Upcoming Events

28 July  Workshop on Writing Assessment Criteria and Standards  
When: 1:00pm  
Register: via the TEDI website  

28 July  Briefing Sessions: Continuing Professional Development: Why and How to pursue your CPD idea. Conducted by Prof Robert Hendy and Prof Lynn Robinson  
When: 2-3.30pm  
Where: James Birrell Rm, UQ Club  
Bookings: cipl@uq.edu.au  
More info: www.uq.edu.au/cipl

16 Aug  Presentation: COALA project (by Prof Nitta from Yokkaichi University, Japan)  
The Coal industry by-product Applied to Land rehabilitation project aims to assess the feasibility of enhancing greenhouse gas reduction by sodic/alkali land reclamation in Australia using Japanese Flue Gas Desulphurisation gypsum.  
When: 2pm  
Register: klaus@uq.edu.au

16 Aug  SASD Seminar, Examinations and Assessment  
When: 2:00pm – 3:00pm  
Where: Senate Room

18 Aug  2010 Keith Hancock Public Lecture will be delivered by Prof Stuart Macintyre, Ernest Scott Professor of History from the University of Melbourne. Stuart will present from his recently released book: “The Poor Relation: A history of the social sciences in Australia”.  
When: 6pm  
Where: Room 212, Sir Llew Edwards Building GPN4  
Register: Admission is free but bookings are essential so please RSVP to c.mellor@uq.edu.au or ph: 3346 7344.

Visas

Change to visa nomination fees for occupational trainees

The Federal Government has changed the application fee for occupational trainees from $140 to $145 effective for nominations lodged after 1 July 2010. The School’s Guidelines for appointments for occupational trainees is found at  
http://www.mechmining.uq.edu.au/  (Click on staff resources). If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Kim Lamb or Bojan Vlacic.

Clickers

Information and tips on clicker use and set up is available on the School website  
(http://www.mechmining.uq.edu.au/  click on staff resources).

New Staff

To all Academic Staff NEW to Australia and NEW to UQ - you are invited to attend an induction session for new academic staff who are new to Australia and new to The University of Queensland. This session will be held on Monday August 9th at 10am - International House (Building #36A) Seminar Room, Rock Street, St Lucia campus.

This workshop focuses on the challenges specifically facing new international academic staff and provides an opportunity to:
- gain valuable information on teaching within an Australian context, as well as resources and support services available at UQ,
- receive advice from experienced UQ academics with an international background,
- network with other new staff; and
- discuss personal experiences.

If you would like to enroll in this 3 hour session please use the URL below:  
Teaching Excellence Awards

In 2010, the School introduced Teaching Excellence awards to recognise and reward individuals or small teams who are renowned for the excellence of their teaching and make a significant contribution to the outstanding teaching and learning achievements in the School. These awards are an annual celebration of teaching and teaching excellence in the School and successful awards are the basis of a submission to the Faculty and University teaching awards. There are up to 2 awards in total granted each year: one for Teaching Excellence and the other for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. Winners will receive a certificate and $2,500 which will be deposited into the staff member’s ACA (consulting) account.

The nomination form is available online here: http://www.mechmining.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=112407&pid=110994 and under staff resources on the School website.

Awards

EAIT Research Innovation & Supervision Award
EAIT Research Innovation & Supervision Award Applications **close on 30 July**, so it is important to get your nominations under way. The awards are designed to recognise and reward outstanding research, innovation and supervision excellence in the Faculty. Follow the link to further information: http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=131802&pid=0

UQ Travel Awards for International Collaborative Research for 2011
UQ provides funds annually to enable distinguished overseas researchers to travel to this University, to collaborate with colleagues (Category 1), and UQ staff to travel overseas to conduct international collaborative research (Category 2). Applications are currently being accepted for awards for travel in 2011. Applications are due to the HOS by 16 August and you can find further information online: http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-travel-awards.

WiT (Women in Technology) Awards
The WiT Awards recognise outstanding women for their contributions to the technology industry. There are eight award categories to choose from including two dedicated to recognising the success and achievement of women working and studying in the infotech industry, three for the biotech industry and two awards open to women from any technology discipline. Nominations are due by 5 August 2010, and further information is available here: http://www.wit.org.au.

