

Dear Colleague,

International Primary Care Research Leadership programme

We would like to invite you to nominate an applicant for the **International Primary Care Research Leadership programme** hosted by the Department of Primary Care Health Sciences at the University of Oxford. The programme is part of the Brisbane Initiative, an international collaboration of universities founded by a small group of heads of primary care departments at a meeting in Brisbane in 2002.

The **International Primary Care Research Leadership programme** is designed to foster and develop future leaders in primary care research. The programme consists of three residential meetings in Oxford designed to help participants explore different aspects of leadership in primary care research. Participants are encouraged to identify their own development needs, form peer learning sets and establish a two year follow up programme. They are provided with access to current leaders in primary care research, experts in strategic leadership and one-to-one coaching.

Past and present speakers include Fiona Godlee (Editor of the BMJ), Paul Glasziou (Evidence-Based Medicine), Iain Chalmers (Cochrane Collaboration), Richard Smith (Director of the UnitedHealth Initiative) Muir Gray (NHS National Knowledge Service), Richard Horton (Editor of the Lancet), André Knottnerus (President, Health Council of the Netherlands), Chris van Weel (Immediate Past President of Wonca), Carl Heneghan (Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine), and Doug Altman (Director of the Centre for Statistics in Medicine). To date ~~six~~seven cohorts from around the world have participated in the programme and they continue to meet and network on an on-going basis.

Participants have found the programme inspirational, influential and a career defining experience. They incorporate what they learn on the programme into their research, clinical and educational work. The support they receive from the presenters and from each other has been found to be invaluable to their roles as leaders and contributes significantly to successful promotions.

"The very existence of such a programme is important and supports international collaboration"

Applications are now open for the ~~seventh~~seventh-eighth cohort who will attend their first residential meeting in Oxford in July 2013. Universities are invited to nominate one candidate who has demonstrated the potential to become a future leader in primary care research to apply for a place on the programme. They will usually be 1-5 years post-doctoral. Eight applicants will be selected in 2013. The full cost of the programme over the 2 years for each successful candidate is £6000. See programme details attached.

Selection of candidates for the programme will be competitive and limited to the strongest applicants. Attached are the programme information, application form, selection criteria and a flyer to display for the ~~seventh~~seventh-eighth cohort. ~~The closing date for applications is 19th March 2013.~~ These can also be downloaded from <http://www.phc.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate/bi> along with further details of the programme. ~~The closing date for applications is 29th March 2013.~~

Yours sincerely,



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