**News from Head of School**

**Changes to EPSRC demand management policy**

EPSRC have just announced changes to their introduction of a temporary 12-month exclusion for repeatedly unsuccessful applicants as part of their 'demand management' policy. They will now allow investigators more time to help them adjust their submission behaviour before any restriction in applying to EPSRC for funding is introduced. The measures will now take effect from April 2010. In addition, rather than being completely excluded from applying to EPSRC, investigators who meet the criteria will be permitted to submit one application (as Principal Investigator or Co-investigator) during the 12-month period.

[Further information](#)

**Permission for Outside Work**

This is just a reminder that staff wishing to undertake private outside work are required to fill in a form, which can be found [here](#), and get it signed by Head of School. Full details of the University’s outside work policy can also be found by following this [link](#).

**University Undergraduate Open days 19-20 June 09**

The University Open Days will be held this summer on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June. As usual, the School will be holding events throughout the two days, and academic members of staff will be required to man the Computer Science stand in the Schuster Building, and meet, greet and talk to prospective students and their families. It is really important that we ensure there is a ‘buzz’ about the place for these events. Volunteers are needed to help on both days. If you are able to assist – ideally for at least two hours between 10:00 and 16:00 – please contact [Sophia Lewis-Martyr](mailto:sophia.lewis-martyr@manchester.ac.uk) with your availability.

**Events**

**Writing Ontologies in the Web Ontology Language (OWL) 19-20 May 09**

The BioHealth Informatics group at the University of Manchester and NIBHI are hosting their internationally renowned OWL Ontology tutorials at the University of Manchester on 19-20 May. This two-day introductory hands-on workshop aims to provide attendees with both the theoretical foundations and practical experience to begin building OWL ontologies using the latest version of the Protégé-OWL tools (Protege4). It is based on Manchester's well-known "Pizza tutorial" see: [http://www.co-ode.org/](http://www.co-ode.org/)

For registration and further information go to the [conference website](#).

**Photon Science for Energy 21 May 09**

The Photon Science Institute is hosting the above workshop in the Renold Building, Theatre D007 from 09:30-16:30.

Please contact [Dr Kathy England](mailto:kathy.england@manchester.ac.uk) by 13 May if you would like to attend.

**New Funding and Award Opportunities**

**Royal Society Hauksbee Awards 29 May 09**

The Royal Society is delighted to invite nominations for the Hauksbee Awards; a
new set of awards developed to recognise the unsung heroes of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as part of its 350th Anniversary. The Hauskbee Awards have been created to recognise and reward individuals who have excelled in their roles supporting UK science, such as laboratory technician or teacher. The awards are open to any individual working to support science research or education in the UK. The awards will consist of a Royal Society engraved bronze medal and a £500 gift. Nominations are invited from employers or senior colleagues and consist of a completed nomination form and recent CV of the nominee.

Further information

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**Research awards**

**Mechanistically Inspired Convolution Processes for Learning**
- Funding Body: Google
- PI: Neil Lawrence
- Award Amount: $32000

**CheTa: Chemistry Using Text Annotation**
- Funding Body: JISC
- PI: Sophia Ananiadou
- Award Amount: £141966