

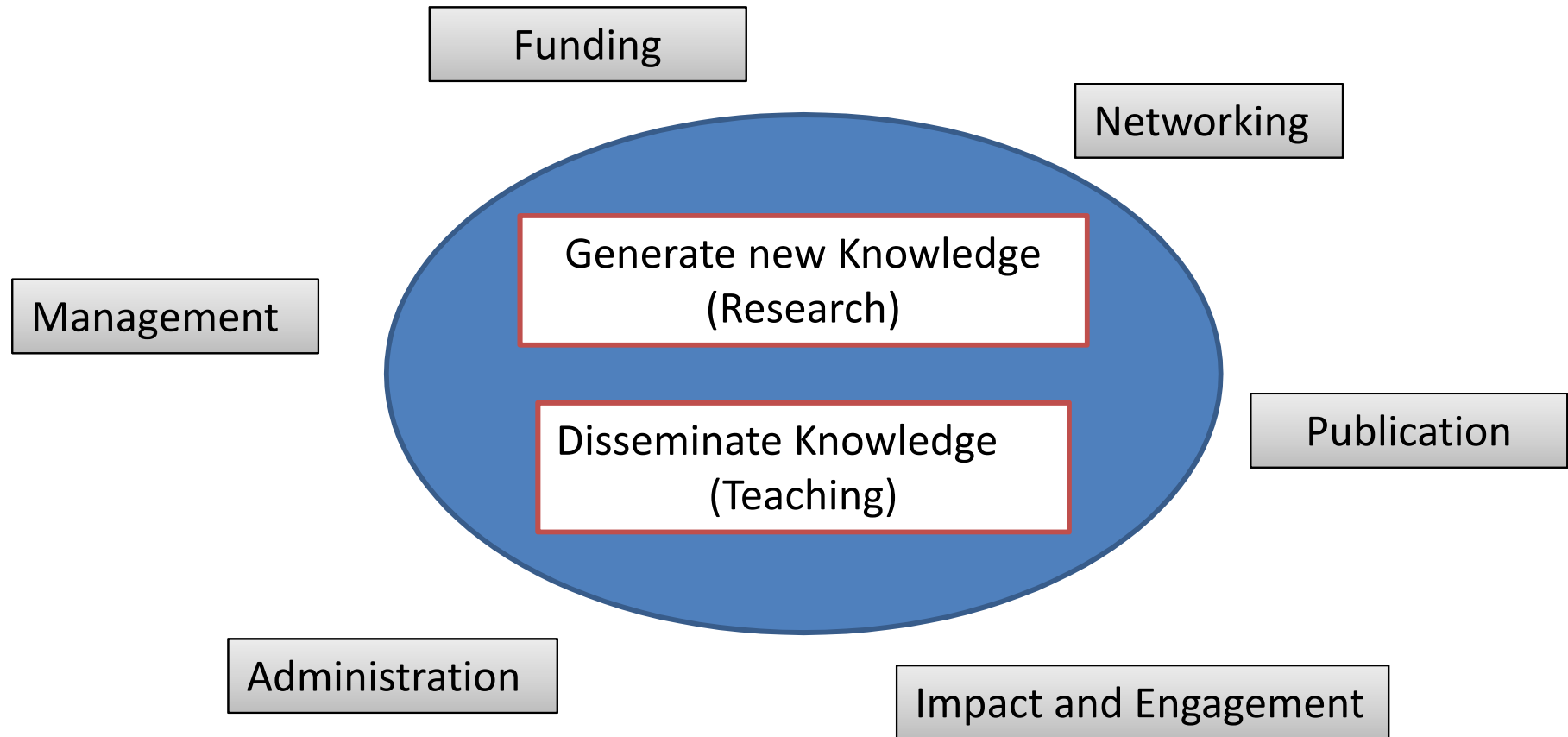


Standing out from the crowd

What might contribute to establishing a successful academic career?

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What is an academic career?



