed proposal for Follow-on funding.
Pathfinder awards enable you to fill such knowledge gaps via activities such as market assessment and competitor analysis, intellectual property searches, engaging with potential commercial collaborators and end-users, and 'milestone 1' technical work where the technical feasibility of the whole project depends on it.
Pathfinder awards are normally between £7k and £10k, but in exceptional circumstances a maximum of £25k is available (NERC will contribute £20k at 80% FEC).

ESRC - EqUIP call for collaborative research on sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections
Deadline: 30 November 2017
http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/equip-call-for-collaborative-research-on-sustainability-equity-wellbeing-and-cultural-connections/
The call aims to bring together social science and humanities funders in India and Europe to support excellent and innovative research on sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections. The emphasis of the research will be on Indian and European dimensions, in both contemporary and historical contexts.
With a total funding of €5.5 million, it is expected that six projects will be funded.
Researchers from India, Finland, France, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, and the UK are invited to apply.
Research proposals should focus on societal challenges facing both India and the respective European countries, with suggested themes including, but not limited to, sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections. Funders strongly encourage interdisciplinary approaches across the social sciences and humanities (SSH).
Each proposal under this call will require the building of consortia of three or more research groups based in three or more different countries participating in the call and be eligible for the funding from their national funding agencies. Every proposal must involve representation from India eligible for funding by the participating Indian funding agencies.
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Workshop: Blue Green Solutions for Resilient Cities
Date: 10am-4pm November 28, 2017, Imperial College London
Who is this workshop intended for?
- City strategists, urban planners and developers
What will be covered?
- Incorporate systems thinking into the collaborative planning of Blue Green resilient cities;
- A hands-on approach to use the synergetic benefits of Blue Green solutions to enhance sustainability and resilience.
- Examples of state-of-the-art case studies

To register, contact r.naessens@imperial.ac.uk

Launch of the UCL Collaborative Social Science Domain
17:30, 12 December 2017
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/collaborative-social-science
The UCL Collaborative Social Science Domain (CSSD) will be holding a launch event at 17:30 on Tuesday 12 Dec 2017. Prof David Price (Vice-Provost Research) will be giving a 10 minute talk on UCL and cross-disciplinarity. There will also be a keynote speech by James Wilsdon (outgoing/former Chair, Campaign for Social Science and Professor of Research Policy and the Director of Impact and Engagement at the University of Sheffield) titled Brokers and boundary-spanners: the changing role of the social sciences in the UK research landscape.

The launch will be an ideal opportunity for UCL researchers to discover how the Domain can support them, facilitate new cross-disciplinary collaborations and to learn more about our activities to date and plans for the future. There will be contributions from senior representatives from major research funding bodies who will discuss the role of cross-disciplinarity in their strategic priorities. Further details and registration.

Call for Interdisciplinary & Industrial Strategy Linked Activities: EPSRC Funded PGR Training Opportunities
Call closes: 15 December 2017
UCL has been awarded funds from EPSRC to support doctoral student training that will develop skills for the industrial strategy. Applications are invited from staff members for training activities to be carried out during the 2017/18 academic year. Funding is primarily available for activities costing up to £10,000, however where relevant, larger events will be considered. Please see the attached call document for further details.

Applications should be submitted to Emma Grant (emma.grant@ucl.ac.uk) by December 15 2017
Download the call document [here](#).

**Research Services Christmas Closures**

[http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/rs-contacts.php](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/rs-contacts.php)

Research Services will close on Friday 22nd December 2017 at 5pm and re-open at 9am Tuesday 2nd January 2018. For proposals to be checked and submitted prior to the Christmas closure period the Worktribe proposal must be at ‘Bid Approval’ status by 5pm Wednesday 13th December 2017.

Only proposals with deadlines falling over the Christmas period will be prioritised. Worktribe proposals must have a near final copy of the application attached in order to be reviewed by Research Services and any partner costings should they be applicable.

Where Research Services are required to submit the proposal via an online funder portal the proposal must be on the portal with Research Services by 9am Thursday 21st December. Please contact your Research Finance Officer if you have any queries.

