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Eurodoc News

[Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment \(CoARA\)
established working_group_for Early- and Mid-Career
Researchers](#)



First Operational Working Groups and National Chapters

****Please note: more information on how to contact
each Working Group / National Chapter, plus
introductions and overviews will follow soon here****

First Operational Working Groups
and National Chapters

Call 2023 for Working Groups and
National Chapters

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Latest News

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FAQ Working Groups + National
Chapters

As the outcome of their first call, the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment established 5 National Chapters and 10 Working Groups, in which the Coalition members will exchange best practices, coordinate activities, develop toolkits, among many other planned activities. One of the CoARA WGs established in this first round is the Working group for Early-and-mid-Career Researchers (EMCRs) – Assessment and Research Culture, a proposal led by Eurodoc, with an active participation of various partners across Europe. See the announcement on the [CoARA website](#), and stay tuned for the news from the Working group’s first meetings. Please note that for now Working Groups are open to CoARA members only. If you would like to join the Coalition as a member, please [follow the link to sign up](#).

[Reflections on co-authorship practices](#)



Have you ever experienced significant discrepancies between general norms related to co-authorship and the actual practices that Doctoral candidates experience? How often do researchers have to grant at least one guest authorship to “a person in power”, and why do they do so? This power imbalance in academia is well-known and concerning. The

paper emphasises the undue importance of authorship in contemporary research evaluation, leading to compromised practices. The pressure to publish, driven by funding demands, can result in skewed power dynamics and norms that contradict academia's meritocratic ideals. To address these issues, the article supports the [Coalition on Reforming Research Assessment \(CoARA\)](#), an initiative by the European Commission to reform research assessment practices. The authors argue that traditional author lists fail to accurately represent contributions and advocate for the adoption of the [CRediT Contributor Roles Taxonomy](#). The paper also underscores the need for changes in research culture and the training of early career researchers (ECRs) in ethical authorship practices. It highlights the gap between current practices and a desired meritocratic norm, emphasising the importance of involving ECRs in shaping these changes and conducting further research on the subject. For an elaboration on this, we encourage you to read [this article](#).

[Eurodoc advocates for an action plan for mothers-scientists](#)



MOTHERS IN SCIENCE

Eurodoc realises that systemic inequalities and gender stereotypes still exist around Europe. This is very well reflected in the low rate of women, especially in STEM fields, as well as in the statistics on family planning among scientists, which disproportionately affects women. To highlight these problems in academia, a Mothers-in-Science initiative was founded to bring together individuals and organisations to improve policies and encourage their adoption. Eurodoc supports the Global Call

to Action for Mothers in Science and proposes the following core action steps. [You can find the Action Plan here.](#)

OPEN RESEARCH EUROPE

[How does open data apply to humanities and social sciences research?](#)



Over the past decade, open data has gained significant momentum, with funders and institutions implementing data-sharing policies to align with frameworks like [FAIR Data](#) principles. However, many discussions around open data

primarily focus on health and STEM research, while humanities and social sciences (HSS) research often receives less attention and integration into the research process. Open Research Europe has recently introduced [new guidelines](#) on open data and accessible source materials for HSS researchers. In the above documents, you can explore what open data means for HSS research, the benefits of data sharing in this field, and the necessary requirements when submitting HSS research to Open Research Europe.

[Latest achievements in the Open Research field and scientific publications](#)



The open research and scholarly publishing landscape is constantly evolving. From new funder initiatives to government-led policies, efforts to make open research practices the norm are gaining momentum

worldwide. In Europe, the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the [Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment](#)

([CoARA](#)), and Plan S have made significant strides in this area. The main focus is on open science. The Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union [has identified](#) research and innovation as a key focus in its programme for European competitiveness.

[The science of soft skills: What researchers should and should not do at the beginning of their careers](#)

Research Spotlight



Soft skills refer to the fundamental abilities in management, personal and interpersonal relationships that are essential for success in both professional and personal life. Each job requires a unique set of soft skills.

As a result, alongside scientific and technical skills, certain key soft skills are necessary for researchers to excel in today's global work environment. This article highlights the significance of communication and presentation skills, ethics, literature review, writing research protocols and grants, networking, and career opportunities for researchers. While these skills are crucial, many researchers tend to overlook them. [Sandra Alexandra Catherine Buttigieg's](#) article provides helpful tips to help researchers master these essential skills for their daily life.

Stakeholders & Partners News

[Building a Path as a Young Researcher: Navigating the Exciting Journey of Discovery](#)



Starting out as a young researcher can feel like navigating unexplored waters. It's driven by curiosity, passion, and the desire to uncover the

mysteries of the world. This path involves intellectual exploration,

constant questioning, and contributing to humanity's collective knowledge. In this article, we'll cover the key steps and strategies for building a rewarding and successful research career.

