Upcoming Events

30 April  All exam papers (hard and soft copy) due to School Office

9 May  Research data management: introduction (engineering and sciences). This session will cover: What is research data management? Why is it important to you? How to create a research data management plan. Find out about tools to manage research data & communicate and collaborate with other researchers
When: 10-11am
Where: Dorothy Hill Engineering and Sciences Library, eZone training room

10 May  School lab open day
When: 4-6pm

11 May  Faculty Update. A light lunch will be provided prior to the meeting at 12:30 pm.
When: 1:00pm
Where: Engineering learning centre extension (ELCX), Hawken Engineering Building (level 2)
RSVP: loretta@uq.edu.au

4 June  UQ Engineering Postgraduate Conference
http://www.engineering.uq.edu.au/epc

UQ Winter Research Program

The Office of Undergraduate Education is piloting a Winter Research program. Like the summer research scholarships program, the Office of Undergraduate Education will fund 50% of the $300 per week scholarship (the program will run for a maximum 6 weeks). In 2012, it is anticipated that the research project would be conducted between 12 June and 20 July. For further details, or to indicate your interest in participating, email enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au.

UQ Wellness Lunchbox Seminars

The lunchbox seminars are on again. There are sessions on:
- Back health – physical strength
- Back health – pain management
- Cancer risk – brief intervention tool
- Yoga – benefits and sitting postures
- Boxing – benefits
- Effective communication
Registration and additional details for each seminar are online.

Discrimination and Harassment Contact Officer (DHCO)

If you have a query about an issue related to discrimination or harassment, you are able to discuss your concerns with a Discrimination and Harassment Contact Officer. Katie Golischewski and Deanna Mahony have recently taken on the role of DHCO. You can read more about DHCO’s here: http://www.uq.edu.au/equity/role-of-the-discrimination-harassment-contact-officers-dhcos

Navigating Bureaucracy - Tips and Tricks

Apparently the travel form is less slow before 10:00 am.

Please consider doing your travel requests early in the morning.

Please also be sure to submit requests for travel at least two weeks before the planned trip.
Teaching and Learning

Engineering learning centre extension (ELCX)
Our new Engineering learning centre extension (opposite the EAIT Faculty office) is now available for use. Although the centre is intended to be primarily a social learning space for all engineering students other than first years it will also be made available for classes that make use of the collaborative capabilities of the space (especially those preparing to make use of the new AEB T&L spaces). It will also be available for special events. All internal bookings and enquiries should be directed to the timetables office; email: bookings@eait.uq.edu.au

Variation in exam session commencement
The Saturday start times are now later as it was recognised that many students relying on public transport had difficulty in reaching campus prior to 8:00am. The change to Saturday session times had been highlighted to staff during the information sessions held in February, and appears on the Exams staff portal at https://www.uq.edu.au/secure/sasd-bpc/index.html?page=139462&pid=126814. The variation will be highlighted to students with publication of the finalised exam timetables.

Saturdays: 9:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm
Mon to Friday: 8:00am, 11:15am, 2:30pm, 5:45pm

U21 Undergraduate Research Conference
This year’s U21 Undergraduate Research Conference, will be held at Waseda University in Japan from Sunday, 1 until Thursday, 5 July. The theme of the 2012 conference is ‘Connecting to Future’. The Office of Undergraduate Education will support up to UQ three students plus one member of academic staff to attend the conference. The OUE will fund 100% of the costs of airfares and accommodation for participating students, and 50% for the staff member. For further information, including details on eligibility requirements and application forms, please visit http://www.uq.edu.au/undergraduate/index.html?page=131853&pid=118761

International
The School’s International Development Group has generated a list of partner institutions to assist staff in determining who we have existing relationships with. The list can be found on the School’s website under ‘Staff Resources’.

Engagement
Planning a conference or other activity? Please let the School Office know as soon as possible so we can assist.

Funding
Applications for the 2013 Australia Endeavour Awards are now open
- Endeavour Research Fellowships provide up to AUS$23,500 for Australian postgraduate research students and postdoctoral researchers to undertake 4-6 months of international research.
- Endeavour Executive Awards provide up to AUS$18,500 for mid-career faculty and administrators to undertake 1-3 months of professional development internationally.
- Endeavour Postgraduate Awards provide financial support (up to AUS$118,500 for Masters and AUS$228,500 for PhD) to undertake a postgraduate qualification by coursework or research in any field of study in Australia

Applications for the 2013 Awards close 30 June 2012.
For further information see www.australiaawards.gov.au

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
The University of Queensland (UQ) invites applications for a number of Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in 2013, to be awarded to early career researchers of exceptional calibre wishing to conduct full-time research at the University in any of its disciplines. Please note advice on applications for 2013 UQ Postdoctoral Research Fellowships below. In summary -

- The closing date to Head of School is 28 May for ranking (then it goes to the Faculty for Faculty-wide ranking before being sent to R&ID).
- Applications should be submitted to the School Office on or before 28 May.
- Given the need to rank proposals, it is difficult to accommodate late applications.
- Funding arrangements for these highly competitive fellowships are split between the Centre, Faculty and School. The funding from the Centre and Faculty is subject to change based on the allocation from the DVC-R. The research group will be asked to contribute toward the School’s share.

Group of Eight Australia - Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme
The scheme is a joint initiative of the Group of Eight (Go8) universities and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) - Germany’s national agency for the support of international academic co-operation. Applicants must complete the Application form available on the Go8 website in the Australian Application Pack, available online: www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/international-collaboration/go8-germany-joint-research-co-operation-scheme. Completed applications must be submitted to UQ Research and Innovation no later than 5pm 30 June 2012 (as specified by the Go8).
Commercialisation of research within EAIT
An important strategic goal for UQ is to advance its leading position in knowledge transfer and commercialisation.

What is Commercialisation? In its broadest sense, commercialisation of research is the process of transferring research outcomes to broad market application. This can be achieved by various means including:

- undertaking research or consulting on behalf of companies and other external agencies;
- licensing research outcomes to outside entities; and
- forming new companies to further develop and use the research outcomes.

Benefits of Commercialisation for Researchers: Successful commercialisation leads to a number of benefits for researchers. Apart from seeing their research outcomes in use, researchers are entitled to receive a share of the net returns from commercialisation. Commercialisation also opens up additional funding sources for researchers, with research grants from licensees or start-up companies and government grants that support commercialisation activities.

How does the Faculty support Commercialisation? The Faculty assists researchers with commercialisation through a partnership with UniQuest, UQ’s main commercialisation arm. UniQuest seeks to integrate the principles and practice of commercialisation with research through building close relationships with researchers from the earliest stages of their research projects. Early attention to intellectual property issues, for example, helps to ensure that the benefits of the research are maximised without impeding research opportunities.

Faculty Innovation & Commercialisation Managers
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Role of the Commercialisation Managers
- Providing advice to researchers on research and consulting contracts, and the application of University policies.
- Working closely with researchers to identify pathways best suited for commercialisation.
- Assisting researchers with obtaining intellectual property protection.
- Managing the licensing of technologies and the formation of start up companies.

Commercialisation Training: UniQuest and UQ provide commercialisation training for staff and RHD students through training courses, seminars and workshops. These are provided at no cost and are widely advertised within UQ.

Applying for a Patent: The first step is to contact one of your Faculty commercialisation managers. The most commonly asked question is “what will it cost me?”. The answer is that UniQuest will pay all the costs associated with a patent application if it decides that there is sufficient commercial potential.