**Research data and research support events**

*multiple dates*

Please find below information about forthcoming Research data and Research support events co-organised by Library Services;

**Research IT & Data Management drop-ins for staff and students (Term 1)**

Next dates: 09/11, 21/11, 07/12

The drop-in will be attended by someone from the Research Data Management team as well as representatives from all of the Research IT service areas. If you have any questions or problems related to the following areas, you should find someone there who can help: research programming, high performance computing, handling large datasets, Data Management Plans and much more.


**Introduction to Research Support and Integrity: dates for PhD students (Term 1)**

When: 22/11 and 06/12

This course is coordinated by Library Services, OVPR and the Doctoral Skills Development Programme. Both sessions are open to PhD students, regardless of their disciplines or stage reached in their research project. Each half-day sessions will focus on Research Integrity, Research Data Management, Data Protection, Research Ethics, Open Access, Copyright and Research IT. The course will highlight good practices in these areas, as well as explain the expectations of researchers and point to useful resources.

More information and booking at [https://courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/course-details.pht?course_ID=2797](https://courses.grad.ucl.ac.uk/course-details.pht?course_ID=2797).

**Introduction to Digital Scholarship and Open Research for staff (Term 1)**
This new half-day workshop will provide an introduction to the aims behind Open Science/Research and explore how digital scholarship approaches can help make research more open. As part of the workshop participants will have the opportunity to create an open notebook for their research.

More information and booking at: [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/od/rdp/odid/index.php](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/od/rdp/odid/index.php)

**Join the Environment Domain Early Careers Network (EDEN)**

EDEN are looking for new committee members to join our team (current EDEN people). You will be expected to contribute with ideas, organisation of events or any activities that promotes the career of early-career researchers interested in the environment. This is an opportunity to boost your CV while networking with a friendly team of researchers from across UCL. Examples of past and planned activities are:

- A seminar series exploring the linkages between human well-being and the natural environment
- A series of talks and workshop about academic writing
- A writing retreat in collaboration with other early-career networks
- A social outing looking a wildlife around campus
- And much more!

As a recap, EDEN, UCL’s Environmental Domain Early-carer Network, is open to all researchers with an interest in environmental studies and identifying themselves as early career researchers, e.g. PhDs, post-docs, fellows and newly-appointed lecturers.

Our aims are to:

- Promote multidisciplinary research
- Provide a platform for peer support, career advice, mentoring, training, funding information, etc.
- Identify and highlight key needs of early-career researchers
- Bring key themes that UCL environment researchers are working on to the fore
- Promote work-life balance, equality, diversity and inclusion.

For more information, see the eden website or to volunteer contact vpro.eden@ucl.ac.uk

**EDEN seminar series**

UCL’s Environment Domain Early Careers Network (EDEN) invite you to attend this autumn’s seminar series, a set of Expert talks, stimulating discussion and refreshments! Dates are as follows:

- **Social-ecological systems** - Wednesday, 15 November, 5.15-7.00 pm
- **Urban environment** - Wednesday, 29 November, 5.15-7.00 pm

All sessions held in Room 2.18 in the Chadwick Building, UCL. For more information and to reserve your seat, go to: [https://eden-seminar-series-ucl.eventbrite.co.uk](https://eden-seminar-series-ucl.eventbrite.co.uk)

**EPSRC CDT Bid Workshops**

Following the CDT Pitches events in May, a series of workshops is being planned in
the lead up to the EPSRC call for CDTs, which we anticipate to be in January 2018. The workshops will focus on various aspects of both planning and running a CDT, with opportunities to discuss with current Centre Directors and Managers. Details of the workshops are as follows:

**Workshop 4: CDT User-Engagement & Co-Creation**
Sarah Bell will speak briefly on the Engineering Exchange Programme followed by a Q&A session with the Panel consisting of Prof Ivan Parkin (M3S CDT Director), Prof Gary Lye (Bioprocess CDT Director), and Prof Philip Treleaven (Financial Computing CDT Director)
**Date:** November 15th 2017. **Time:** 1-2pm. **Location:** 1.03 Malet Place, Engineering