Fellowships and Scholarships

**FirstLink Fund 2010 - Round 2**
The FirstLink Fund provides development funds for ARC **Linkage Projects** and NHMRC **Development Grant** applications. Funding can be used to support such items as travel costs or research assistance and applicants should clearly demonstrate how the provision of FirstLink funding will make an external grant application more competitive. Funding of up to $3,500 per application may be provided and applications are due by 24 August. Further information is available online: http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-firstlink

**Education cooperation projects**
DEEWWR has announced the next round of funding for education cooperation projects between the European Union and Australia. This new funding round includes opportunities to submit applications for Joint Mobility projects (JMP) or Joint Degree projects (JDP). More information about the funding scheme can be found at: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/ici-ecp/funding/2010/call_2010_en.htm An application form for Australian applicants is available at: http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/Programs/Pages/StudentProfessionalMobility.aspx Please submit your application to the DVC (Academic) by 16 August 2010.

**2011 AINSE Research Awards**
AINSE provides funds to assist researchers from member universities to gain access to ANSTO and other AINSE facilities. Awards are awarded for one year commencing in January. Further information is available online: http://www.ainse.edu.au/ainse/for_academic_researchers/ainse_awards.html

**UQ Collaboration and Industry Engagement Fund**
The UQ Collaboration and Industry Engagement Fund (UQ CIEF) is a new internal scheme that has been established as a mechanism to support the development of highly competitive ARC **Linkage Projects** and NHMRC **Development Grants**, by funding pilot research that will facilitate the establishment of new or emerging linkages with Partner Organisations. Applications should be submitted to R&I by Tuesday 14 September 2010, further information is available online: http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-cief

**UQ Early Career Researcher (ECR) Grants scheme**
Applications are now open for the UQ ECR Grants scheme for funding commencing in 2011. The scheme aims to encourage research by new members of staff; provide limited seed funding as a means of generating external research support; and to support, on a competitive basis, high quality research projects of modest financial cost from early career researchers. Applications must be submitted to R&I by 10 September 2010. Information on the scheme is available online http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-ecr
The UQ Summer Scholarship Program and the Undergraduate Students’ Experience in Research (USER) Network are holding a **lunch in week 2 for ALL researchers** and students interested in research within the EAIT Faculty. Here is your opportunity to:

1. Enjoy a free lunch with enthusiastic undergraduate students who want to hear about research at UQ,
2. Look for students striving for a **summer research scholarship** to complete a over the holiday, AND
3. Look for soon-to-graduate students to join your research group.

The USER Network (**www.uq.edu.au/science/usser**) is one of the key Undergraduate Research Experience programs which introduces students to the research culture of UQ, throughout their degree. The USER Network is a flexible, informal program which allows intrigued students to gain deeper insights into what real research is all about, and the exciting discoveries being made at UQ.

This semester we will be holding a series of lunches encompassing all disciplines of UQ. The “Meet the Research Team Lunches” are a “speed dating style” lunch where 4-6 students and a researcher can have a 10-15 minute conversation about research and career paths. Once time is up, the researcher moves to the next table to meet with a second and third group of students.

The USER Network Team would like to invite you to join our Meet the Research Team Lunch for this semester in:

**Week 2 on Wednesday the 4th of August**
12noon - 1pm
Chemistry Podium (lvl 3), Bldg 68

If you would like to participate in this lunch please email Nicole van der Burg at: **user.network@uq.edu.au**.

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**UQ Wellness – Walk@Work initiative**

Walking is a fun and practical way of improving and maintaining your health at work. UQ Wellness and the Walk@Work team (led by Dr Nick Gilson, School of Human Movement Studies) are excited to be able to offer staff an opportunity to join a physical activity initiative with a “sit less, move more” goal. Walk@Work starts in early August and can be tailored to your work needs through online support. For more details or to register your interest, please go to: **walk@work initiative**.

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**Exams: Exemption from release of paper from sem 2, 2010**

The School is required to submit a report to the Assessment Subcommittee for courses where the course coordinator requests the examination paper be exempt from release. If you would like to exempt your exam paper for semester 2, 2010 from release, then you must demonstrate that there are exceptional circumstances that will significantly compromise the educational value of the examination if the examination question paper is released. Full details of the exemption criteria are provided in **HUPP 3.30.1 Assessment** [http://www.uq.edu.au/hupp/index.html?page=25109&pid=25075], but particular attention should be paid to the following points:

- If a school is permitted to withhold an examination paper from release, students must be given exemplar examination questions that are in the same format, and cover the same learning objectives of the course.
- The relevant head of school is responsible to initiate annual confirmation that the educational basis on which the original judgment was made is unchanged, and will so notify to the Assessment Subcommittee – this may be indicated for individual courses on the report.
- Where non-release of examination question papers is agreed, it is imperative for course coordinators to provide materials to help students prepare for the assessment and to give them feedback on their performance.

Please submit your request to the HoS by 23 August 2010.