News from Head of School

Advertising PGR studentships

As you are probably aware, the School has funding available to students wanting to studying toward a PhD from September 2010. The full provision is detailed on our website at: http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/phd/funding/.

First round allocations have already been made, but a significant amount of funding for EU and international students still remains. We have roughly 11 studentships on offer to EU applicants that provide fees and stipend, and six overseas fee waivers paying the difference between the home and overseas fee. All funding for UK students has currently been allocated, but the situation may change due to student withdrawals or other funding opportunities becoming available.

We are advertising these studentships on our website but would appreciate it if you could help us get word out through other channels, either directly to students or to any contacts who may know students considering PhD study in the UK. This flyer details the provision. We also have an html email that Rina will be happy to forward on request.

Bernard Strutt

Academic Procession

Confirm your attendance and order robes free of charge by 8 June

All members of the General Assembly, the Board of Governors, Senate, Emeritus Professors, Wardens of Halls of Residence and members of the teaching and administrative staff are invited to attend and take part in the academic procession.

Our Graduation Ceremony will be held on Thursday 8 July 2010 at 10 am. For those of you who will be attending, please could you reply to Jean Davison by Tuesday 8 June 2010, with the following details:-

Name

Robe requirement

Gown (Height)

Hood (if required)

Cap (if required)

Your Degree and University attended.

Gowns ordered after the deadline may not be available and will also incur a £35 charge.

Members of the procession who have ordered academic dress may obtain their robes from Committee Room A, Whitworth Corridor immediately prior to the start
of the ceremony they are attending. Please note all robes hired for staff must be returned to the Committee Room A on the day of the ceremony. Failure to do so will result in a charge being levied.

Alternative arrangements have been made for members of academic staff who are required to present graduands. Details of these will be circulated to the individuals concerned in due course.

Please note that the platform party for each ceremony will be restricted to a maximum of 40. Places in the procession will be issued on confirmation of an intention to attend on a first come first served basis.

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**Events**

**Network Dynamics and Synchronization**  
17-19 May 10  
Alan Turing Building

This three day conference will look at problems involving the theory of synchronization in network systems, and applications in biology and engineering.

There have been major theoretical breakthroughs in this area through the work of Field on the one hand (with the idea of re-patching equivalence) and Golubitsky and Stewart (through balanced colouring). One of the motivations behind this conference is to stimulate the interaction between researchers working on particular applications and those involved in theoretical issues. It is particularly important that graduate students and other younger researchers understand the breadth of the area (if working in applications) or the way applications can stimulate new theoretical questions (if working on theory), and the LMS provides five bursaries (3 nights accommodation and lunch only) for UK graduate student participation.

[Website](http://www.avs.com/)

**Extreme-End Remote Scientific Visualization**  
20 May 10  
Mark Mason and Roger Fleuty, AVS Europe.  
George Leaver and Martin Turner, Research Computing  
14:00 Room 1.10, Kilburn Building

AVS/Express Roadmap presentation and company visit. Demonstrations and discussions of work will include: HECToR integration for the Cray supercomputer, ParaFEM-Viewer, Erasmus funded Unstructured Volume rendering, and IP training and reports back from AVS user group in Switzerland and AVS in the CS Advanced MSc course.

A SIGGRAPH event

**Neuroscience Research Institute Network talk**  
29 June 10  
Professor Jay McClelland, Lucie Stern Professor in Social Sciences at Stanford University, Chair of the Department of Psychology, and founding Director of the Center for Mind, Brain and Computation.

16:00, venue to be confirmed

[Further details](#)

[Registration](#)

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**Funding Opportunities**

**RCUK - Lifelong Health and Wellbeing Phase 3**

RCUK/DoH (NIHR) have announced details of Phase 3 of their Lifelong Health and Wellbeing Program. Outline applications for Research Grants (£300k - £2.5m) are required by 30 June and applications for Pilot Studies (circa £250k)
are required by 15 September. Further details are available at: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/LLHWP3/index.htm

Please note that the Research Advisory Panel for the program has as a member James Nazroo (Director of the Cathie Marsh Centre in the School of Social Sciences).