Upcoming Events

17 July  Graduation ceremony
When: 11am
Where: UQ Centre
Staff register attendance online

18 July  School Meeting
When: 9:00am
Where: 50-C207 (opposite Faculty office)

When: 2:30-4:30pm
Where: AIBN
RSVP: science.policy@science.org.au

Congratulations

A team of 3 UQ students, including a final-year mechanical engineering student Daniel Gillick, was awarded a fellowship with The Resolution Project after participating in the Resolution Social Venture Challenge Competition held at the World Model United Nations Forum in Canada earlier this year. The fellowship will enable the team to continue work from Daniel Gillick’s team work on an EWB project in ENGG4102 Advanced Product Design. The project aims to look at sanitation solutions for rural communities living on the Tone Le Sap in Cambodia.

Mansergh Shaw Award

The Mansergh Shaw level 5 project was given a state award on in June for interiors. The State Jury Citation was "Mansergh Shaw Level 5, The University of Queensland: m3architecture. This project is an added floor on top of an existing building in which perimeter structure and displacement air-conditioning and services in an access floor, have enabled the designers to create a fluid work environment. Deep sculptured ceiling ribs, each different, reflect light to the interior and angled glazing creates the impression of top floor lookout.

Navigating Bureaucracy - Tips and Tricks

Please email hr@mechming.uq.edu.au for all HR matters. This email address is monitored by all finance staff.

UQ Undergraduate Research Conference

The Office of Undergraduate Education (OUE) will host the UQ Undergraduate Research Conference again in 2012 as part of UQ’s broader Research Week activities. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for undergraduate researchers to showcase their projects through poster and oral presentations. This year, we will include a pilot 3 Minute Thesis competition for current Honours students. Details for the conference are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 18 & Wednesday, 19 September
Venue: Innes Room, first floor, UQ Union
Web: http://www.uq.edu.au/undergraduate/urc
For further information, please visit the conference website

Health and Safety

A new 'Chemical Safety Inspection Checklist' has been added to the suite of forms on the OHS Forms webpage - http://www.uq.edu.au/ohs/index.html?page=133958

ESOS ACT AMENDMENTS COMMENCING 1 JULY 2012

Amendments to the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act) took effect from 1 July. A summary of the changes can be found on the AEI website. All staff are responsible for the University's ESOS compliance.

Due to tight reporting timeframes (5 business days) it is imperative that the Visa Officer is immediately notified of international students that are not able to commence on the agreed starting date listed in their offer letter and/or that wish to withdraw from a program. Failure to act may put the University in breach of ESOS legislation.

Any approved variation to an agreed starting date must be in writing (email is acceptable). Please immediately forward any variation to a starting date, that has been agreed between the University and the student, to the Visa Officer (uqvisaofficer@uq.edu.au), cc Records Management Services (recordsmanagement@uq.edu.au). Verbal approvals do not meet the legislative requirements.

If a student submits an International Students Application to Withdraw form to you, it must immediately be forwarded to the Visa Officer in the St Lucia Student Centre (uqvisaofficer@uq.edu.au). If a student emails you they wish to withdraw from their program, the student should be advised to submit an International Students Application to Withdraw form to the Visa Officer in the Student Centre and to drop all their courses in mySi-net. Copy the communication to the Visa Officer (uqvisaofficer@uq.edu.au), cc Records Management Services recordsmanagement@uq.edu.au.

If a student submits a withdrawal without academic penalty form after census date, note that the student may still be reported for default if all the courses for the study period are dropped.

An information session on the legislative changes and the implications for staff will be advertised soon.

UQ Collaboration and Industry Engagement Fund

The UQ Collaboration and Industry Engagement Fund (UQ CIEF) is a scheme that has been established as a mechanism to support the development of highly competitive ARC Linkage Projects, NHMRC Development Grants, and NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health Grants, by funding pilot research that will facilitate the establishment of new or emerging linkages with Partner Organisations. Further information and scheme documentation is available on the UQR&I web page at http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-cief. Applications should be submitted to UQR&I by the closing date, Wednesday 1 August 2012.

