Upcoming Events

01 Oct  Final examination timetable has been released
https://my.uq.edu.au/#

04 Oct  Scope and limitations of the use of technology for STEM education seminar.
Prof Carmel McNaught, exploring uses of technology that might enhance teaching and learning, and discussing pragmatic solutions to the challenges in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) education
When: 3pm-4pm
Where: Skerman Building (65), Room R305
RSVP: http://tinyurl.com/tedi-seminar

05 Oct  School Meeting - Milestones
All staff and RHD students to attend a session on the School’s new Milestone Guidelines.
When: 12pm-1pm
Where: 50-T105
Free BBQ to follow

11 Oct  Special Education Symposium
When: 9.00am to 12noon
Where: McElwain Building (24A), Room 306
RSVP: dvca.office@uq.edu.au by 5 October

2011 Academic Calendar

Senate has approved the academic calendars for 2011-2013 and they are available online:

QAAFI

The Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI) was created as an institute of UQ last year. They have three centres – the Centre for Nutrition and Food Science, the Centre for Animal Science and the Centre for Plant Science. If you have any existing or potential future collaborations with these centres, please email Kim Lamb with the details by 11 October.

Workplace Health and Safety

Please note that you must comply with the minimum PPE for any lab you enter. Check with the lab supervisor for details.

Graduate School news

Domestic research higher degree scholarships will now be allocated in rounds from November this year. From 2011, scholarships for domestic applicants will be allocated in four rounds.

All theses must be sent to examiners by the Graduate School. If a thesis is sent from the School directly to the examiner then the Graduate School will annul any subsequent report from that examiner. This will inevitably delay the examination of the thesis, so please refrain from sending any thesis.

Pakistan Monsoon Floods 2010 Fundraising appeal

The UQ Pakistan Students Association is collecting donations for the Pakistan Monsoon Floods 2010 Fundraising appeal. All funds raised will be donated to Pakistani NGOs. You can donate at the School office and follow how the money is spent on
www.uqpaksa.wordpress.com
CSC top-ups

The China Scholarships Council (CSC) stipend will increase effective from 1 September 2010 to:

- Undergraduate: A$19,200/yr
- Master/PhD: A$20,400/yr*
- Visiting scholar: A$21,600/yr
- Senior research scholar: A$25,200/yr

*Enrolling units may seek financial assistance for the stipend top-up from the Graduate School through the TUAP (Top-Up Assistance Plan).

This increase is for commencing and existing students. Although the RHD stipend increase falls short of the Australian Postgraduate Award rate, it is an important and positive development for attracting and retaining exceptional Chinese scholars.

Conferences

ICCST/8
The 8th International Conference on Composite Science and Technology (ICCST/8) will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from March 22 - 24, 2011. Further information is available on the Conference website: [http://www.eng.upm.edu.my/iccst8/](http://www.eng.upm.edu.my/iccst8/)

22nd International Mining Congress and Exhibition
The 22nd International Mining Congress and Exhibition of Turkey will be held in Ankara during May 11-13 2011. This well recognized event is being organized biennially by the Chamber of Mining Engineers of Turkey to focus on the recent scientific and technical developments in the world mining industry. Additional details are given on congress website [http://www.imcet.org.tr](http://www.imcet.org.tr)

SECaT

The DVC (Academic) has advised that the Evaluation Services team has received useful advise from the University community identifying areas for clarification to enhance the roll out of the SECaT. Major changes will be held off until 2011, so the semester 2, 2011 will run in the same format as semester 1. Please note:

- Thesis based courses are exempt from this process.
- Classes with fewer than 6 enrolments should use an open-ended instrument. No reports can be generated for these courses.
- Online surveys are possible under certain circumstances
- Course coordinators should remind students if the members of the teaching team when the SECaT is administered (e.g. PowerPoint with photos and names of teaching staff may be helpful).

Awards, Scholarships, Fellowships

2011 UQ Major Equipment and Infrastructure (MEI) funds and 2010 NHMRC Equipment Grant grants
Applications are open for 2011 MEI grants. Conditions of award and application forms can be accessed from the URL below. The School will fund half of the 20% from operating funds (up to $25k) and the rest of the School’s contribution would come from the research group or other funds. Completed applications need to be submitted to the Head of School on or before 20 October. Application forms are available for download from [http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-mei](http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-mei)

ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS (ROUND 2) FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN JULY 2011
The application form for Linkage Projects Round 2, 2011 is now available through the ARC's online RMS application system. The Instructions to Applicants and Frequently Asked Questions can be accessed at: [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_instructions.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_instructions.htm). A deadline of Friday 22 October has been set by the School for the Head’s signature.

