News from Head of School

Recruiting Research Students

The recent success in obtaining the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training ensures that the school will have at least 15 studentships to offer for each of the next 5 years, and although the budget negotiations for the forthcoming financial year are not complete, it seems likely that we will be able to offer 24 funded places to Home/EU students this year. In addition, in 2010 we recruited 17 overseas students who have received at least partial funding from the school. Overall, however, we currently have only around 1.7 PhD students per academic member of staff, so it would be good to see this growing over the next few years, when it can be expected to become somewhat more difficult to attract research council funding. Overseas research students are also an important source of income - recruiting just 5 more students a year would lead to close to £200K of additional income to the school.

There is significant evidence that advertising PhD topics is useful for attracting research students. Our projects in findaphd.com have been accessed over 33,000 times in the last 9 months, and Ros estimates that 50% of our applications are based on projects advertised there and/or on the school project site (http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/phd/researchprojects/). As such, staff are encouraged to raise their profile to potential applicants by advertising projects, for which descriptions should be sent to Ros (rosalyn.v.cooper@manchester.ac.uk).

Events

Computer Science and the Water Industry?  2 Mar 11
Prof Joby Boxall. University of Sheffield
14:15, lecture theatre 1.4 Kilburn Building
Further information

Faculty of EPS Open Meeting  9 Mar 11
All members of staff in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences are invited to attend a Faculty Open Meeting with Professor Colin Bailey, the Vice-President & Dean, on Wednesday 9 March from 2 - 3pm in Room J017, Renold Building.
All are welcome. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Infrastructure at Google  15 Mar 11
Dr Peter Dickman, Engineering Manager in Google's Zurich Office
12.30, Q&A: 13.30 – 14:00, Theatre A, University Place
Event is free of charge and no registration is required.
Further information

Competitions

Low Carbon and Environment Competition 2011  20 May 11
UMIC and UMIP are pleased to announce the launch of the Low Carbon and Environment Competition 2011.
The competition is open to all University of Manchester academics and staff members and we are looking forward to hearing your ideas. Visit the UMIC Innovation Portal to find out more.