“ 19% of UK PhD holders were in higher education research roles 3.5yrs after receiving their doctorate”

Vitae Survey 2010



Standing Out From The Crowd



A Good Investment

- Research Outputs
- Independent vision – Where next? Why? How?
- Pro-active and self motivated

Someone who has a track record of:

- Getting things **done**
- Is not short of **ideas**
- Awareness of **wider** research environment
- Knows what they want to do **next**
- Has a clear plan of **how** they are going to do it

Need evidence of proactivity & a plan



How To Talk About Your Track Record

- Take my research in a **new** direction **by**....
- **Engage** with scholars specialising **in**
- I recently collaborated **with**...**leading to**...
- Article/event will be **useful to**.....
- I have **organised**...
- I **established, set-up, contributed to**....
- Invite leading scholars **including**...
- Develop profile **by**...
- Disseminated work through website which **has** xxxx hits

Statements all evidenced based and help convey credibility, plan, vision and proactivity.



What Counts?

- Publications, monographs, book contracts - *active researcher*
- Invited talks at workshops, seminars conferences - *recognised researcher*
- Set up or join a research network – *engaged/proactive researcher*
- Run an event - *raise your profile*
- Get on an editorial board - *peer to peer learning*
- Join a Committee or Research body/society - *expand your contacts*
- Generate Impact – *Funders like Impact; Understand what it is and get involved in delivering it*
- Get funding for your ideas – *independent thought and the ability to persuade others of it's worth*



Funding available to Early Career Researchers

- Fellowships - *Individual awards aimed at establishing academic careers*
- Research Grants – *More focussed on project. Eligible?*
- Travel bursaries – *Conference attendance, research trips. Small, but important start point*
- Prizes & Medals - *Esteem indicators, very important*

More information – Talk to RIS, Funder websites, training events, Research Fortnight




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<https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1766921/>

Institute of Advanced Study

- Founded 2007
- Supports academic research with focus on:
 - Interdisciplinary, Innovative, International Collaboration
 - Visiting Fellowships, networks, speculative meetings, support for grant development, public engagement, outreach etc.
- Offers support for Warwick postdoctoral community
 - 190 fellows supported to date
 - Annual cohort of 35-40 fellows, typically representing more than 20 different departments
 - **Early Career Fellowship** scheme running since 2008



ECFs: The Scheme

- Designed to support **Warwick doctoral candidates** in the transition phase between their doctoral and postdoctoral careers
- Part-time (max.50%), **6-10 month** Fellowships
- Tax-free bursary to attend training workshops
- ECF candidates **MUST** have a thesis submitted for examination by start of fellowship (OK if viva takes place during the Fellowship)

2 cohorts each year: typically 20 fellowships awarded per year:

Cohort 1: deadline early *June 2016*

Thesis submitted between 1 May 2016 – 30 September 2016

Take up fellowships *October 2016*

Cohort 2: deadline *January 2017*

Thesis submitted between 1 October 2016 – 30 April 2017

Take up fellowships *April 2016*



Early Career Fellowship Programme

Provides time to:

- Develop independent research profile
- Explore research / career opportunities
- Widen perspective
- Practical development

CV - fill in gaps and selling yourself!

