

	Topics for Pre-Meeting Workshops	Participants	Timing	Meeting Venue
1	<i>(By invitation only)</i> Health systems interventions and innovations	25	9:00 – 3:30 pm	The Curve
2	<i>(By invitation only)</i> SEACOVARIANTS	50	8:00 - 4:15 pm	The River II & III
3	Crafting your future: A careers workshop for early-stage researchers	30 - 50	1:00 - 3:30 pm	The River I
4	Policy Engagement	25 - 30	12:30 - 4:30 pm	Silver Wave I & II
5	Support and resources available to Oxford-employed early career researchers	20 - 25	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Ravipa I & II

### Further details of each workshop

#### 1) Health systems interventions and innovations

The interactive in person meeting targets those already conducting - or planning to conduct - health system research aimed at identifying, introducing and/or evaluating interventions and change processes in health systems. There will be overviews of the range of health policy and systems research being conducted in TGHN, OUCRU, KEMRI-WT and MORU, and sharing of ideas on current and future collaborative research areas.

##### Presenters:

- Introduction by Professor Mike English
- Inputs from many including Edwine Barasa, Sonia Lewycka, Jake McKnight, Michuki Maina, Sebastian Fuller, Sassy Molyneux, Dorothy Oluoch, Edna Mutua, Mary Chambers and Ha Ngugen

There will be limited numbers of participants; if anybody would like to join or need further information, please contact Sassy Molyneux ([smolyneux@kemri-wellcome.org](mailto:smolyneux@kemri-wellcome.org)) before register [here](#).

#### 2) SEACOVARIANTS (Southeast Asia Initiative to Combat SARS-CoV-2 Variants)

A Wellcome-funded consortium (<https://www.oucr.org/project/seacovariants/>). SEACOVARIANTS aims to develop and apply a multidisciplinary research platform in Southeast Asia for rapid assessment of the biological significance of SARS-CoV-2 variants and emerging viral pathogen threats. It is delivered by the Vietnam and Thailand Wellcome Africa Asia Programmes, bringing together a multidisciplinary team in Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam with partners in Singapore, the UK and the USA. This second annual meeting will be an opportunity for the SEACOVARIANTS investigators to present their most recent research findings, and to discuss further collaborations and future funding applications.

This is a closed meeting. For more information, please contact the project coordinator Ms Le Nguyen Truc Nhu ([nhuint@oucr.org](mailto:nhuint@oucr.org))

### 3) Crafting your future: A careers workshop for early-stage researchers

Navigating your career path can be a daunting prospect for a junior researcher. Where should I go next? What skills do I need? What options are out there? Who can help me?

Join us for an interactive session to explore the general philosophies of research life, discover the importance of mentorship, uncover your skills gaps, learn from the wisdom of others and plan for the future.

Activities: Short talks and group learning on: a) Mentorship, b) Wisdom/General philosophy, c) Skills & Planning/Transferable skills. Final Q&A with full speaker/moderator panel

#### Moderators:

- Wirichada Pan-ngum – MORU
- Direk Limmathurotsakul – MORU
- Leigh Jones – OUCRU/MORU

This is an open workshop which anyone can register [here](#). For more information, please contact the project coordinator Pawadee Boonyakanjanapon ([pawadee@tropmedres.ac](mailto:pawadee@tropmedres.ac))

### 4) Policy Engagement Workshop

This interactive, in-person workshop will provide early career researchers and policy engagement practitioners in the OTN with the knowledge and skills needed to engage effectively with key stakeholders in the policy making and policy making environment.

#### Presenters:

- Katrina Lawson, Communications and Policy Engagement Manager – OUCRU
- Tran Ngo, Policy Engagement Coordinator – OUCRU
- Hong Nguyen, Policy Engagement Coordinator - OUCRU

#### Learning Objectives:

- a. Develop a basic understanding of the concept and practice of policy engagement
- b. Apply their knowledge to a case study on engaging with policy stakeholders
- c. Identify potential policy engagement components for your own project, when applicable.

#### Outline (Around 4 hours)

- Icebreaker (15-20 minutes)
- Introduction to Policy Engagement
- What is policy engagement? (10 minutes - Quiz)
- Presentation on OUCRU Policy Engagement (15 minutes)
- Presentations on other Policy Engagement programmes by other OTN members (30 minutes)
- Who are your policy stakeholders? (10 minutes - Interactive question)
- Tea break (20 minutes)
- Case study (90 minutes - Group discussion and role playing)
- Discussion

- How can we effectively engage with each other and leverage from the OTN Network to build community practices? (30 minutes - Group discussion)
- Closing remarks (10 minutes - QR for feedback)

This is an open workshop which anyone can register [here](#). For more information, please contact Katrina Lawson ([klawson@oucru.org](mailto:klawson@oucru.org))

## 5) Support and resources available to Oxford-employed early career researchers

Organized by Translational Research Office (TRO), Medical Science Division and MOTIP, MORU.

**Participants:** 25 ppl (*Oxford employed researchers, postdoc or Oxford Students only.*)

The workshop session will be introduction the support and resources available to Oxford-employed early career researchers. The session highlights the translational research funding opportunities available through oxford includes the panel discussion on the global health research ecosystem to encourage engagement and innovation within global health research and increase collaboration and support for global health research.

### Agenda:

- Support and resources available to Oxford-employed early career researchers  
[lead: Leila Whitworth; duration: 30 mins]
- MSD, Translational Research Office - How can we support you?  
[lead: Deepak Kumar; duration: 20 mins]
- Translational and Global Health funding opportunities  
Note: here we would talk about MLSTF and Equitable Access to Healthcare funding schemes  
[leads: Deepak Kumar and Jo Miller; duration 20 mins]
- Panel Discussion: What would the ideal Oxford Global Health ecosystem look like? The stepping stone in maximising full potential of resources and expertise to create impact.  
[MODERATOR: Leila Whitworth; PANEL MEMBERS: Alan Bernstein, Leila Whitworth, Jo Miller, Deepak Kumar, Nick Day [Duration; 40 mins]

This is an open workshop which anyone can register [here](#). For more information, please contact Maneerat Ekkapongpisit ([maneerat@tropmedres.ac](mailto:maneerat@tropmedres.ac))