Upcoming Events

23 Aug Undergraduate Students’ Experience in Research (USER) Network Lunch (details on page 2)
   When: 1 pm to 2 pm
   Where: Chemistry Podium, building 68, level 3

Faculty 3MT Final
   When: 2:30pm-4:00pm
   Where: Prentice Building (42), Room 115

6 Sept Workshop for 2012 UQ Teaching & Learning Awards (details on page 2)
   When: 9am-11am
   Where: Skerman Building (#65), Room 305

8 Sept Experts Exchange
   When: 4:6-30pm
   Where: Kathleen Room, Staff Club

Three Minute Thesis

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is a research communication competition developed by UQ. Research higher degree (PhD and MPhil) students have three minutes to present a compelling three minute oration on their thesis topic and its significance in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

The School’s Three Minute Thesis Heat was held today and the winners were:
- Iain Williams – 1st place
- Kun Yang – 2nd place
- Rolf Gehre – people’s choice winner

Thank you to everyone who participated, and please support Iain and Kun next week at the Faculty final (Tuesday 23 August, 2:30pm in 42-115).

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How to... exam papers

The School’s deadline for submission end-of-semester examination papers (final, specials and supplementary) to the Chief Examiner in your Division is Monday 12 September 2011.

The school admin team will be emailing templates to all course coordinators this week and it is important that these templates are used: Examination Paper Submission Form, Exam Paper Title Page, and Exam Paper Page 2 onwards.

Once you have completed your paper, it should be checked and signed off by a tutor/RHD student/academic and then submitted to the chief examiner. The Chief Examiners are

   Materials       Ma Qian
   Mining          Basil Beamish
   Mechanical      Bill Daniel

The Chief Examiner will submit the final version of the paper to the School office.

Please remember:
- Exam papers are printed directly from the master supplied, which therefore must be clear and legible (Printed copies will not be sent back for final checking).
- Exam papers should not be sent via the internal mail or via email - hard copies of the exam should be hand delivered.

Experts Exchange

This year’s Experts Exchange forum, run by UniQuest, aims to help academics and their research teams understand more about industry engagement, and ways to optimise their expertise and skills through consulting and contract research.

Professor Stephen Walker, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Science is keynote speaker and will give a perspective to industry engagement in a changing landscape. Panellists include researchers from the Schools of Economics, Agriculture and Food Science, and Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, who will outline their experiences and reasons why they have added commercial research activities to their careers.

When: Thursday, 8 September 2011. 4-6:30pm
Where: Kathleen Room, Staff Club, Staff House Road
Enquiries:Pam Harpur, 3365 4037

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Workshop for 2012 UQ Teaching & Learning Awards

The Teaching and Educational Development Institute (TEDI) would like to invite anyone who has been nominated for a UQ Award for Teaching Excellence in 2010 or 2011 but has not won an award, and anyone who is thinking about submitting an expression of interest for a UQ Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning or a UQ Award for Programs that Enhance Learning, to a workshop.

When: Tuesday 6 September from 9am-11am
Where: Room 305 (Seminar Room) in the Skerman Building (Building #65)

The session will focus on key elements of the expression of interest and how to provide appropriate evidence to support the claims that are made. Presenters will be Professor Merrilyn Goos, Director of TEDI, and Ms Deanne Gannaway, Head of TEDI’s Evaluation Services Unit. For more information or to register your interest email Ms Anne Bennison (a.bennison@uq.edu.au or ext 56351) by Friday 2 September.

Undergraduate Students’ Experience in Research Network

The Undergraduate Students’ Experience in Research (USER) Network invites undergraduate students and research staff to a free networking lunch. This is an opportunity for enthusiastic undergraduate students to hear first-hand about research at UQ.

Students and may be looking for a supervisor for a summer research project or honours, and this event will give them an opportunity to meet UQ researchers who want to share information about the research they are conducting at UQ, and allow them to gain deeper insights into what real research is all about.

The “Meet the Research Team Lunch” is a “speed dating style” event where a small group of students and a researcher can have a 10-15 minute conversation about current research projects and career paths. Once time is up, the students move to the next table to meet with a different researcher.

When: Tuesday 23 August, from 1 pm to 2 pm
Where: Chemistry Podium, building 68, level 3

To register your attendance as a researcher visit https://undergrad.wufoo.eu/forms/user-networking-lunch-researchers-registration/ by Friday 19 August

EAIT Assignment Centre

The Assignment Centre has been relocated to Building 50, room S203 (across the hallway from previous location and opposite First Year Engineering Centre).

Students are able to access a submission chute 24 hours a day. This chute contains a bar code reader which registers their submission with a generated cover-sheet, and relays an email receipt with a time of submission. A submission report can be accessed for staff, through the following link: http://mis.eait.uq.edu.au/assessment

The Assignment window will be open to students between 10:00am – 2:00pm Monday–Friday.

Academics and tutors are encouraged to collect submitted assignments between 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday – Friday. Access can be gained to the Centre by a side door if the window is not open.

