Upcoming Events

22 Sept  Baosteel seminar (details on page 2)

Conflict of Interest (COI) Workshop
When: 10-12pm
Where: Graduate School Seminar Room, Level 6, John Hines Building
Register: Register now

1 Oct  Applications due to Head of School 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.

Co-op Bookshop October Sale
From 1 to 31 October the Co-op bookshop will be having their annual clearance sale. Thousands of titles, clothing and gifts will be reduced to 50-75% off, to make way for new stock.

17 Oct  Red Cross Big Cake Bake
When: 10-12pm
Where: the Co-op Bookshop
Register: RSVP is by 30 Sept, but if you cannot attend you can still make a donation at: http://www.redcrossfundraising.org.au/kyli e_newton

26 Oct  AWMC Showcase & Networking Event
When: 5:30pm
Where: Customs House, Queen Street
Register: events@awmc.uq.edu.au by 12 Oct.

15 Dec  December Graduation
When: 2pm ceremony
Where: UQ Centre

How to… invite visitors
The Head of School can approve visitors who are coming to the School for a short period of time (~1-2 weeks) by email (please email David Mee and copy Kim Lamb).

Visitors of a longer duration generally need a visiting staff appointment. The Head of School has asked that staff email him with a copy of the person’s CV and a short description of what the person will be doing prior to requesting that an appointment be made.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lamb or Bojan Vlacic.

UQ Wellness
UQ Wellness is providing an easy way for staff to access information about health and wellbeing opportunities on their particular campus. Visit their website for details: http://www.uq.edu.au/uqwellness/

Congratulations
At the UQ Research Excellence Awards last week, the School was well represented –

- Congratulations to Dr. Zhi Gang Chen who was awarded a UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award for his project to convert waste heat into electrical energy. Zhi Gang was one of ten recipients of these prestigious awards that include $90,000 to support the research.

- Congratulations to A/Prof Rowan Truss who was presented with a UQ Award for Excellence in Research Higher Degree Supervision. Rowan was one of only three recipients of these highest of honours that the University gives for research supervision.

Who to contact - Committees

If you have any OH&S issues you would like brought to the attention of the School OH&S committee, please contact one of the members:

- Head of School (Chair) - Professor David Mee
- School Manager - Mrs Kim Lamb
- Faculty OH&S Manager - Mr Eddie Platt
- Workplace Health & Safety Representative (2011-2013) - Mr Douglas Malcolm
- Academic staff - Dr Peter Jacobs; Dr Saiied Aminossadati; Dr Ma Qian
- Student representative – Mr Blake Callinan
- Faculty Facilities and Infrastructure Manager or nominee -Mr Aaron Baxter (Building Manager)
Grants and Fellowships

2012 Go8 European Fellowships - Call for Applications

The Group of Eight (Go8) has opened applications for its 2012 European Fellowships. As a member of this scheme, The University of Queensland is offering one Fellowship for 2012 to an early career researcher from Europe. The Fellowships are open to citizens of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Russia and Croatia. The purpose of the scheme is to facilitate further research collaboration between Australia and Europe with the intention that Fellows will continue to collaborate with their Australian research partners when they return to their home institutions. It is expected that the Fellow will continue to receive a salary from their employer in their home country. Further details of the eligibility criteria and the application procedure for these Fellowships are available on the Go8 website, www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs- and - fellowships-1/go8-european-fellowships. Applications close on 21 October, 2011.

Australia-India Strategic Research Fund Grants (Round 6) for Funding in 2012

Applications have now opened. The AISRF is a platform for bilateral collaboration in science, jointly managed and funded by the governments of Australia and India. The emphasis of the fund is on providing support for collaborative research projects and workshops so eligible Australian applicants must have an eligible Indian partner to apply. Funding up to $300,000 is provided to support a number of activities including visits to India by Australian researchers, salaries for research assistants and PhD students and workshop costs. Round Six of the AISRF will comprise two components:

- Indo-Australian Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (Indo-Australian S&T Fund); and
- Indo-Australian Fund for S&T Cooperation in Biotechnology (Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund).

Support is provided under these elements for bilateral collaborative research projects or workshops. AISRF Funding Guidelines are available at:


Please note that all applications must be completed and submitted electronically using the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) website: https://grants.innovation.gov.au/AISRF/Pages/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=/AISRF/Pages/ApplicationChoice.aspx

The internal UQ closing date for full applications is Friday 30 September, 2011. Complete applications and supporting documentation should be forwarded to Kirsten Lawrie at the Research and Innovation Division (R&ID) (k.lawrie@research.uq.edu.au) for eligibility and compliance checking and feedback.

Awards

$70,000 THE AUSTRALIAN INNOVATION CHALLENGE AWARDS

Entries for the $70,000 The Australian Innovation Challenge awards – aimed at finding Australia’s next big inventions in fields ranging from clean energy technology through agriculture to astronomy – close on Wednesday, September 28. Details of the awards and the online entry form can be found at the awards website www.theaustralian.com.au/innovationchallenge.

