Upcoming Events

27 Aug  
3MT competition (Faculty Heat)  
When: 2pm  
Where: AIBN Building 75, Level 1 seminar room  
RSVP online

30 Aug  
Closing date of School Teaching Awards

11 Sept  
UQ Experts Exchange (see page 3)  
When: 4pm-6:30pm  
Where: Auditorium, Queensland Bioscience Precinct (#80)  

13 Sept  
Final Examination Paper submitted to Chief examiner

20 Sept  
Final Examination Paper submitted to School office (hardcopy and electronic version)

1 Oct  
Applications for ARC Linkage Grants due to HOS.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Wouter Mostert on winning the Best Student Paper Presentation at the 29th International Symposium on Shock Waves, held in at the University of Madison WI in July.

OHS

Electrical Safety

Recently, a member of staff within the Faculty performed electrical work on a piece of equipment. Accordingly, we need to remind everyone that electrical work of any kind can only be performed by a licensed and qualified electrician.

UQ’s policy on electrical safety is found in PPL 2.30.02 – Electrical Safety.

If you need assistance with electrical work, please log a request at facilities@uq.edu.au and the team will help you to get in touch with a qualified electrician.

Research

EXPOSIBRAM – Mining event in Brazil

The 14th International Mining Exhibition (EXPOSIBRAM), the largest biennial mining show in Brazil, will take place from 23–26 September 2013 in Belo Horizonte in Minas Gerais, Brazil’s key mining state. Australian education institutions with training programs for the mining sector are invited to participate in an Australian pavilion which is being managed by an Australian events management company, Export Solutions. For more information, please contact Patricia Monteiro at AUSTRADE in Brazil (patricia.monteiro@austrade.gov.au)

Brazilian Symposium on Water Resources

The Brazilian Association of Water Resources (Associação Brasileira de Recursos Hídricos – ABRH) is organising the 20th Brazilian Symposium on Water Resources from 17–22 November 2013 in Bento Gonçalves, Rio Grande do Sul. The symposium offers a unique opportunity for Australian water scientists to share expertise with industry professionals from Brazil and abroad. For more information, please contact Patricia Monteiro at AUSTRADE in Brazil (patricia.monteiro@austrade.gov.au)
Release of Examination Papers

Under PPL 3.10.08 students should have open access to past examination question papers. The head of school must provide for end of semester examination question papers, or a sample question paper, to be released to the Library following the corresponding deferred and supplementary examination period. All final examination papers from the School are released to the library and are available on the library website.

Attention – Academic Advisors

International students must always have a full-time study load, and complete their program within the shortest duration of study (e.g. 4 years for a BE), so please ensure that advice you give to international students does not extend their program.

Extensions of duration study are considered by the Associate Dean (Academic), and only in very specific circumstances. For example, if the AD(A) has put in place an intervention strategy when a student has failed courses, than this can be an acceptable reason to extend the duration of study. It is not acceptable for a student to take a lighter study load in order to gain higher grades and then request an extension to enable them to complete their program.

Under PPL 3.30.13 (ESOS Compliance Commitment), the University must only extend the duration of the student’s study where it is clear that a student will not complete the program within the expected duration of the student visa as a result of

(i) compassionate or compelling circumstances;
(ii) the registered provider was implementing its intervention strategy for students who were at risk of not meeting satisfactory progress (see Section 6 of the PPL);
(iii) an approved deferment or suspension of study has been granted under Standard 13 (see Section 5.13 of the PPL).

Under PPL 3.30.13 (ESOS Compliance Commitment), UQ is committed to achieving full compliance with the ESOS legislative requirements, which are designed to safeguard the interests of international students studying in Australia. ESOS compliance is a University-wide responsibility and commitment of all staff.

Wind Aid

WindAid, a social entrepreneurship focused on locally built wind energy solutions to address energy poverty in Peru.

Volunteering for WindAid is an opportunity to explore Peru, to enforce the necessity of renewable energy, to learn in depth the design, construction, and installation of a wind turbine, and see its social impact on a community, a school, or a microenterprise.

Applications are open for 2014.

Explore volunteering opportunities, or contact them directly to organize a specific program, including long-term volunteering.
BRIDGING THE GAP

Discover how to leverage your research expertise and create enduring partnerships with major national and global companies.

