Upcoming Events & Deadlines

15 June  UQ Strategic Teaching & Learning Grants to Head of School
20 June  UQPDRF applications due to Head of School
30 August Summer research scholarship applications due to School Office.

Summer Research Scholarships

UQ’s Summer Research Scholarship program will continue in 2011/2012. The aim of the program is to increase interest in honours and RHD programs.

Scholarships are
- offered for up to 10 weeks from mid-November to mid-February
- are open to domestic and international students (undergraduate years 2-4, postgraduate coursework)
Stipends are $300 per week (maximum of $3k per student) and are co-funded by central administration and the research group.

Projects will be listed on the Faculty’s website; staff interested in participating should email their project topic/s to Kim Lamb (k.lamb@uq.edu.au) as soon as possible and before 11 July. Refer to Kim’s email of 25 May for the template. Students’ applications are due to the School Office by 5 pm on 30 August. Late and unsuccessful applications may be fully funded by the research group.

Semester 2 2011 - tutors

Students enrolled in Year 3 and 4 of the Bachelor of Engineering, RHD students and postgraduate coursework students have been emailed regarding tutoring opportunities in Semester 2, 2011.

All students, including current tutors, need to log into http://tutor.eait.uq.edu.au and lodge an application. Applications close on 1 July 2011 (although late applications may be accepted).

Course coordinators will select tutors the following week and those who will need to select tutors will be notified separately.

Congratulations Sally

Congratulations to Sally Beard who has accepted an Executive Assistant role with the Director, Research & Innovation Division from 14 June.

Please join me in wishing Sally the best with her new role and thanking her for her excellent contribution to the School, the Division of Materials Engineering, and CAST-CRC.

ARC Linkage Grant awards

Congratulations to the following for a successful outcome of the latest ARC Linkage rounds:
- Han Huang, Mingxing Zhang, Andrej Atrens: Surface engineering of cast magnesium alloys for innovative high performance packaging robots.
- Rowan Truss, Peter Halley, Michael Gidley: High performance thermoplastic starch polymer films for controlled barrier and delivery.
Blended Learning Innovation Exchange

UQ’s Blended Learning Innovation Exchange is being held on 16 June. The purpose is to provide staff with an opportunity to connect and share expertise, experiences and information related to blended learning at UQ.

The Keynote speaker is Professor Belenda Tynan of the University of New England. Panel discussions include ‘sustaining and scaling learning spaces’ and other sessions on blended learning technologies are scheduled.

Details including times and venues are found at [www.tedi.uq.edu.au/blendedlearning/index.html](http://www.tedi.uq.edu.au/blendedlearning/index.html)

Ordering from overseas vendors

The finance crew ask that when placing a requisition for orders from overseas vendors that you ensure that the costs of shipping and customs clearance is included in the quote. This will assist with making the transaction move through the system more efficiently. Also, for electrical equipment please be sure that any orders are for items that are compliant with Australian standards.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance office.

Security at work

There has been another report of suspicious person wandering through the buildings and when challenged, claim to be looking for a fictitious person.

If you notice this, please ring Security on 53333.

Please also keep your valuables locked up and lock your office when you leave it.

Those in shared offices should arrange a protocol so occupants’ belongings are safe.

Snoopy: origins of planking

(C. Schulz, cartoonist)
Congratulations Prof St John

Professor David St John from The University of Queensland (UQ) was presented with the Materials Australia Silver Medal at the annual Materials Student and Alumni Industry Evening for his contribution to the material engineering industry. Head of School of Mechanical and Mining Engineering, Professor David Mee said that Professor St John was an integral member of UQ's engineering staff and a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

"During his time at UQ, Professor St John has contributed greatly to the growth and improvement of the Materials Engineering sector and has proven to be a fantastic mentor to his students," Professor David Mee said.

The Materials Australia Silver Medal was awarded to Professor St John for his outstanding contributions to materials development through fundamental research, technological development and the establishment and management of key national materials research centres.

Professor St John’s commitment to materials and manufacturing was highlighted when he led a successful bid to the Queensland State Government’s Innovation Building Fund for the construction of a new building at UQ on Advanced Materials Processing and Manufacturing (AMPAM).

In 2009, Professor St John also led a bid to the Australian Government winning another $50 million under the Education Investment Fund for the construction of the Advanced Engineering Building, which will house AMPAM, Civil Engineering and the new state of the art teaching and learning facilities.

Professor St John received the Materials Australia Silver Medal at the annual Materials Student and Alumni Industry Evening which is hosted by UQ’s Department of Materials in conjunction with Materials Australia and HRL. UQ Materials Engineering alumni, members of Materials Australia, industry representatives, and current Materials Engineering students and staff from all Queensland universities attended the networking evening.

Professor of Materials Engineering, Andrej Atrens said the annual Materials Engineering event provided a great opportunity for students and staff to network with industry and to keep up to date with the current trends and issues facing the materials industry. "This annual event is a great way for students to receive a direct insight into the Materials industry and to network with industry who could potentially become their employers,” Professor Atrens said.