Upcoming Events

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

6 June **National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC).** Dr Zou Liyao, Deputy Director-General, Bureau of International Cooperation, NSFC will give a presentation focussing on its funding mechanisms, major categories of programs, the partnership with ARC and other international funding agencies.  
When: 4-4:45pm  
Where: AIBN Seminar Room, level 1  
RSVP: international.visits@uq.edu.au

7 June **Staff assessment workshop** (details on page 3)  
When: 8:30am-1:00pm  
Where: 50-C207  
RSVP: tracey.papinczak@uq.edu.au

30 June **Annual performance reviews** for all continuing and fixed term (T&R, Research Only) staff are due to be completed. Forms to use can be found here http://www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/index.html?page=10606&pid=8388

2 July The new **UQ Travel** system will Go-Live

17 July **Graduation ceremony**  
When: 11am  
Where: UQ Centre  
Registration will open soon.

Summer Research Scholarships

The UQ Summer Research Program is on again! This program provides students with an exceptional opportunity to work with a researcher or research team in a formal research environment and discover what research is being undertaken in their field of interest at UQ.

The program enables to students to work on a research project over the UQ summer vacation period for between 6-10 weeks.

The Office of Undergraduate Education will fund 50% of the $300 per week scholarship. For further details, visit http://www.uq.edu.au/undergraduate/docs/uq-summer-research-program-guidelines-students.pdf

To advertise a project, email enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au the project title, project description and account details (that the remaining 50% of the scholarship will be charged to).

Website

The new School website is live! (http://www.mechmining.uq.edu.au/). Some pages have been moved or renamed, including -

- **Our People** is now available underneath the homepage left-hand grey index under ‘About Us’ (renamed School Staff), or under ‘Contact Us’

- **Staff Resources** has been renamed ‘Staff Intranet’ (see ’For Staff’ on the grey index on homepage). You can find a link to the old School of Engineering Intranet (where you upload your thesis projects) on the ‘Staff Intranet’ page

- **Health and Safety** is also available under ‘For Staff’

We would love to hear your suggestions about content, images, broken links, banner advertisements for homepage etc… email these through to enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au.
2012 Blackboard Teaching and Learning Conference

The 2012 Blackboard Teaching and Learning Conference will be held at Bond University on the Gold Coast from Monday 27th until Wednesday 29th August. The themes of the conference will be:

- Technology Assisted Learning - best practices in achieving learning success by using technology;
- Using Collaboration Technology - to improve outcomes, increase reach and student retention;
- Technology Adoption - best practices for improving technology adoption by teachers and students;
- Digital Content - how advancements in digital content are changing the way students and faculty engage with and share educational information and activities;
- Mobility - how to meet the growing expectation that students have for access and engagement through mobile devices;
- Analytics in Action - the power of data-driven decision making across the institution.

Further details about the conference can be found here: http://www.bbworld.com/2012/BbSummitAustralAsia/

Semester 2, 2012 - Coursework PC Lab Software Requirements

In preparation for Semester 2, please check the EAIT Software and Course Request form for 2012 (link below) and include/update any software you may require (use the “New software request” link near the bottom of the page).

We do appreciate that some teaching assignments may not yet be finalised, but if you are able to highlight any software required it will help us greatly.


** Software with a green tick, has already been requested

Coursework PC Lab Image Update Schedule

It’s important to get your Semester 2 software requests in by June 30, 2012. This will ensure there is enough time to test and deploy the software/image prior to start of semester.

The next scheduled update to the Coursework PC LAB image will be in the 2nd Semester Break, starting September 24, 2012. So don't miss the June 30 deadline if you have software required in weeks 1-9.

Funding

Prime Minister's Australia Asia Awards
The Prime Minister's Australia Asia Awards are a unique opportunity for you to undertake international study and research related to your Australian degree, and gain international work experience through an internship, to help you build your professional network in Asia. The Awards are open to Australian undergraduates and postgraduates in any field of study. Applications open on 1 April and close 30 June 2012. For further details visit: http://www.uq.edu.au/undergraduate/pms-awards

Australia-China Young Researchers Exchange Program
This is an annual exchange scheme for young researchers between Australia and China. Applications are due to UQR&I by 5:00pm on Friday 15 June 2012. The application form and further information on the scheme, participant eligibility and funding information is available at: http://www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs- and -fellowships-1/australia-china-young-researchers-exchange-program

Health and Safety

The UQ Fire Safety Officers have arranged training sessions involving the Principles of Fire, (the types of fires and the correct use of fire extinguishers on the correct type of fire, plus the second part of the training will be hands on practical applications ,using the correct fire extinguishers. The training session will take about 1½ hours combined. It is important that all Chief Building Wardens and Floor Wardens in particular attend. There is no cost to individuals/schools for this training. To register, please email uqfire@pf.uq.edu.au (further details on page 4).

Navigating Bureaucracy - Tips and Tricks

Thank you to all who responded to our recent survey on your satisfaction with the admin and technical staff. We are working on an implementation plan.

In the meantime, we will be monitoring the photocopier and resource room supplies more closely.

If you need a wastebasket, please email finance@mechmining.uq.edu.au

Roles of our staff are found on the School’s Intranet.
STAFF ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP
THURSDAY 7 JUNE (8:30AM-1:00PM),
ROOM 50-C207 - EAIT Faculty

Come along and network with other engineering staff, share your ideas for assessment, and get expert opinion and support.

This is an active and practical workshop for:
- staff seeking advice on assessment within the BE;
- anyone interested in best practice in assessment in engineering; or
- anyone new to teaching or taking a course for the first time in semester 2.

AGENDA

- Welcome: How can we help you? (Identification of needs)
- Strategies for high quality assessment of engineering students (Short presentation)
- Developing an eye for good assessment (Practical activity)
- Topic selection based on your needs (Short presentation/ Practical activity):
  - Studio-based teaching and assessment (ITEE facilitator)
  - Assessment in large classes (Chem and Mech Eng facilitators)
  - Rubrics (Faculty and Civil Eng facilitators)
  - Other topics?
- SIGEE: what is SIGEE and how it can help your teaching and learning experience

Facilitators include: A/Prof Lydia Kavanagh, A/Prof Carl Reidsema, Dr Liza O'Moore, Lorna McDonald, Dr Tracey Papinczak

Morning tea and lunch will be provided – please RSVP to Tracey on tracey.papinczak@uq.edu.au by 31st May.

Please bring along: your laptop if you have one, electronic copies or paper copies of your assessment to work on; a rubric to complete; or even your Course Profile for assessment support.
**FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING**

Practical/hands-on training for all Fire Wardens and others (as arranged)

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Extinguisher training sessions will be conducted at Building number 53 (Pavillion Oval 3)

Enclosed footwear is required. All other PPE will be supplied.

Training will be conducted regardless of weather.

Certificates of achievement will be issued by email.

**Email booking to fireuq@pf.uq.edu.au**