UQ Experts Exchange is a major focal point for academics, researchers and postgraduate researchers to hear the latest developments in commercial partnerships and industry engagement.

This year’s UQ Experts Exchange panel discussion aims to help researchers to maximise commercial opportunities for their expertise and learn from their colleagues’ experiences and from insights provided by representatives from client organisations.

GUEST PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

- Professor Peter Høj, President and Vice-Chancellor
- Professor Maree Smith, TetraQ, Centre for Integrated Preclinical Drug Development
- Professor Neal Menzies, Head of School of Agriculture & Food Sciences
- Dr Peter Gray, Technical Manager 3M Australia, 3M Corporate R&D
- Ms Jane Roberts, Community Investment and Partnership Manager Sustainability, QGC
- Dr Christina Coker, Programme Manager, Food Structure Design, Fonterra Co-operative Group Ltd

- Understand the value of quality research to industry
- Discover what factors ensure rewarding industry partnerships
- Hear how UQ expertise has contributed to a sustainable communities program in regional Queensland
- Learn how to interest multinational companies in your research expertise
- Learn how to align commercial engagement activities with your research program
- Hear what experts say about the relevance of your research to the community

UQ Experts Exchange – Wednesday 11 September 2013

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm panel forum 5:30pm – 6:30pm networking
Venue: Auditorium, Queensland Bioscience Precinct (#80), enter via ramp from Chancellor’s Place, The University of Queensland St Lucia
Register at www.uniquest.com.au/experts-exchange or scan this code
RSVP by 2 September 2013. Enquiries to b.kane@uniquest.com.au or call 3365 4037
Level A or B? Looking for a career advantage?

The Early-Career Academic Development Program is designed especially for you... to develop your interpersonal and career skills, and let you take control of your career in the changing academic environment.

Through a mix of face-to-face workshops, online resources and peer networking, the program aims to enable you to:

• Clarify your career direction and goals
• Develop skills – leadership, networking, negotiation and feedback
• Think strategically about yourself and your environment
• Learn from experienced, senior academics
• Build a network of peers across the University

Past participants said:

• “The program was absolutely fundamental in clarifying my role at UQ and what I have to develop/change if I want to progress.”
• “It has given me the opportunity to think thoroughly about what sort of career I’d like to have. Until now I only thought of ‘having a job’ – from now on I’ll be thinking differently – I have options.”

Places limited - Find out more and enrol:
http://www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/eca-dev-program
The identity of the traditional academic is changing, and Early-Career Academics face a number of new career challenges. Competition for funding has intensified; there is an increased focus on collaboration across disciplines and national borders; partnering with business is becoming more commonplace. In this environment defining your career’s direction can be difficult and technical skill alone will not be enough to ensure success.

In acknowledging these challenges, the University Staff Development Committee (USDC) is pleased to present the Early-Career Academic Development Program (2013). This program is designed to complement your highly developed technical skills, by helping you to develop the career planning and related interpersonal skills necessary to transition from being a leading academic to being an academic leader.

Program Benefits:
By participating in this program you will:
- Clarify your career direction and goals
- Build essential leadership skills
- Think strategically about your individual priorities and how these fit a broader strategic context
- Learn from the experiences of academics at a variety of levels from across UQ
- Build a network of colleagues from across the University and discipline areas
- Develop and refine important team skills such as negotiating, influencing, and giving and receiving feedback
- Access supporting online resources

Approach to learning
The program is based around a series of experiential workshops, where you’ll not only gain knowledge but also learn through doing and reflecting. Throughout the program you’ll be supported by online resources and a network of peers. Program content will be tailored within two streams; Teaching Focused, and Research Focused. An optional session will explore the diversity landscape in the academic environment, particularly for women**.

Program Participation
The program is specifically targeted at Level A or B staff, who are in approximately their first five years of employment following PhD completion. The program runs from mid September to early December 2013.

Places within the program limited to 25 participants per stream (Teaching & Research/Teaching Focussed/Clinical Academic stream, and Research Focussed Stream). For further information regarding program dates and to register your Expression of Interest please go to the program website:

www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/eca-dev-program