2011 Vice-Chancellor Internationalisation Awards

Nominations for The Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Internationalisation 2011 are now being accepted. The awards have been created to recognise outstanding achievements in teaching and learning, the promotion of overseas mobility for both staff and students, and leadership in community engagement. Please refer to the Award Guidelines for more information regarding categories, criteria and conditions. Nominations for the awards close Friday, October 14, 2011. Please submit your nomination online before the closing date.

Open Invitation: RSDI ReDS Tinman Workshop

The Australian government, Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR), has funded a major ($50M) infrastructure project to develop a national Research Data Storage Infrastructure (RDSI) (http://rdsi.uq.edu.au/). Researchers with significant research data collections, or stewards of research data collections (current or emerging), as well as providers of research data storage and management services can attend and give feedback on the RDSI programme model.

When: 28 Sept 2011, 9.30am- 2pm including lunch
Where: UQ Club, Building 41, Staff House Road
Registration: Register here

Baosteel delegation seminar

A Baosteel delegation consisting of senior staff from Baosteel in Shanghai, China has been invited by Baosteel –Australia Joint R&D Centre (BAJC) to visit UQ on 22-23 September. There will be an open seminar with the Baosteel visitors to help UQ researchers get an understanding of the BAJC operations and provide an inside track to the research priority areas in preparation for the upcoming competitive fund applications. It also provides an opportunity to establish a close and direct contact with Baosteel, which may be helpful in guiding the applications.

Date: Thursday 22nd September 2011
When: 12-1pm, followed by a light lunch and soft drinks.
Where: SMI seminar room (level 4, room 470), Sir James Foots Building (47A)
Register: gxwang@uq.edu.au
Solar Array Tour

This quarter’s update session involved a tour of UQ’s recently installed PV solar array. The tour included a visit to the Solar Research Centre and a view of the solar panels on the roof of the UQ Centre. Talks were given by Ms Suzanne Davis, the Sustainability Coordinator, and Mr Craig Froome, the Renewable Energy Manager at UQ’s Global Change Institute.

A highlight of the tour was viewing the panels on the roof of the UQ Centre. These panels only make up 36%, or just over one third of the total rooftop PV array, which put into perspective the enormity of UQ’s PV array.

While the PV array will help to reduce UQ’s carbon footprint, it is also a major research project. UQ researchers are investigating different methods of collecting and storing solar energy and how it may be fed into the electricity grid. For more information, visit http://www.uq.edu.au/solarenergy/.
Green Office Update

Water Refill Station—Say No to bottled water!

Property and Facilities Division has recently installed a water refill station at the end of Staff House Rd, between the Steele Building and Commonwealth Bank on the St Lucia campus. More refill stations will be installed in coming months. While other universities have banned the sale of bottled water, UQ is not going to take this path. Instead, it is hoped that initiatives such as the water refill station will encourage staff and students to reuse their water bottles. The cost of purchasing a refillable water bottle will pay for itself within approximately 5 refills.

Plastic water bottles present significant environmental problems. Bottled water has a carbon footprint 300 times greater than tap water and uses 2000 times the amount of energy to produce. It is also estimated that producing one litre of bottled water requires more than three litres of water. In addition, only 35% of plastic water bottles are recycled. This leaves a huge number of plastic, non-biodegradable bottles going to landfill. The good news is that you can do something about it! Make sure you reuse your water bottle by refilling at the water refill station, and encourage others to do the same. Remember—Say No to bottled water!

Frequently Asked Questions—Sustainable purchasing

Which items in the UQ Store are ‘sustainable’?

You may have noticed that items in the UQ Store catalogue are no longer identified as being ‘sustainable’ or not. Recently, a review of the Store’s products has been undertaken and has resulted in changes to the product range. If an item is not listed in the catalogue, it will need to be sourced externally. Requests for items are considered in the purchasing policy and store management. At this point in time, only paper items are labelled as recycled or carbon neutral.

Got a question? Email the Green Office Coordinators at: greenoffice@pf.uq.edu.au

Upcoming Events

New Representative Training, St Lucia
Friday 23rd September, 9.30-11.30am,
Meeting Room 501, Chamberlain Building (35),
St Lucia Campus, email your RSVP before the 19th August to: greenoffice@pf.uq.edu.au

Green Office Update Session—Solar Array Talk, Friday 30th September
Gatton: 10.30-11.30am, Bldg. 8117, Rm. 116
Ipswich: 1.00-2.00pm, Bldg. 6212, Rm. 206

UQ Staff Development Program:
Sustainable Purchasing at Work
Tuesday 20th September, 9am-10am
International House Seminar Room,
Rock St, St Lucia.


Green Heart Fair
A free, fun family day out with a sustainable twist.
Sunday 16th October 2011, 10am-3pm
Mt Gravatt Showgrounds. For more information visit: http://www.citysmart.com.au/events

For further information contact the Sustainability Office, Property & Facilities Division:

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