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January 2017



## Vice-Chancellor's Open Forum

Tuesday 14 February, 12.30–1.30pm,  
Bramall Music Building.

The Vice-Chancellor will be interviewed by a guest Chair (*to be confirmed*) on key issues facing the higher education sector and the University.

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## Birmingham Professional Forum

Wednesday 8 March, 11.00am–  
12noon, Bramall Music Building.

The Forum is introduced by the Registrar and Secretary, Lee Sanders. The agenda will follow.

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## NSS 2017

The National Student Survey (NSS) 2017 launches on 16 January. The NSS is an invaluable opportunity for our students to express their opinions, and helps us to understand how we are meeting their needs.

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## Internal Comms Survey

There's still time to let us know what you think and share your views about our internal comms here at the University. The results will help to shape what internal communications you will receive in the future.

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## New Core update meeting

18 January, 1.00–2.30pm, Aston Webb Building.

All colleagues are invited to hear the latest New Core news, meet workstream leads and ask any questions about the programme.

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## Horizon 2020 results

The University is seventh in the UK for the number of projects won, making us one of the top participants in the EU's research programme, only behind Cambridge, Oxford, UCL, Imperial, Edinburgh and Manchester.

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## Alumni Impact Fund

You have until 3 February to apply for up to £20,000 to fund your great idea. Come along to one of our January workshops to get help with your application.

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## Arts & Science Festival 2017

The University of Birmingham's Arts & Science Festival returns 13–19 March with a jam-packed line-up of exhibitions and events. Email

[artsandscience@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:artsandscience@contacts.bham.ac.uk) to join our mailing list.

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## JRC Engagement Fund

Internal seed-corn funding is open for proposals to support our research collaboration and engagement with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. Deadline: 20 January 2017.

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## Business Club Workshop

1 March 2017: The Business Club are pleased to announce a workshop designed to address some of the key issues facing family businesses; in particular, succession planning and financing.

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## Crisis in research

All members of staff and students are invited to the Westmere lecture entitled 'Crisis in research: time for a change' by Professor Casadevall on

## Staff Disability Survey

Staff with a disability, accessibility requirement or mental health issue are invited to take part in a short, confidential survey. There will be a

23 January 2017.

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prize draw of a £25 Amazon voucher for participants.

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## New café opens

Birmingham Research Park's new café, in the foyer of the Institute of Research & Development, will be open from 8.00am to 3.15pm (3.00pm Friday), serving hot and cold food, snacks and beverages.

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## U21 Staff Fellowships

Universitas 21 Staff Fellowship awards are open to academic and Professional Services staff. Please visit the intranet site for details, including information session dates.

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## U21 PhD Scholarships

U21 PhD Scholarships of up to £1,500 are available. The deadline is 19 March 2017. Please visit the intranet site for details, including information session dates.

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## Fire safety training

All staff are required to complete fire safety training every two years, and you can now complete the refresher course online by emailing [trainingww@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:trainingww@contacts.bham.ac.uk).

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## Audience with Simon Weston

## Want to play cricket?

Mermaids, the University staff cricket team, is looking for players. We play

Thursday 26 January 2016 at the Bramall Music Building. Join Veteran of the Falklands War, Simon Weston CBE, and hear his message of achievement and triumph over adversity.

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evening T20 friendly games in the summer, and hold net practices at Edgbaston indoor cricket centre. All players welcome!

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## Dental Plan

This policy provides UoB staff, their partners and children with help to cover dental care costs. The joining window is open until 14 February. Visit Staff House on 24 January, 10.00am–3.00pm, to find out more.

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## Healthcare scheme

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