



Guest lecture:
“Funder-based open research publishing – removing barriers to publication”

Date: 14th September 2017

Time: 14:30-15:30

Venue: Wolfson Pavilion Lecture Theatre

Speaker: Dr Rebecca Lawrence

Rebecca Lawrence is Managing Director of F1000, providers of a series of tools and services to support the research community in writing, publishing, discovering and evaluating new scientific findings. She was responsible for the launch of the novel open science publishing platform F1000Research. She has subsequently led the initiative behind Wellcome Open Research, and many other funder- and institution-based publishing platforms that aim to start a new trajectory in the way scientific findings and data are communicated and ultimately research and researchers are evaluated. She is a member of the High-Level Advisory Group for the EU's Open Science Policy Platform. She has been co-Chair of a number working groups focussing on data and peer review, for organisations including the Research Data Alliance (RDA), CASRAI and ORCID. She has worked in STM publishing for 15 years, originally trained and qualified as a pharmacist, and holds a PhD in Cardiovascular Pharmacology.

Topic:

F1000 is working with numerous international research funders, such as the Wellcome, Gates Foundation and many others on a series of innovative open science publishing platforms that remove barriers to publication, ensuring research findings are quickly discoverable, and replaces evaluation by Journal Impact Factor with article-level assessment. These platforms use an author-driven approach where you and your collaborators can rapidly publish any of your results, from traditional narrative-based articles to incremental findings, methods, protocols, software tools, datasets and negative/null results. The platforms significantly change the role of publishers in the research ecosystem to facilitators rather than gatekeepers. We expect this to ultimately transform the way scientific findings are communicated as many other funders and research organisations join this movement with their own platforms, for the benefit of science.