2010 UQ Trans-Pacific Fellowships
Applications are now open under the second round of the UQ Trans-Pacific Fellowships (TPF) initiative. The University’s TPF awards aim to support high-quality strategic research exchanges for UQ staff and students to the University of Washington. The due date is 29 October 2010, and for further information please refer to [http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/trans-pacific-fellowships-141173](http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/trans-pacific-fellowships-141173)

CSIRO OCE Postdoctoral Fellowship 2010

Evolving biomolecules on a microchip (Ref: 2010/619)
CSIRO is looking for a talented researcher to help drive the exciting development of microdroplet based microfluidic platforms for evolving enzyme molecules. The postdoctoral fellow will join a multidisciplinary team to develop cutting edge microchip technologies to enable the synthesis, assay and sorting of new enzyme molecules. Visit [www.csiro.au/people/Careers.html](http://www.csiro.au/people/Careers.html) for further details.

Australian Ambassador Speaker Series

An annual Australian Ambassador Speakers Series is being established at the Australian Embassy in Washington from 2011. The series will present a program of up to eight distinguished Australian speakers on key policy areas for the Australian government which reflect the current goals for the Embassy. If you are planning a trip to the US in 2011 and are interested in being considered as a speaker, please contact the Head of School.
Congratulations

2010 Australian Awards for University Teaching
UQ has received two awards for teaching excellence and one award for programs that enhance learning, announced by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. Each award comes with a $25,000 prize. The winners will officially receive their awards at a ceremony in Canberra on November 16. The 2010 UQ winner of the Award for Programs that Enhance Learning was Dr Mehmet Kizil (Educational Partnerships and Collaborations with Other Organisations) for Mining Education Australia. MEA was developed to deliver a common undergraduate course in mining engineering across Australia. This unique initiative was developed in response to increased demand for mining industry professionals in an environment of limited funding within the traditional university environment and a critical shortage of suitably qualified academic staff.

UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award
Dr Yong Wang was awarded a UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award at an award ceremony in late September. Dr Wang receives $85,000 for his research into the photocatalytic and mechanical properties of titanium nanosheets, to aid in the development of high-quality photocatalysts for hydrogen production, clean energy and environmental protection. Details about the event are online: http://www.uq.edu.au/news/index.html?article=21941

Faculty of EAIT Research, Innovation and Supervision Awards for 2010
Congratulations to Dr Dong Qiu who received an Early Career Research Award. This award recognises an outstanding research contribution made by an early career researcher. Dr Qiu was presented with his award by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) Professor Max Lu at a special inaugural function in late September.

UQ Undergraduate Research Conference
Undergraduate student Alex Leemon has participated in the UQ Undergraduate Research Conference. Alex’s presentation was on “Materials Substitutions and Life-Cycle Analysis of Heavy-Duty Trucks“, and he is supervised by Associate Professor Carlos Caceres.

VIPAC Advanced Dynamics and Vibrations Prize
Congratulations to the winners of the VIPAC Advanced Dynamics & Vibrations Prize for 2009. The group prize was awarded to the Snare Drum Vibrations team of MECH3200 students: Mr Andrew Street; Mr Shane Quinnell; Mr William Parke; Mr Mitchell Witt; Mr Yoshiyasu Ogyu; Mr Hugh Francis; Miss Monica Dryden; and Mr Wing Hin Chan. The awards were presented by Dr Darren van Tweek, Manager Queensland Vipac Engineers & Scientists at a ceremony last week. This group also won the “Golden Shockie“ trophy for the best demonstration last year.

Telstra Young Business Woman of the Year
Congratulations to BMA Maintenance and Engineering Manager (and UQ alumni) Melanie Gordon, who has won the Queensland Telstra Young Business Woman of the Year Award. The first female appointed to such a position by BMA in an Australian operation, Melanie also won QRC's Resources Award for Women in 2008.

Reminder: MS Moonlight Walk
22 Oct 2010
The Faculty has organised a team, EAIT Moonwalkers, to do the 10k MS Moonlight Walk on 22 October (it starts about 5:00 pm). To register and/or donate, please go to www.moonwalk.com.au.
- If you want to walk go to “Enter on Line” and click on “join a team”. Look for EAIT Moonwalkers on the list (or the name Kim Lamb) and follow the prompts at the right hand of the page.
- If you wish to donate, go to “Donate” then look for EAIT Moonwalkers on the list (or the name Kim Lamb) and follow the prompts at the right hand side of the page.
- If you wish to make a cash donation, please drop it off at the School office in the Hawken Engineering Building room C212.
Thank you in advance for helping us raise money for people with MS.