**Workshop 5: Split-Site CDTs**
Prof Matija Strlic (SEAHA CDT Co-Director) and Tim Bodley-Scott (IPES CDT Manager) will speak briefly on their experiences of running a split-site CDT followed by a Q&A session
**Date:** November 22nd 2017. **Time:** 1-2pm. **Location:** G08 Sir David Davies LT, Roberts Building

**Workshop 6: CDT Training**
Prof Andrew Fisher (LCN Director), Dr Simon Banks (Engineering Faculty Graduate Tutor) and Kate Sym (Targeted Healthcare Hub Manager) will speak briefly on their experiences, and expectations of CDT training followed by a Q&A session
**Date:** December 6th 2017. **Time:** 1-2pm. **Location:** 1.03 Malet Place, Engineering

**NERC Pre-announcement: Forthcoming Newton Fund activities**
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/application/currentopportunities/newton-activities/
NERC has secured funding for a number of new Newton Fund programmes and is currently developing these in collaboration with funding agencies in the partner countries.
Future programmes to be announced in 2017 include:
- **Ganga Delta - Bay of Bengal Interactions.** A joint programme with India’s Ministry of Earth Sciences to understand how the Ganga Delta and Bay of Bengal are being impacted by climate change and human activity and how the risks to the ecosystem services they provide can be mitigated.
- **Wallacea understanding biodiversity and evolutionary responses to environmental change.** A joint programme with Indonesia’s Indonesian Science Fund (DIPI) to improve our understanding and predictive capabilities of community biodiversity and dynamics, in response to environmental change.
- **Increasing resilience to hydrometeorological hazards.** Collaborative research programmes are under discussion with partners in five countries in Southeast Asia: Ristekdikti in Indonesia, NAFOSTED in Vietnam, MiGHT and MoHE in Malaysia, PCIEERD in the Philippines and TRF and NSTDA in Thailand. The aim of each programme will be to improve understanding of impacts of hydrometeorological hazards and how to increase resilience. It is anticipated that workshops will be held for each of these activities. The timing and venue of each workshop is to be confirmed, but they are likely to be in the
autumn and take place in the partner countries. Once the arrangements for the workshops are confirmed, NERC will issue calls for participants, open to researchers working in relevant disciplines and eligible for NERC funding.

**UCL Research Staff Hub website**
[http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/od/research-hub/index.php](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/od/research-hub/index.php)

The new UCL Research Staff Hub website, an online platform hosted by Organisational Development, provides a single point of access that supports self-service and the collection of evidence to demonstrate cross disciplinary research activities and development opportunities across UCL. The research-hub together with the bespoke research programmes are part of an initiative to enhance the provision for supporting the development of our UCL research staff.

**POSTnotes research topics include Environment and Energy**

The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) Board plays a central role in ensuring POST continues to provide Parliament with first-rate information and advice on matters of relevance. Members of the Board convened in early 2017 and have selected the following research topics for upcoming POSTnotes:

**Biological Sciences and Health**
- Regulating Advanced Therapies
- EU Clinical Trials Regulation

**Environment and Energy**
- Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture
- *Update to Sea Level Rise* POSTnote 363
- Benefits of Earth Observation Systems
- Environmental Effects of Engineered Nanoparticles

**Physical sciences**
- Social Media and Access to Information

**Social sciences**
- Communicating Risk
- Migrants and Housing

Those interested should contact [post@parliament.uk](mailto:post@parliament.uk) for further information, and afterwards UCL Public Policy ([S.chaytor@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:S.chaytor@ucl.ac.uk)) would be very happy to provide advice and support as required.

**Seeking Environment Research Photographs**

*No deadline*

If you have any good quality photographs that you would be willing for the Environment Domain to use in publicity material, please do send them to [environment@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:environment@ucl.ac.uk) along with a brief description and any necessary permissions information (particularly if you didn’t take the photograph, or if individuals are particularly prominent).

Your images could be used on the website, in printed material, on social media and in presentations – always with your credit attached. By submitting an image, you agree to it being used as such, unless specifically communicated at the time (we may not follow up to check permissions so please be explicit).
We would encourage you to invite your PhD students to send in images taken during their studies and research into environment related issues.