Australia-India Strategic Research Fund - Grand Challenge Fund

The Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) is jointly managed by Australia’s Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) and the Government of India’s Department of Science and Technology (DST). It is designed to assist Australian researchers from both the public and private sectors to participate in leading edge scientific research projects and workshops with Indian scientists and supports the development of strategic alliances between Australian and Indian researchers. For detailed information on how to apply please visit the following webpage: http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/australia-india-strategic-research-fund-grand-challenge-fund-round-2. Please read the guidelines thoroughly.

Science & Industry Endowment Fund - Expressions of Interest

Round 4 Expressions of Interest for the Science and Industry Endowment Fund (SIEF) are now open. The overarching strategic objective of SIEF is to invest in scientific research that addresses issues of national priority for Australia. Further information regarding the Priority Areas listed above and their definitions can be found in the Guidelines to the EoI form. Further information, including additional selection criteria, is available on the SIEF web site: http://www.sief.org.au/FundingActivities/Research-Projects.html. Please submit EOI’s by COB on Monday, 16 July 2012.

Staff Development

Have you seen the new and improved Staff Development website? This is where you can enrol in training courses (free for UQ staff).

- There is a new leadership course for ‘Academic staff undertaking team leadership: Leading and managing self and others’.
- There is an Introduction to University Teaching Program for academics new to teaching, and features a balance of theory and practice.
NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS AND E-PURCHASES:

- We now have access to the complete set of ASME Digital library, including:
  - ASME's Transaction Journals from 1960 to the present
  - ASME's Conference Proceedings from 2002 to the present
  - ASME Press eBooks selected from 1998 to the present

- We continue acquiring packages from ASM International, at present we have access to:
  - ASM alloy phase diagrams center
  - ASM handbooks online
  - ASM micrograph center
  - ASM failure analysis center

- All 18 journals of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers are now available online (with varying date coverage per title). Some of these journals are still available in print as well, check for individual titles in the library catalogue.

- The Springer ebook collection continues to add materials, we have access to 2012 titles as well. Please search for recent titles within the package itself rather than the catalogue, as not all titles are catalogued individually.

NEW BOOKS:
For all recent titles please check What's New to UQ Library Collections. Select Technology (By Subject) or D.H. Engineering & Sciences (By Location). For any new titles to be purchased by the library for research purposes please contact Cristina.

TRAINING SESSIONS:

EndNote & EndNote Web for Engineering and Physical Sciences
- What: Find out how to set up your own EndNote library and how to import records from searching databases or the library catalogue and use EndNote with your word processor to write papers and bibliographies. Learn how to synchronise your EndNote and EndNote web libraries.
- When: Wednesday July 25, 2012, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Where: St Lucia - Dorothy Hill Physical Sciences & Engineering Library, eZone
- Booking in advance for this class would be appreciated.

Finding research information: the next level (Engineering and Sciences)
- What: This workshop covers the advanced features of databases in engineering and science.
- When: Wednesday August 8, 2012, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Where: St Lucia - Biological Sciences Library, Biological Sciences eZone 1
- Booking in advance for this class would be appreciated.

OTHER NEWS:
- The Journal Citation Reports (JCR) for 2011 has been released. Journal Citation Reports uses Web of Science citation data to evaluate and compare scholarly journals. The 2011 release features the largest-ever JCR with 10,677 journal listings in 232 disciplines; 2,552 publishers from 82 countries are represented. A total of 528 journals receive their first Journal Impact Factor in this latest JCR release. The full list of journals included in JCR 2011 is here. Find the release details on the Thomson Reuters website.

- If you are an avid Google user and would like to improve your search skills, sign up for the Power Searching with Google online course. Google account required, register before the first class is released on 10 July 2012!

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE:
Do you need any research information assistance? If you have any specific questions on finding information, managing information, citation analysis or publishing please let Cristina know.

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