Upcoming Events

15 June **Final results for Semester 1, 2012 due for thesis and project courses** (submit via enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au by 11am).

7 June Completed **rejoiners** must be e-submitted to UQ Research & Innovation (UQ R&I) by close of business.

29 June **Final results for Semester 1, 2012 due for courses without final exams and courses with exams on or before 16 June** (submit via enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au by 11am).

30 June **Annual performance reviews** for all continuing and fixed term (T&R, Research Only) staff are due to be completed.

2 July **Final results for Semester 1, 2012 due for courses with examinations held on between 18 and 23 June** (submit via enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au by 11am).

2 July **School Examiner’s Meeting**
   When: 11am
   Where: 45-204

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

4 July **Results are released to students**

17 July **Graduation** ceremony
   When: 11am
   Where: UQ Centre
   Staff register attendance [online](#)

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](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) by Friday 15 June 2012.

EAIT student labs and account access in June/July

Students should backup any data they require as we do not guarantee it will be available after 25th June 2012. This includes any data you may have on desktops, (including thesis PCs), specialised servers or repositories, your H: drive, and any group (G:) drives.

All EAIT coursework accounts and associated labs will be closed for Semester 1 2012 as of 25 June 2012 unless you are involved in a Winter Scholarship program. Your EAIT account and EAIT lab access will be activated again in the semester in which you are next enrolled. For example if you are enrolled in a Semester 2 2012 course you will have access from the 16th July 2012.

Please note if you are in a Winter Scholarship program your supervisor will need to notify helpdesk@eait.uq.edu.au to ensure your account remains active.

Navigating Bureaucracy - Tips and Tricks

The new travel form will be released in UniFi on 2 July. A summary of key changes will be prepared and made available closer to the time. In the meantime, please bear with what we have 😊
Teaching and Learning

Lecture Recording
This is sent as a reminder that if you wish to record your lectures in Sem 2 2012 you must make your request to ITS by Monday 9 July. The Lecture Recording Booking Form can be found at https://survey.its.uq.edu.au/checkbox/Survey.aspx?s=0717305bf4004cda566314bce26b6f6

Sign-On
School staff will set up sign on for all relevant courses this week. The Sign-on for our courses will open for students on Thursday 12 July.

Blackboard
A reminder that staff can already request their semester 2 courses, using the staff tab in Blackboard, or through publishing the course ECP. Staff who request their courses early avoid the last minute rush at the start of each semester, and allow themselves plenty of time to prepare their courses before teaching starts. Remember, you can have access to your semester two courses without enabling student access until you are ready for students to see the course site. For information about training (e.g. course descriptions, dates and to register) visit the Staff Development site.

Most Effective Teacher Nominations – Semester 2 2011
Each semester, the Faculty invited students who received a Dean’s Commendation for High Achievement (GPA of 6.00 or higher in a semester) to nominate a staff member who they believe was the most effective teacher in that semester.

Nominees from the School were –

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Congratulations to all the nominees.

Funding

Universitas 21 Career Development Workshop
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) invites early career researchers in the fields of humanities and design to nominate for participation in the 2012 Universitas 21 Career Development Workshop to be held at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University from 4 to 6 December 2012. UQ will nominate 5 early career researchers, and SJTU will cover the costs for the successful nominees. Further information is on the U21 website. Nominations must be received by the Office of the DVC (Research) (k.fraser@research.uq.edu.au) by Monday 2 July.

EU Research Priorities & Opportunities 2013
The European Commission has recently published a number of ‘Orientation Papers’ setting out the expected research themes for the 2013 work programmes of the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development (FP7). These can be found under “Orientation Papers 2013” on: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documentation/

Applications open for International research exchange schemes (funding)
- Australia-China Young Researchers Exchange Program
- Go8 Germany Joint Research Co-operation Scheme
- EMBL travel grants for PhD students
  - EMBL Australia Travel Grants for PhD Students

Assurance and Risk Management Services
Staff can view the University’s responses to two recent internal audit surveys on the Staff Intranet –
- Engagement and se of Consultants
- Expenditure of Research funds

Health and Safety

Minutes
The minutes for the School OH&S committee can be found on the School’s website (under Staff Intranet).

Working alone
Under PPL 2.30.14 Occupational Health and Safety in the Laboratory work or research performed by staff and postgraduate students must be undertaken in accordance with the OH&S guideline Working safely in the Laboratory
**UQ Wellness**

**Weight Watchers At Work is starting a new series at UQ!** To find out more, please contact Barbara Mark, Weight Watchers Leader. This is a convenient way to support your personal weight management goals; great feedback always received!

**Walking Group** You can join the group at any time and it’s a lovely time of year to walk! Contact Ian McKeown for details – i.mckeown@uq.edu.au. Participate for 4 weeks and receive your ‘walker’s pack’!

**Boxing** A great way to increase your fitness! For full details and to take advantage of the special rates for UQ staff, contact Kerri Tyrrell – boxn4fitness@hotmail.com.

**Yoga** Join the group of people who love this course – great rates and excellent teacher! Contact Dr Vivek Mitter

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**Library**

**Course Materials**
UQ Library’s Course Materials service processes readings lists and other course material requests to support courses being taught on the St Lucia campus. If you have reading lists available for Semester Two or texts that you want uploaded on Course Reserve they can be submitted via the following email address: coursematerials-stlucia@library.uq.edu.au.