Presenting with clarity, Interview training

Media, public engagement & Outreach

Teaching, REF, Publications

Organise a workshop

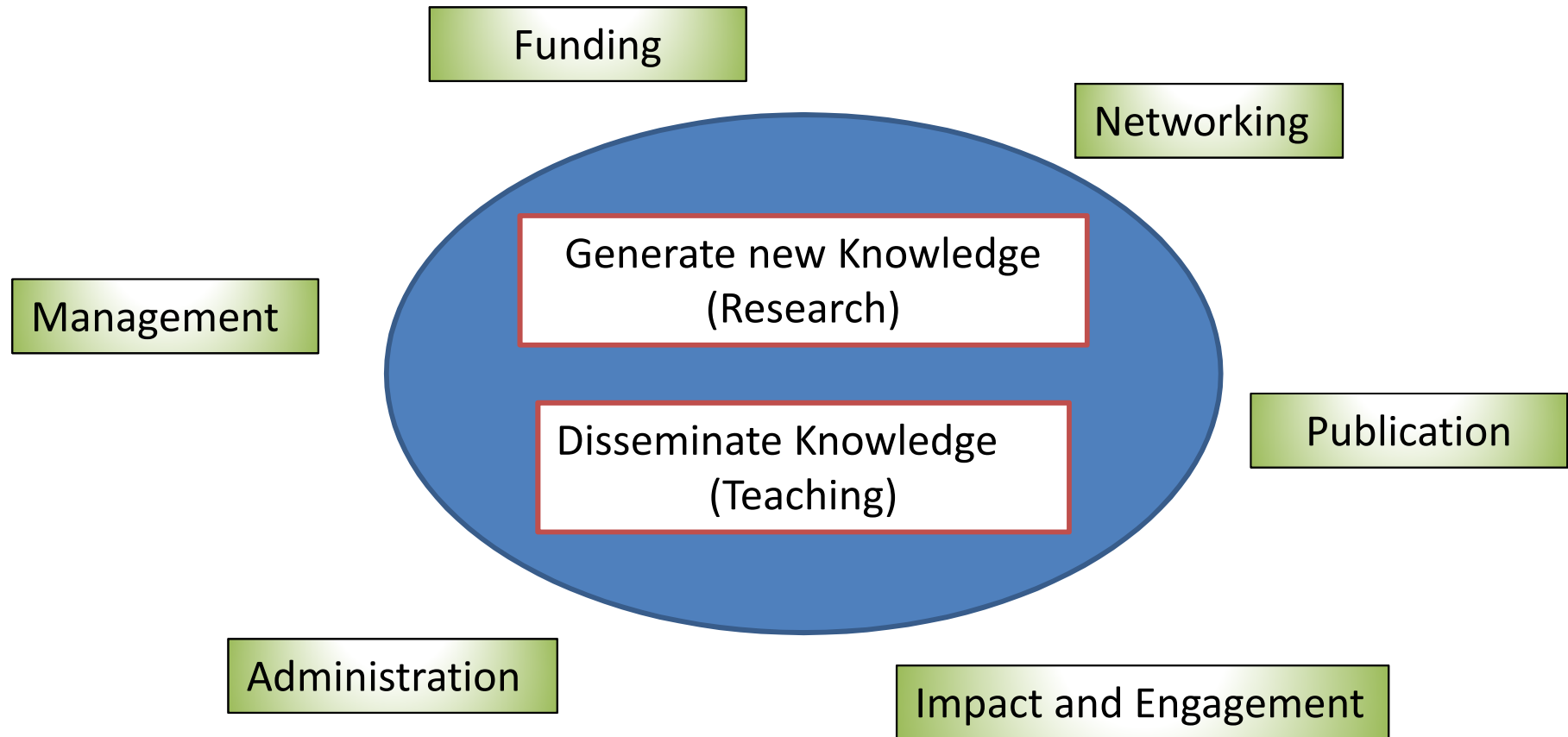


ACE: Academic Careers and Employment Programme

- **Research presentation:** conveying your work clearly to different audiences
- **Interview training:** make your mistakes when it doesn't count!
- **Academic careers:** what you need to know
 - What is REF?
 - Media and Public Engagement
 - How to do Fellowship and Grant applications
 - Where to publish? What is CV pollution?



Establishing an academic career



In Summary.....

- Understand the role and what it involves
- Identify the gaps in your track record
- Put a plan in place to address these (long term)
- Be resilient – success rates are low, rejection is common
- Develop a personal vision for your future career - **what is your distinct niche?**
- What is the bigger picture? (REF, TEF, Nurse report, RUK)
- Get training and support from others
- Know your prospective employer/funder
- You have to make it happen, but there is plenty of support and experience available



