Upcoming Events

01 Nov  Teaching and Learning Showcase (page 3)

17 Nov  “What you can do to reduce your risk of cancer” - a free staff lunchbox seminar presented by Professor Ian Frazer.
         Time: 12.30pm–1.20pm
         Venue: Room S304, Social Sciences Bldg (24)

29 Nov  Final grade spreadsheets due to School by 5pm

01 Dec  Results released to students

Congratulations

Congratulations to A/Prof Han Huan and his PhD student Mr Sheng Liu (and Mr Liu’s co-supervisor Dr YuanTong Gu from QUT) who were awarded Best Paper in the 2nd International Conference on Nanomanufacturing.

Congratulations also to PRESS (Postgraduate Research Engineering Student Society) who won the 2010 UQ Union best Postgraduate club or society.

Congratulations to the following winners of ARC DP and LP grants for this latest round:

- Dr Zhigang Chen, Dr Dawei Wang, Prof Dr Chang Liu (Development of nanostructured sensors for ultra-sensitive, label-free and selective detection of biological and chemical species)
- Dr Kamel Hooman (A novel air-cooled fuel cell system)
- Dr Ya-Feng Yang (Net shape manufacturing of titanium alloys by powder metallurgy)
- Prof Jin Zou, Prof Wei Lu (Understanding the role of catalysts in the epitaxial growth of multinary III-V semiconductor nanowires and nanowire heterostructures)

MS Moonlight Walk

Thanks to all of you who walked with us and/or contributed toward MS Research. There were a total of 10 of us who walked and so far we have raised $785.00. It was a great walk and we all plan to do it again next year.

Exams

Process for collection of completed examination papers: Course coordinators, or their delegates, are strongly encouraged to collect examination papers from the exam venue on completion of the examination (you must have ID).

Extended opening hours: The Student Centres will be open for extended hours during the exam period to accommodate exam enquiries. The University Health Service at St Lucia campus will also be open 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday 6 November and Saturday 13 November for exam related consultations.

Grade upload and release of results: All final results must be uploaded by 5pm Monday 29 November. Please email your completed grade spreadsheet in CSV format to enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au. The official release of results to students will be from 6:00am on Wednesday, 1 December 2010.

The due date for Special and Supplementary results for semester 2, 2010 examinations will be Wednesday, 5 January 2011.

In addition to the normal mySI-net posting of grades, the University is trialing the release of grades via email and SMS this semester to provide a better service to students.

MCQ marking: After a review of the MCQ marking charges, the following changes have been made: a flat rate fee will apply for the first 150 sheets of $75 then each additional sheet will be charged at $0.12 per sheet these prices are ex GST for UQ departments. For further information please visit: http://www.lts.uq.edu.au/exam-scanning
Graduate School Scholarships

A number of changes have been made to Graduate School Scholarships. You can view the complete conditions at: http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/downloads/scholarships/general-conditions.pdf, and a summary is below:

Commencement: Recipients may now only defer the offer of a scholarship for a period of 6 months from the commencing semester/date specified in the originally issued offer letter.

Extensions: Extensions to scholarships will no longer be granted where the candidate has not undertaken and satisfactorily completed both the Confirmation and Mid Candidature review milestones.

Employment and other funding: Unless otherwise prescribed in the scholarship rules, a recipient may receive additional tuition fee or living allowance funds from other awards or scholarships up to the value of 50% of the UQ awarded scholarship. Any tuition fee or living allowance funding received in excess of 50% of the UQ award will be deducted from the UQ award. These funds must be declared to the Graduate School upon receipt of the offer. Note that this condition does not preclude a recipient from receiving funding for travel or research related resources.

Leave: Applications for sick leave of 10 days or more must be received by the Graduate School as soon as practical but not more than 2 weeks from the onset of the condition. It is the responsibility of the enrolling unit to act on behalf of the recipient in cases where the recipient is unable to do so. Where an application for sick leave is not approved, the recipient will be required to repay scholarship funds provided during that period.

Transfer and termination of scholarship: Failure to make satisfactory progression within the milestone review process has been added as a reason to terminate a scholarship.

Timetable

The Semester 1 2011 draft timetable will be released on 8 November 2010. Please remember to check all components of your course, including week patterns, and contact timetables@eait.uq.edu.au by the 14th of November 2010 if any changes are required.

International, Scholarships, Fellowships

International Center for Materials Research (ICMR) International Research Fellowship

ICMR International Research Fellowships support research visits to non-US laboratories for graduate students, post-docs and junior faculty affiliated with US Institutions. Typical durations are a few weeks - 3 months, with award amounts for travel and expenses of up to $5000; conference travel is not supported. Applications are welcome at any time, but should be received by November 1st for fullest consideration. Further information is available online: http://www.icmr.ucsb.edu/programs/exchange.html

Australia-India Strategic Research Fund

The Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) is a platform for bilateral collaboration in science, jointly managed and funded by the governments of Australia and India. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 10 November 2010, and further information is available from R&ID - Jacq Ross-Hagebaum (ext. 69040 or j.ross-hagebaum@research.uq.edu.au ) and online: https://grants.innovation.gov.au/AISRF/Pages/Home.aspx

Innovation Study

Ms Shelli Dubbs is a current post-doc in the School of Psychology. Ms Dobbs and Dr. Bill von Hippel are interested in studying the psychological foundation of innovation. They are looking for participants for their study who have innovated, that is, people who have ever modified a product that they use in their daily life (such as tools, sporting equipment, toys, household equipment, cars, or any other object) to make it work more efficiently or to perform some other function.

Although it has been proposed that one of the features that sets humans a part of other animals is their ability to innovate and manipulate the environment, we find very few people actually innovate. Thus, in order to study our research question, we were hoping that we could recruit participants from fields, such as engineering, that are likely to have a higher percentage of people who innovate. Anyone who meets the definition of an innovator, is invited to participate in the experiment which would last for 30 minutes. All participants would be paid (about $10) for participation in the experiment. If you are interested in participating in Ms Dubbs research, please contact her via email or phone (s.dubbs@uq.edu.au or x56230)

Library News

Endnote Training: 1 more session left for 2010.

When: December 1, 2010, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Where: St Lucia - Dorothy Hill Physical Sciences & Engineering Library, eZone
Register: online
(https://www.library.uq.edu.au/training/)

Book orders: Please let Cristina know before the end of October if you want the library to purchase any books, in print or electronic format, we still have some funds left for this year. Email your request to: c.qhiculescu@library.uq.edu.au
Teaching and Learning Week

UQ Teaching and Learning Week runs from 1st – 5th November. (The Faculties of Science, and Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology are holding a joint showcase of teaching and learning activities, along with presentations of teaching awards from the faculties.

This event will be held on Monday 1 November, in Building 50 (Hawken), Room N201, and you are cordially invited to attend.

The event will include teaching presentations, highlighting some important and interesting teaching developments and award winning work being undertaken in the Faculties.

We hope that you will be able to attend this event, and also to participate in other T&L events held during that week. For more information on Teaching and Learning Week, please visit: http://www.uq.edu.au/teaching-learning/week/2010/.

Outline of session: 50 – N201 (Monday 1st November 2010)

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