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Penalty Charges for Unused Rooms

Starting from September schools are liable to a fine for booking CTU rooms that are found to be vacant when CTU conduct their room usage audit. In the case of CS an unused booking could result in a fine of 120 GBP. It is therefore imperative that staff inform rooms@cs.man.ac.uk if they have a booking in a CTU room which will not be used. This includes one off cancellations. If you wish to see the documentation circulated by CTU then please see the section "CTU Penalties" on the [ACSO documents page](#).

Funding Opportunities

Royal Society University Research Fellowships Call for Applications

17 Sept 09

The University Research Fellowships scheme aims to provide outstanding scientists, who should have the potential to become leaders in their chosen field, with the opportunity to build an independent research career. Those appointed are expected to be strong candidates for permanent posts in universities at the end of their fellowships.

Subjects covered: Natural sciences (including agriculture, mathematics, technology, medical and engineering sciences).

Eligibility: Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent research experience by the time they apply, applicants who have just submitted their PhD are not eligible. Applicants are expected to be at an early to mid-stage of their career.

[More information](#)

Royal Society International Travel Grants Call for Applications 21 Sept 09

The Royal Society has merged the Conference Grants and Short Visits scheme into the new International Travel Grants. From now on travel grants, including attendance of conferences outside the UK, are no longer run as two separate schemes, but will be managed under one single programme.

The Royal Society's objectives include strengthening of UK science by providing support to excellent individuals to engage with the best science around the world as well as supporting science communication. The International Travel Grant scheme aims to contribute to fulfilling this objective by supporting international collaborations and the participation of UK based scientists in overseas conferences.

[Further information](#)

BBSRC New investigator scheme

14 Oct 09

The BBSRC new investigator scheme assists early-career researchers to secure their first major element of funding for research. Applicants must not have received competitive research funding from any source, as a Principal Investigator, that included post-doctoral research assistant staff support costs. Committees assess applications against the same criteria as other responsive mode proposals; however, research potential rather than track record will be taken into account.

This scheme operates in responsive mode. The next responsive mode deadline is 14th October 2009.

[More information](#)

Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships Scheme Call for Applications **23 Oct 09**

These Fellowships provide an opportunity for mid-career academics based in UK universities to be relieved of their administrative and teaching responsibilities, for between one academic term and a year, to concentrate on full-time research in any engineering discipline.

The Fellowship covers the cost of a replacement academic, expected to be at a junior level, providing them an opportunity to gain teaching experience. The junior academic will relieve the Fellow of all teaching and administrative duties during the duration of the Fellowship.

A support fund of up to £2,500 is also available as part of the Fellowship.

[More information](#)

Events

NowNano Science Day **10 Sept 09**

Half day interdisciplinary Nano science conference

12:00 – 18:00 Simon Building, B41

Buffet, tea/coffee provided

Please email [Victoria Turner](#) to confirm attendance before 25 August.

[Now Nano website](#)