Supporting Interstate Research Students

Two initiatives were introduced earlier this year to support interstate research students. Details are as follows:

Visit UQ Program: The Visit UQ program is designed exclusively for prospective interstate students interested in completing a research degree at UQ. The visit will provide an opportunity to speak with potential advisors, tour facilities, and meet with Graduate School staff to discuss the application process and scholarship options. The program covers the cost of a return airfare and one night accommodation in Brisbane for students. Students are required to submit an application form which outlines their prospective research project and demonstrates initial discussions with a potential advisor.

Relocation Grant: The UQ Interstate Relocation Grant provides AUD$6000 to high achieving students to assist with the cost of relocating to Brisbane. With only 20 grants available each year, the grants will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and alignment of proposed research area with UQ’s research strengths. Students can complete an application form for the grant following the receipt of an offer of a place at UQ.

Additional information about these two programs is available at http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/supporting-interstate-students. These initiatives are open to prospective students interested in enrolling in a PhD or MPhil in the Faculty of Science, Faculty of EAIT, QBI, AIBN and the IMB.
Grants, Fellowships and Other Funding Opportunities

UQ Early Career Researcher (ECR) Grants Scheme for funding in 2012 – UPDATE
We wish to advise potential applicants that the opening of the UQ ECR scheme for funding in 2012 will be slightly delayed this year. Usually the scheme formally opens in late July or early August, with a closing date in mid-September. This year however, the scheme will open slightly later to minimise the overlap with the Queensland Government Smart Futures grant rounds which will close on 30 September 2011. The timeline for the UQ ECR scheme for funding in 2012 will be as follows:
• Round Opens: week of 22 August 2011
• Applications to HoS: Friday 1 October 2011

Smart Futures Fund - Queensland International Fellowships - Call for Applications
The Queensland State Government has recently opened applications under the Queensland International Fellowships scheme. QIFs seek to foster the development of collaborative partnerships between Queensland-based research institutions and leading international research institutions. Grants of up to $25,000 are available to support international placements of 12 to 20 weeks. The application process for the QIFs will be coordinated through R&ID. Further information on the scheme, including guidelines and forms are available from: http://www.business.qld.gov.au/science/smart-futures-fund.html Applications should be submitted to the Head of School by 2 September 2011.

Confucius Institute
The University of Queensland’s Confucius Institute is now calling for applications from academic staff in the EAIT Faculty for the opportunity to research and study in China. Up to $10,000 is available in 2011/2012 to an academic staff member in the Faculty of EAIT for a fellowship of 1-3 months at Tianjin University (http://www.tju.edu.cn/english/). The Confucius Institute at UQ will provide assistance, if needed, to the visiting fellow for contact with TU and local accommodation arrangement.

Tianjin University, the Confucius Institute’s Chinese partner university in teaching and learning in science, engineering and technology, is 112 km south-east of Beijing and is one of the State’s key universities directly administered by the Chinese Ministry of Education. The University has an esteemed reputation in science and technology.

Applicants should submit to Prof. Ling Li (l.li@uq.edu.au) an expression no later than 31 August 2011 of interest stating the nature of their proposed visit and how the visit will contribute to strengthening the research collaborations between UQ and TU within science, engineering and technology.

Smart Futures Fellowships - Call for Applications
Smart Futures Fellowships provide funding for fellows to undertake leading research with expected short-to-medium term benefits for Queensland. Fellows must spend at least 50% of their time on the Fellowship research project. They must also be undertaking new research that is not part of an existing project. Fellowships are offered at two levels:
• Early Career Fellowships: Grant size of $60,000 per annum for three years for early career researchers who have less than 5 years postdoctoral experience.
• Mid-Career Fellowships: Grant size of $120,000 per annum for three years for mid-career researchers who have 5 to 10 years postdoctoral experience.

All Smart Futures Fellowship funding must be matched by cash contributions from one or more sponsoring organisations, with the principal sponsor being the Fellow’s employing organisation. Internal funding arrangements for the required matching cash contribution are available on the R&ID website at http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-smart-futures-fellowships. The application process for the Smart Futures Fellowships will be coordinated through R&ID. Further information on the scheme, including guidelines and forms are available from: http://www.business.qld.gov.au/science/smart-futures-fund.html Applications should be submitted to the Head of School by 2 September 2011.

EAIT Faculty TQA strategic funds
Applications are invited for EAIT Faculty TQA strategic funds available for Teaching and Learning projects and innovations that will enhance the quality of teaching and learning in the Faculty. The EAIT Faculty Teaching and Learning committee has funding of $250,000 available for allocation in 2011, for use in 2012. Funds may be sought for small scale projects to be completed over a short time period i.e. 1 year or for larger scale projects to be undertaken over a more extended time of up to 2 years. The Faculty Teaching and Learning Committee will meet to consider all applications and will make a recommendation to the Executive Dean on allocation of the funds in Semester 2, 2011.

Applications must be endorsed by the relevant Chair(s) of the School Teaching and Learning Committee and Head(s) of School. Applications should be submitted to the Head of School by 7 October 2011.