**Information Skills Resources**
The Library is keen to promote its Information Skills online tutorials and resources to students to help with their assignments or research at the point of need. An effective way of achieving this is to make them available through individual BlackBoard course sites, possibly in a Library Resources folder. Examples include:

- Understand the types of information suitable for your assignments
- Discover your library's research content with SUMMON
- How to find the full text of a particular journal article
- Can’t I just Google?
- Peer reviewed journal articles: What are they? Why do you need them? How do you find them?
- Evaluating information sources
- Referencing style guides

For an example of how research skills resources can be made available in a BB site, please see the BE 1st Year Community Site 2012_EAIT40C_6220_BE_First_Year.

Online tutorials on the library website: [http://www.library.uq.edu.au/help/online-tutorials](http://www.library.uq.edu.au/help/online-tutorials). For further information or assistance with library resources for your site contact Miranda Mariette (see contact details below).

**E text books**
Some publishers are approaching schools promoting e text books with features such as interactive tutorials and quizzes. Please be aware that the Library is often unable to purchase such texts due to licensing restrictions on the interactive content or publishers placing restrictions on sales to libraries. For further information please contact Bill Beach, Bill Beach, Associate Director, Teaching & Learning Service (TALS), b.beach@library.uq.edu.au

Miranda Mariette
TALS Librarian, Dorothy Hill Engineering and Sciences Library
m.mariette@library.uq.edu.au, or ph x 63502
Welcome to Amanda Weltman

The Sustainability Office would like to welcome Amanda Weltman as the new Green Office Coordinator. Amanda comes from Vancouver, Canada, and is currently undertaking her Masters of Environmental Management in Conservation Biology. She is passionate about the conservation of endangered species, and how they are managed in the environment. Working with the Sustainability Office, Amanda looks forward to taking part in, and promoting, sustainability initiatives at the university. As part of the Green Office Program, Amanda hopes to increase awareness on biodiversity, as well as other sustainability issues occurring around the world. Amanda looks forward to gaining a good insight into sustainability at the university, and how it can be applied to our everyday lives. We look forward to welcoming Amanda to the Green Office Program as she will be a great asset to the team!

Green Office Update Session: Visy Recycling Tour

A group of Green Office Reps recently toured the Visy Materials Recovery Facility in Murrarie, Brisbane. Tony D’Arcy, Sales Manager, delivered a presentation about Visy Recycling and guided us through the waste separation and recycling processes. There are several processes in place to separate waste and Mr D’Arcy stressed the importance of ensuring proper separation of general waste and recycling at the source. For example, although plastic is recyclable, plastic bags are problematic in the separation process as they have a similar weight to paper. The paper collected at Visy is sent to their paper mill to be made into cardboard boxes.

Polystyrene, food scraps, ceramics and crockery also cannot be recycled. For more information about recycling at Visy, visit: http://www.visy.com.au/recycling/about-recycling/.

Sustainable Building Design at UQ

There are two exciting new developments on the St. Lucia campus, incorporating state-of-the-art sustainable design: The Global Change Institute and the Advanced Engineering Building. The Global Change Institute will be a zero waste, zero water and zero carbon footprint facility, incorporating the local climate into the designs and functions of the building. When completed, it will be only 1 of 4 Living Buildings currently in Australia, and the first to be built in a subtropical climate. Additionally, the Advanced Engineering Building has received a 5 Star Green Star Design rating from the Green Building Council of Australia. It will have a 'passive cooling system' and a building monitor to track the environmental performance of the building. Both of these developments are helping continue UQs commitment to sustainability on campus.
How does UQ incorporate sustainability into building design?

The built environment is one component of sustainability at the University of Queensland. It encompasses planning, space conservation, land management, green buildings, and Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) Guidelines. The purpose of these ESD Guidelines is to ensure sustainability is incorporated into decisions and designs of development at UQ. These guidelines are currently being reviewed. Planning includes heritage planning, to preserve significant heritage sites; construction planning, to minimise the impact of development; and landscape planning, to maintain biodiversity values.

Frequently Asked Questions

Sustainable purchasing at the UQ Store

The UQ Store has developed a flyer on sustainable products. Products include remanufactured toners, UQ Sustainability keepcups, recycled content and carbon neutral paper, and other stationery items. This flyer will be distributed amongst Green Office Representatives.

Say no to bottled water

By now you should have received your reusable water bottle from the Sustainability Office. We encourage you to support the campaign against bottled water by promoting the use of durable, reusable bottles amongst your colleagues. Instead of purchasing bottled water, bring your own water bottle to work and refill at the tap. Please contact us if you would like further resources for running a promotion within your office.

Staff Development Program

The Green Office New Representative Training Sessions are now included in the Staff Development Program. The Sessions will be listed under OH&S: Environmental Management. Please enrol for these sessions via the website.

Upcoming Events

Resource Exchange Event
Wednesday 23rd May, 10.00-11.00am
Level 3, McElwain Building (24a)
Please RSVP to sustainability@uq.edu.au
For more information, visit http://www.uq.edu.au/sustainability/world-environment-day-breakfast

UQ Ride to Uni Day
Friday 25th May
Free breakfast 6.30-9.00am
For more details and to register, visit http://www.uq.edu.au/sustainability/world-environment-day-breakfast

World Environment Day
Tuesday 5th June
For more details, visit http://www.unep.org/wed/

World Environment Day Breakfast
Friday 1st June, 7.25-8.30am
Riverview Room, Emmanuel College, Sir William McGregor Dr., St Lucia
Please RSVP to sustainability@uq.edu.au
For more information, visit http://www.uq.edu.au/sustainability/world-environment-day-breakfast

International Ride to Work Day
Monday 18th June
For more details, visit http://www.ridetowork.org/