Why CPD matters

Through delivering Continuing Professional Development (CPD) we support knowledge exchange and build partnerships by designing highly-relevant, professional development programmes for individuals and businesses.

As set out in the University’s Global Strategy 2020, we need to expand our professional development and executive education opportunities locally, nationally and internationally to support sharing knowledge, building partnerships and generating income.

Continuing Professional Development is an excellent way for academics to build links with industry, whilst also widening their own professional experience.

Benefits to you:

- Expanding skills and experience
- Building links with industry
- Leveraging greater research income
- Enhancing school income
- Improving personal reputation
- Developing career prospects

“Working with businesses has given us the opportunity to apply our expertise and skills to an entirely new field and show that it is relevant to the ‘real’ world.”

Drs Katharina Lorenz and Esther Eidinow, Department of Classics
Our services

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) team is a central resource which supports academics and schools from initial ideas right through to the final delivery of CPD courses. Our support will help enhance your reputation and research capacity via CPD.

Access our comprehensive support and expertise:
- Consultation and advice on developing initial CPD ideas
- Access to seed funding to support the development of CPD programmes
- Facilitating set-up and delivery of new CPD open courses
- Costing for your CPD activities
- Competitive CPD proposal and tender writing support
- In-depth insight and analysis into UK and international CPD markets
- Links to local, national and international industry
- Developing Cross Campus international CPD initiatives

International expertise

Working closely with teams at the Malaysia and China campuses, we are resourced to respond to CPD development needs across the whole institution. If you are interested in working with our campuses in Asia to provide international training solutions, contact us and we can help you to establish these links.
CPD Seed Fund: Bring your ideas to life

Did you know that there is a University fund to support development and set-up of CPD programmes?

The CPD Seed Fund can help bring your ideas to life! You can bid for seed funding of up to £2k in order to develop your CPD programmes. Up to 20 grants are available per year.

This can help with:
- Buy-out of staff time for CPD development
- Running pilot courses
- Developing distance learning content
- Marketing support
- Market research
- Payment of registered supplier fees

Application process: We are happy to work with you from ideas generation through to completion of your application. Contact us on: cpd@nottingham.ac.uk

The seed fund gave The Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology the resource to conduct a questionnaire-based survey, designed to evaluate attitudes toward an online course in evidence-based dermatology. The output of this survey acted as the firm foundation to design and deliver an online course.

"The CPD Seed Fund was invaluable for the development of our new online course. The funding enabled us to do in-depth research amongst people with an interest in evidence based dermatology around the world, to find out the specific areas in which they required training. As a result of this we developed our 'Critical Appraisal of Dermatology Trials' course. This has proven to be extremely popular, with over 2,000 people accessing it to date."

Dr Sonia Ratib & Dr Sally Wilkes, Assistant Professors, Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology

Meet the team

If you would like to explore any ideas that you have about developing new or existing Continuing Professional Development programmes, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the CPD team.

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