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News from Head of School

PhD funding success

The School has secured one President's Doctoral Scholarship and three Dean's PhD studentships from the five candidates put forward for the competitions. All of these provide full funding for the applicants. In addition one Alumni award has been secured that provides a partial bursary. Thanks to all who have helped to secure these, including Xiao-Jun Zeng, Chris Farrington and Barry Cheetham

New RFID swipecards

The University is introducing new RFID swipecards that are capable of being detected when placed near to the reader without having to be swiped. Although the existing card readers will only be replaced gradually and swiping will be required for some time, the new system will enable easier access to buildings and recording student attendance (if desired). Old swipecards will have to be exchanged for new ones, which will be available on 26th and 27th April as described in StaffUpdate:

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=12930>

Alternative arrangements will be made with HR for staff who cannot collect their cards on those days.

Events

The 28th British Colloquium for Theoretical Computer Science (BCTCS 2012) 2-5 April 2012

The 28th British Colloquium for Theoretical Computer Science (BCTCS 2012) is hosted by the School from 2 to 5 April 2012. The purpose of BCTCS is to provide a forum in which researchers in theoretical computer science can meet, present research findings, and discuss developments in the field. It also aims to provide an environment in which PhD students can gain experience in presenting their work, and benefit from contact with established researchers. This year BCTCS is collocated with the 19th Automated Reasoning Workshop.

<http://bctcs2012.cs.manchester.ac.uk/>

The 19th Automated Reasoning Workshop (ARW 2012) 2-4 April 2012

The 19th Automated Reasoning Workshop (ARW 2012) will take place in the School from 2 to 4 April 2012. The workshop provides an informal forum for the automated reasoning community to discuss recent work, new ideas and applications, and current trends. It aims to bring together researchers from all areas of automated reasoning in order to foster links and facilitate cross-fertilisation of ideas among researchers from various disciplines, from theoreticians, from implementers and from users of automated reasoning methodologies. This year the workshop is collocated with the 28th British Colloquium for Theoretical Computer Science.

<http://arw2012.cs.man.ac.uk/>

eHealth Webinar

3 Apr 12

The Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership will be conducting a webinar on the 3rd of April for all interested UoM staff to join.

Please dial in using the number and web address on the email below at **12:30pm on the 3rd of April**

The Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) is a public-private partnership between the US FDA, the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH), the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association, data owners, and academia.

OMOP is designed to help improve the monitoring of drugs for safety. The partnership is conducting a multi-year initiative to research methods that are feasible and useful to analyze existing healthcare databases to identify and evaluate safety and benefit issues of drugs already on the market. Utilizing databases of patient medical records and administrative claims, researchers are developing and testing various analytical methods for their ability to detect and evaluate drug safety issues over time. OMOP promotes transparency by placing all information of interest in the public domain as quickly as possible - <http://omop.fnih.org>.

We will discuss with you an overview of the first three years of OMOP research activities including the infrastructure/tools, methods, and initial results.

[Additional information](#)

Dial In Details:

Step 1: Dial-In

United Kingdom: 08004960576 (Toll Free)
Access Code: 4025311

Step 2: Web Login

<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/es903xjkec37>

Phenomena of social media and the use of social technology in HE 4 Apr 12

This event has proved so popular that it is fully booked, so we are now offering you the opportunity to take part in a webinar of this session. The webinar will feature a video stream from the event, and a facilitated live text discussion running in parallel with the activities in the room.

If you are interested in joining the webinar, please subscribe at :

<http://uom-web21.eventbrite.com/>

Please note that this is a pilot service so we have limited spaces available. You can attend for just part of the event if you choose, please refer to the event schedule on the [booking page](#).

After registration, you will receive details of how to test your computer setup prior to the event. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Steve Davies](#).

Higher Education Academy Web2.0 Workshop

4 April 12

On **Wednesday 4th April 2012**, The University of Manchester, in conjunction with the Higher Education Academy is holding a workshop that focuses on using web 2.0 in teaching and learning, within the Science, Technology , Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

This workshop uses the term 'social media' to refer to internet services where the online content is generated by the users of the service. Although there are other synonymous terms for such services (web 2.0, participatory media, etc), for consistency this session will use the terms social media (to describe the phenomenon) or social tools (to describe the technologies).

Examples of the social tools which may be covered include:

- Social Networking: Facebook and beyond
- Twitter
- Blogs
- Wikis
- Document sharing
- Presentation tools
- File sharing
- Conferencing

[Further information](#)

Faculty Open Meeting

18 Apr 12

14:00-15:00

Wednesday 18 April 2012, J17, Renold Building

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.

At the meeting Colin will give a presentation covering the following:

- An update on the position of the Faculty, including current successes and risks going forward
- Project Diamond/new appointments
- Estates Strategy
- Streamlining the appointments process for research staff

The remainder of the meeting will be given over to an open question and answer session on any matters of interest. **There is no need to submit questions in advance of the meeting.**

All are welcome. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

[More information](#)

Grant Applications Workshop

15 May 12

GRANTSMANSHIP

09:00-17:00, C24 Sackville Street Building

This day course is primarily intended for New Academics and those who have not yet clinched their first grant. It will be run by Prof Hugh McCann (EPS Associate Dean for Research) and colleagues and they will explore the latest information from the Research Councils and give strategic advice regarding applying for grants, including the research structures in place and how to cost applications. There will be an opportunity for participants to receive feedback on their potential ideas and how to structure cases for support.

Please book your place with [Janet Goodier](#).

If you would like to attend but there is a clash with the date, please will you contact Janet as we will be considering a rerun at a later time, depending on numbers.

Funding Opportunities

School Research Office

There is information about support for grant writing and submission at <http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/>

Prize and Award Opportunities

EPSRC ICT Pioneers Competition

13 Jun 12

UK ICT Pioneers is a unique partnership between EPSRC and key stakeholders that aims to recognise the most exceptional UK PhD students in ICT-related

topics who are able to communicate and demonstrate the excellence and exploitation potential of their research.

Five cash prizes of £2000

With a chance to win a bonus cash prize

Please note that all queries should be addressed to [EPSRC UK ICT Pioneers](#).

[More information](#)

Closing date: 12pm Wednesday 13th June

GlaxoSmithKline Emerging Scientist Award 2012

25 May 12

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being sought for the **GlaxoSmithKline Emerging Scientist Award**. The winner will be invited to attend the [Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences "PharmSci" Conference](#) in **September 2012** to give a special lecture.

Nominations are open to individual researchers in academia, industry, public service or other scientific establishments; or researchers from these areas working collaboratively. Individuals from across the globe, who have demonstrated a substantial advancement in the application of scientific knowledge within the pharmaceutical sciences through published work over the last five years, are invited to apply. The work will be judged on scientific quality and the actual or future applicability to industrial practice.

A panel of senior staff from GlaxoSmithKline will review the applications and select the successful nominee. The successful nominee will receive a commemorative presentation, a cheque for **£1,000** and expenses to attend the **2012 Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences "PharmSci" Conference** to give a lecture on their work.

Applicants must be within ten years of commencing their first research position on the closing date for nominations to be eligible. Time spent in undergraduate or post-graduate education is excluded from the 10 year period. Clarification of eligibility can be sought by enclosing a copy of the individuals CV to the APS (info@apsgb.org).

Nominations are requested either directly from the scientists, or from any other individual / organisation within the pharmaceutical industry. Submissions should take the form of a CV of the individual and a synopsis (of no more than 1000 words) of published work over the last five years focussing on its importance to the pharmaceutical industry.

Nominations should be received by **Friday 25th May 2012**, and sent to:

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