News from Head of School

New application system for PGR

We are introducing a new procedure for dealing with Postgraduate Research (PGR) student applications. You will no longer receive paper copies of application forms. Instead, you will receive emails from the PGR office to indicate that there are applications for you to consider. The new procedure is intended to make our administration more efficient and also improve our response times. When you receive an email, or at any time, log in to your PGR applications account giving your School of Computer Science teaching-domain password. The address is as follows (note the 'https'):

https://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/intranet/acso/pgrapplications/

You will then see a list of all PGR applications that are for you, as well as applications that are open to everyone to consider. For each application, there will be some details, and a zip file containing all of the documents we have received concerning the applicant. You will have up 14 days to respond. You will receive reminders 48 hours and 24 hours in advance of the deadline. If you have not responded in this time period the application will be automatically transferred to a general pool, which can be viewed by all academics in the School. Anyone is then free to make an offer to the applicant.

When considering an application, you can either accept it, reject it or refer it to another academic who, you believe, is more suited to supervising the proposed work. You will be required to give feedback when accepting or rejecting an application. This will be used when considering applicants for funding, and for giving applicants some feedback in acceptance and rejection letters.

Any outstanding paper applications should be processed as previously, in paper form. You will also be able to view a list of applicants to whom you have already made offers.

If you have any technical problems please contact Iain Hart, or if you have any administrative queries please contact Ros Cooper.

Funding Opportunities

EPSRC Challenging Engineering call

Please take pro-active steps to identify candidates for the EPSRC "Challenging Engineering" call, at:

http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/open/Pages/challengingengineering.aspx

Please note the particular requirements and criteria of this call, since it seeks to identify and support future leading researchers, but in a way that is distinctive from the EPSRC Fellowships. The EPSRC process includes an interview stage.

The EPSRC closing date is 11th August. The University of Manchester is allowed to submit a maximum of 4 proposals.

There will be an internal process to identify/select those proposals. In order to
allow enough time subsequently for their thorough preparation, all candidates
must submit summary information to Adrian Jarvis (Adrian.Jarvis@manchester.ac.uk), by 12 noon on Monday 14th June.

The content of that summary info will be defined next week. Please let Howard Barringer know as soon as possible if you plan to make a proposal.