News from Head of School

Success at Teaching Awards!

The External Affairs team is proud to announce that Holly Dewsnip, our Recruitment & Admissions Intern, was recently awarded the Best Support Staff (Individual) award at the recent Manchester Teaching Awards. These awards, coordinated by the Students' Union, are entirely student led in the nomination process, and the winners are chosen by a student panel.

Holly was nominated by some of our Student Ambassadors who we work with on applicant Visit Days and Open Days. One of our ambassadors, Matt, had this to say about Holly:

“When the opportunity to take ownership of the Computer Science Student Ambassador scheme presented itself, Holly took full advantage of the extra responsibilities. She has made a real effort to drive the scheme forwards, to get to know the student ambassadors and to make sure that activities including visit days and open days run smoothly. She cares about the work she does and always does it with a smile.”

Holly has been working at the School of Computer Science since August last year, as part of the Manchester Graduate Intern Programme (MGIP). Bearing in mind that Holly works in what is typically an applicant rather than a student facing role, this award is a true testament to the impact that she has had on the student ambassadors that she works with.

Our ACS student rep, Somdip Dey won the award for Course Rep of the year: EPS. Somdip said “I am really glad. Being the ACS student representative gave me a great opportunity to grow as a human being as well as a student, who got the opportunity to serve other fellow students.”

Further information on the Manchester Teaching Awards can be found on the Students’ Union website.

Richard Neville wins EPS Teacher of the Year

Richard Neville was awarded the Faculty of EPS Teacher of the Year Award on 15th May in an event in the Sackville St Building.
Neuromorphic Computing

The MIT Technology Review has included neuromorphic computing as one of 10 "breakthrough" technologies for 2014: http://www.technologyreview.com/lists/technologies/2014/

The University of Manchester gets a brief mention in the 4th para: http://www.technologyreview.com/featuredstory/526506/neuromorphic-chips/

Events

The computational challenges of neuroinformatics 21 May 14
Dan Goodman, Eaton Peabody Laboratory in the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, affiliated to Harvard Medical School.
14:15, lecture theatre 1.3, Kilburn building.

SupraBiology: Supercomputing for Systems Biology 16-17 Jun 14
The Manchester Centre for Integrative Systems Biology (MCISB) organizes this unique event that aims to promote China-UK collaborations in Systems Biology and Systems Medicine facilitated by supercomputing. This should connect the unique strength of the world’s fastest supercomputer in Changsha/Guanzhou with UK systems biology and systems medicine. The event is sponsored by a BBSRC UK-China Partnering Award led by Professor Hans V. Westerhoff who is at the University of Manchester.
Further info and registration

Funding Opportunities

Research Support Office
Please contact us through researchsupportcsm@manchester.ac.uk.
There is information about support for grant writing, submission and successful examples at http://staffnet.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/ and through EPS. The EPS blog The Word contains features News, Events and comment relevant to Postgraduate Researchers, Research Staff and Supervisors or PIs.

Important: Changes in EU Funding Opportunities
More detailed information is available now that for Horizon2020 has started (the successor of FP7 EU programme). EU research funding is important for the School and it’s important to understand what’s available http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html

Reminder - H2020 information available
EU funding-related documents are placed by the University’s EU team at: http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/search.aspx
The easiest way to find these documents is to search using the keyword: 'Horizon 2020'
A great resource recommended by the ICT National Contact Point is http://www.ictic.org/, which also provides handy overview documents.

External Horizon 2020 events Various
Details on upcoming events are available, including focuses on graphene, HBP and FET.

Featured Research Outcomes

Did you know... papers featured in the newsletter also go on display in the Kilburn Building (outside 2.7)? Send your new publications to Robert Stevens so that more
http://scitation.aip.org/content/aip/journal/apl/browse;jsessionid=h8xojqhv2vvt.x-aip-live-02
(Featured as the issue's front cover image)

*Have we missed something? If you have some award news that you would like us to know about please contact Sarah Chatwin.*