

# U21:Connect

## January 2017

Welcome to this month's news from the  
*Universitas 21* network.

U21:Connect contains the latest news and items of interest to staff and students across  
the *Universitas 21* network.

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### U21 News



#### U21 AGM registration open!

- Registration is now open for the U21 Annual Network Meeting and Presidential Symposium, hosted by the University of Nottingham.
- The annual meeting open to Presidents and Senior Leaders from all U21 member institutions, will be held on Wednesday 3 May - Friday 5 May 2017.
- Preliminary details of the programme are online as well as details for completing hotel bookings and information on transport options.

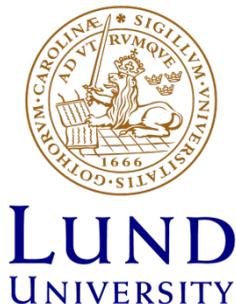
- For further details, including hotel booking information, please follow the AGM 2017 link below.
- To register your attendance, please follow the 'Register Here' link:

[AGM 2017](#)  
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### **U21 members secure Cancer Research UK funding**

- Cancer Research UK has given £16 million in funding to two U21 member universities to develop new treatments to combat the disease.
- The University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow will receive £8 million each to fund the training of the next generation of researchers, including 30 PhD students across both cities.
- The funding will also go towards furthering research into brain tumors as well as pancreatic cancer research.



### **Lund University celebrate 350 years**

- Lund University's 350th anniversary celebrations have officially begun following a ceremony at the university.
- More than 250 public events have been planned over the year.
- The celebration will commemorate the education, research and teaching innovations and impact on the region and globally and will reflect the university's diversity and outreach.
- Full details of the programme, including events, courses, lectures and seminars, are available via the link below:

[Lund anniversary](#)



## Tecnológico de Monterrey renew collaboration agreement

- Tec de Monterrey and Santander have renewed their collaboration agreement in the areas of research, innovation, entrepreneurship and national and international mobility programmes.
- The partnership has been in place since 2008 and the renewed agreement included a donation to promote international mobility projects.
- The agreement has so far generated 18 million pesos in prize funding, the participation of more than 20,000 young entrepreneurs on over 5,500 projects.

## Educational Innovation



### Registration open for second iteration of U21 SOC

- Registration is open for the second instalment of the U21 Shared Online Course (SOC); 'Planetary Urbanisation: Global Challenges in a Changing World', for a date to be set in March/April 2017.
- Over the five week course participants will be introduced to the challenge of planetary urbanisation, working with students and staff from across disciplines from around the U21 network to understand how humans are responding to the global urban challenge.
- Whether a medic, scientist, social scientist, engineer or humanities scholar, the questions addressed will be relevant to the world you work and live in.
- For more details and materials, please contact Lavinia Winegar-Gott ([lavinia.winegar-gott@universitas21.com](mailto:lavinia.winegar-gott@universitas21.com)). A full course syllabus is available via the U21 SOC link below:
- To register for the course, please follow the link below:

[U21 SOC Register Here](#)

## Researcher Engagement



### Registration open for US Uniform Guidance workshops

- The University of Maryland (UMD) is running a series of workshops for U21 partners covering the Uniform Guidance regulations which cover all US funding.
  - These workshops are part of the UMD BRAKE initiative – Borderless Research Administration Knowledge Exchange.
  - A BRAKE workshop for European partners is being held at University College Dublin on 22-24 March 2017.
  - The workshop is open to all U21 research office staff and academic researchers who want to know more about US funding for foreign recipients.
- Registration is now open, sign up at:

[BRAKE Workshops](#)



### Research Collaboration Group meeting - save the date!

- The next Research Collaboration Group (RCG) meeting will take place at the University of Johannesburg on 18 – 19 May 2017.
- The meeting has been arranged to align with the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) annual conference which will take place from 22 - 25 May 2017 in Windhoek, Namibia.
- Members of the RCG are requested to save the date and further information will be available soon.
- Any queries regarding the RCG meeting should be directed to Christina Mellor ([christina.mellor@universitas21.com](mailto:christina.mellor@universitas21.com)).

## Student Experience



## U21 Global Ingenuity Challenge 2017 - Deadline Reminder

- The deadline for expressions of interest in the U21 Global Ingenuity Challenge is 15 February 2017.
- Confirmation of details of an ingenuity facilitator contact must be provided to Bernice Molloy ([bernice.molloy@universitas21.com](mailto:bernice.molloy@universitas21.com)) by this date.
- The challenge will run between 6 – 31 March 2017 and Prizes this year include an iPad Air 2 and Apple vouchers.
- For updates, please join our U21 GIC LinkedIn group: [LinkedIn](#)

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## People & Places



### UBC make appointments to the Office of the President

- The University of British Columbia have announced the appointments of Dr Weihong Song as Senior Adviser to the President on China and Julie Wagemakers as Executive Director, Office of the President.
- Dr Song has been actively promoting scientific and academic collaboration between Canada and China since joining UBC in 2001 and has been working as special adviser on academic relations with China and the university's collaborations.
- Ms Wagemakers joins the Office of the President following her role as Deputy Director of the Liu Institute for Global Issues.



### Edinburgh looking globally with new research projects

- The University of Edinburgh have announced two major research projects to help global communities.
- The first project is the development of solar-powered water purification system to provide remote communities in India with clean drinking water.
- The second project will see university researchers lend their expertise as part of the Forests 2020 project to protect the world's tropical rain forests.



### SJTU launch institute for philanthropy development

- Shanghai Jiao Tong University have set up an institute for philanthropic development to carry out research and provide professional guidance to charity organisations.
- The launch comes following China's first charity law came into effect in September 2016, and aims to provide professional operation experience to the 600,000 charity organisations currently operating in region.
- The institute will look to cultivate research talent as well as introduce international charity programmes.



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