[How Open Science Can Catalyze Climate Change Action: Fostering Collaboration and Innovation](#)



The issue of climate change is a crucial global challenge that has far-reaching effects on the environment, societies, and economies. To tackle

this complex problem, we need to come up with innovative and comprehensive solutions. Open Science is a powerful tool in the fight against climate change, thanks to its values of transparency, collaboration, and unrestricted access to knowledge. This article explores how Open Science can make a significant impact on climate change by strengthening research, facilitating data sharing, promoting global collaboration, and empowering evidence-based decision-making.

Open Calls

[Science Gallery London at King's College London](#)



Deadline: 17 September 2023 at 23:59 CEST/GMT+1

[Science Gallery London at King's College London](#) is currently seeking applications from artists, creatives, community activists, and critical thinkers to take part in our Annual Season 2024 programme called "Resourceful". The programme will feature exhibited artworks and installations, music and performance

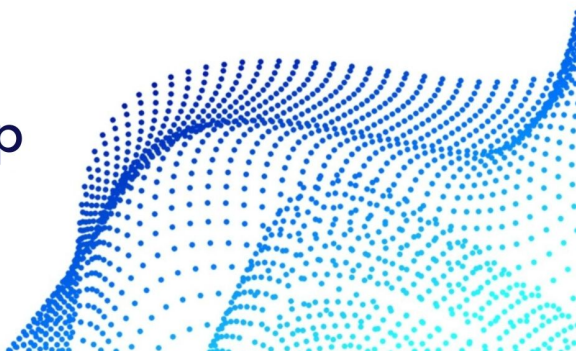
nights, workshops, film screenings, and discussions. We will identify projects for the Season through an open call, which will allow us to connect with creative practitioners who have ideas related to our broadly conceived theme. As we progress with our plans for the season over the next year, we will further develop this theme. When proposing a project, please keep in mind that our gallery is part of a university and has a specific purpose and principles, which you can find [here](#).

[Formation of first CoARA Working Groups and National Chapters](#)

CoARA

Coalition for Advancing
Research Assessment

Update on Working Group Call 2023



The Coalition is taking a big step forward in their goal to reform research assessment. They have appointed their first Working Groups and National Chapters from the pool of proposals they received. These groups are important to CoARA's mission because they allow for collaboration and mutual learning on specific areas related to research assessment. Members will share knowledge and experiences to develop outputs that support CoARA's vision. The Steering Board was impressed with the quality of proposals and has decided to accommodate more Working Groups and National Chapters than initially anticipated. Ten Working Groups and five National Chapters have been approved to start their activities as part of CoARA. All groups are open for more members to join. There will be a second cut-off date for Working Group proposals in autumn 2023, and National Chapter proposals can be submitted at any

time. The Steering Board will review proposals and answer any questions: workinggroupcall@coara.eu

[The Global Young Academy's 2024 call for new members is now open](#)



Deadline: 20 September 2023 at 16:00 UTC

The [Global Young Academy](#) is in search of young, autonomous scholars who possess exceptional research capabilities and are committed to creating a positive impact. As a global organisation, the Academy values diversity and encourages all eligible candidates to apply, regardless of their race, colour, ethnicity, religion, creed, sex, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disabilities, or any other factors. The Academy strives to ensure that no single institution is overly represented in its membership and strongly encourages women, applicants from different minority groups, and those from diverse fields, including the natural, physical, and social sciences, as well as the arts, humanities, government, industry, and non-governmental sectors to apply. All applications will be considered without any discrimination. Please click the [link](#) to apply.

Open Calls for Ukrainian Researchers

[NWO and NRFU open call for collaboration between Dutch and Ukrainian researchers](#)

NWO and the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU) join forces in the new "NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine: NWO-NRFU Partnership Initiative 2023". Scientists in



Ukrainian will have the opportunity in this call to collaborate with scientists in the Kingdom of the Netherlands to pursue their scientific careers. The aim of this call is to encourage online participation of qualified researchers in Ukraine from all scientific disciplines in ongoing NWO projects

and to expand their professional network in the Dutch research community. The NWO project team can offer advice and information. Project leaders of an ongoing (or soon-to-be-started) NWO research project will have a temporary opportunity to have part of the project carried out at a knowledge institution in Ukraine by a researcher there. Project leaders can apply for funding to pay for an appointment of one researcher in Ukraine for 6 to 24 months plus material budget. A total of €250,000 is available for this scheme and a limit of a maximum of one grant per Ukrainian knowledge institution. Per project, a project leader can apply for a maximum of 25,000 euros. Applications can be submitted at any time from 11 September 2023. The final deadline is 8 April 2024 at 14:00 CET. Applications must reach NWO at least 2 months before the intended start of the Ukrainian partner's participation in the ongoing NWO project. Applications will be awarded on a first come - first served basis. You can learn more about the initiative at [NWO](#) and [NRFU](#) websites.

