News from Head of School

Teaching Excellence Awards
The University offers and supports a range of award schemes to recognise excellence in teaching. Information on the schemes can be accessed at:

http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/tlso/teachingawards/

In particular the Teaching Excellence Awards have a closing date for initial expressions of interest of 24 November.

National Teaching Fellowships
The Higher Education Academy will be opening the 2010-11 round of National Teaching Fellowships in January. The University is allowed to nominate up to 3 individuals. Potential candidates are invited to submit a short ‘expression of interest’ form to the panel which will then decide on the three nominees. These nominees will then have access to one or more mentors from the current group of National Teaching Fellows and some administrative support to ensure their cases are as well presented as possible.

For more information and the ‘expression of interest’ please visit the TLSO website:

http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/tlso/teachingawards/ntfs/

The deadline for receipt of ‘expressions of interest’ is 29th November, 2010 and a decision will be made at the December meeting of the Teaching and Learning Group.

Events

Research Student Symposium
Website
Prof Ian Horrocks from COMLAB, Oxford is giving the keynote lecture. Please take a look at the whole programme of talks and come along to support and give the benefit of your expertise to the students giving presentations.

Funding Opportunities

Reminder: Royal Society Research Grant

This scheme provides ‘seed corn’ funding for new projects initiated by research scientists at an early stage of their career (within the first 5 years). The objective of the scheme is to increase the availability of specialised equipment, consumable materials and services, and to support essential field research. The scheme also provides support for research in the history of science or to assist with publication of scholarly works in the history of science (subject category I), and we welcome any research proposal or publication in the area of Royal Society history.
Subjects covered: All areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine. Additionally, the scheme provides support for research in the history of science and we welcome any research proposal or publication in the area of Royal Society history.

Eligibility: Applicants must be resident in the UK. They should have postdoctoral level or equivalent status at the time of the application and have a permanent or limited-tenure position in an eligible organisation. An applicant who is a postdoctorate paid by a grant for which someone else is the principal investigator is not eligible. Applicants must play a major part and take a leading role in the project and not make its fulfilment more than marginally dependent on the services of postgraduate/doctoral students.

Length of tenure: The grant is for a period of 12 months.

Place of tenure: UK University or not-for-profit research organisation (except for Research Council Institutes).

Value: For all subject categories, up to £15,000 (including VAT) is available for the purchase of specialised equipment, essential consumable materials and services. Up to £5,000 (including VAT) is available for the publication of scholarly works in the history of science.

Website

Closing date: 8 November 2010