

Welcome to *Postdoc in the News*, our monthly news service covering emerging postdoc issues and career links for you.

## Issues in Research

**Exploited peers.** Radical options for [reforming a seemingly broken academic quality review system](#).

**Reviewer rewards.** The results of two small trials by publishers to test [the effect of compensating reviewers](#).

**Audio scholarship.** Urban Studies journal has been experimenting with speeding up publication using [peer-reviewed podcasts](#).

**Resist or regulate?** A small study of ChatGPT's influence on written output has produced [recommendations for managing use of AI tools](#).

**Ethical sourcing.** Publisher Wiley has reaffirmed its commitment to [protecting research material from 'AI scraping'](#), touting its own licensing framework.

**The research journey.** Even highly successful academic careers can involve [serial doubts and uncertainty](#).

**New-look Norway.** The country's research environment is set to get easier for [non-Norwegian language speakers](#).

## Skills & Strategies

**Persuasive politics.** Pragmatic, practical advice on [how to engage effectively with politicians and government officials](#).

**Reasonable solutions.** How to [make your research count in public policy](#), especially at the state and local level.

**Flipped funding model.** For researchers suffering the effects of cuts, [crowdfunding may be part of the solution](#).

**Abandon perfection.** Relevant to all scholars, since not only general well-being but also [research outcomes depend on prioritising basic human needs](#).

**Modelling research.** What it means, and what it takes, for PhD supervisors to ['lead by example'](#).

**Straight talk.** If a toxic environment deprives you of opportunities, [how do you address the resulting achievement gap?](#)

**Change of view.** If you're feeling stymied by the detailed specifications in a job description, [try again while assuming you are indeed qualified](#).

**Tools of the trAlde.** A guide to some of the most effective current [AI tools to support research-linked tasks](#).

## Career Paths

**Your 'dream home'.** An [effective job search](#) starts months before you apply.

**Postdoc pathways.** The UK-led [Prosper initiative](#) offers resources including a section dedicated to [exploring where a postdoc can take you](#).

**ECR in admin.** The benefits of a [postdoc fellowship in administration](#) and why universities themselves should offer them.

**Monetising scholarship.** A freelance history writer whose career illustrates that [academic skills can generate value in any work setting](#).

## Serious Research

**Picture this.** The 2025 ScientistAtWork photo competition has closed but you can feast your gaze on [stunning winners from previous years](#).