[A new opportunity for Ukrainian researchers working on life sciences](#)



International
**Human Frontier
Science Program**
Organization

The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) will continue the initiative “scientists for scientists” launched in 2022 to help Ukrainian scientists

affected by the war in their country. This initiative is firmly rooted in the fundamental principles of HFSP to foster peaceful international collaborations by engaging its global awardees community and by showing its solidarity to affected researchers providing continued support for their academic work.

Terms of reference: A new call is open for scientists involved in active HFSP research projects. Only current HFSP Research Grant team members or HFSP Fellows can apply to this initiative.

HFSP Research Grant team members or HFSP Fellows can apply for additional funding to their research projects with the intent to help scientists affected by the current conflict in Ukraine. Proposals for supplemental funds can be geared towards any type of activities that enables guest scientist(s) to be integrated in the HFSP funded project. Projects already supported in the first call in 2022 can apply for an extension provided the HFSP award is still active. Team members hosting Ukraine scientists within their HFSP project should inquire with HFSP for the modalities of the extension providing a scientific progress report and an updated research plan for the future work involving the Ukraine scientist. Extensions can only be granted for the remaining duration of the HFSP funded project, and will be funded on a pro rata basis for the remaining time of the project. [This initiative](#) will remain open until further notice or as long as resources remain available.

[Documenting Ukraine Grants: Applications Now Open](#)



[Applications for Documenting Ukraine grants](#) are open. These one-time grants of 5000 EUR enable Ukrainian intellectuals and creative professionals to work on documentation projects that establish and preserve a factual record — whether through reporting, gathering published source material, collecting oral testimony, or other means — or bring meaning to events through artistic interpretation and

intellectual reflection. Applications must be submitted through the IWM's online application form. The preferred language for the application is English. However, Ukrainian applications are also accepted. Application materials consist of:

- Letter of motivation (1-2 pages) that addresses the project's significance and how it relates to the mission of Documenting Ukraine;
- Project description (1-3 pages) including planned activities, information about who will be carrying out the project and their qualifications, and the desired outcome ;
- CV;
- Contact details of one reference person who is familiar with your work and can speak to its suitability for Documenting Ukraine.

Applications are due 29 September 2023 at 23:59 Vienna time (UTC+1:00). Candidates will be informed of the outcome of their application by mid-November 2023.

Upcoming Events

Open Science Fairs



Madrid, Spain, 25-27 September 2023

Come and join the 4th Open Science Fair Conference, an international event that is being organised under the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. OS FAIR 2023, which is an initiative of [OpenAIRE](#), a non-profit organisation that provides a permanent open scholarly communication infrastructure to support European research. This year's event will be co-organized with [FECYT](#), from the Spanish Ministry of

Science and Innovation, along with key European projects and global initiatives. OS FAIR 2023 is one of the significant events that will be organised under the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The primary goal of the Conference is to unite and empower open science communities and services, identify common practices related to open science and find the best synergies to deliver and operate services that work for many. Furthermore, the Conference aims to bring experiences from all around the world and learn from each other.



[Industry Days 2023](#)

Trade Fairs and Congress Center of
Málaga 4-6 October 2023

Industry leaders, policymakers, and experts will convene to drive digitalization, sustainability, and efficiency in production. [To join the event, please use the next form.](#)

[Science for Policy in Europe Conference](#)



10 - 11 October 2023

The Science for Policy in Europe conference aims to provide insight into how scientific advice can assist European policy makers in addressing the multifaceted challenges of today. The event will feature two days of engaging panel discussions, open debates, and networking opportunities. Attendees will have the option to participate in person or virtually, making it a hybrid event. The conference will prioritise scientific knowledge and evidence as the foundation for policymaking, enabling us to identify and analyse issues and devise effective solutions. Find the Registration Form [here](#).



MCAA Annual Conference & General Assembly

Milan, Italy
14 - 16 March 2024

The MCAA Annual Conference is scheduled to take place in Milan, Italy, from March 14 to 16, 2024. The conference theme is “10 Years of MCAA: Past, Present & Future”. We encourage session proposals that focus on MCAA's areas of interest and explore the organisation’s past, present, and future work. We value your interest in submitting a session proposal and appreciate your contributions to the success of our events. You can access the Session Proposal form by downloading the MSWord template provided [here](#), which can be collaboratively drafted.

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