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News from Head of School**Undergraduate Open Day**

Please could you *all* consider signing up to participate in the final University Undergraduate Open Day next Saturday, 4th October. Open Days are usually well-attended, and play an important part in UG recruitment. As usual, there will be events in the School, plus a stand in the Schuster Building, but currently we do not have commitment from sufficient staff to run these successfully. Talks and demos are organised, but we need more of you on hand to give the place a 'buzz' and meet informally with potential students and their parents. It is impossible to overstate the importance of a vibrant and successful undergraduate programme to the School, and I strongly encourage as many of you as possible to help in this relatively painless way. Attendance at these events is taken into account in academic load calculations. Volunteers are needed between 1000 and 1600 to fill 2 hour slots. Please contact [Bernard](#) to sign up or for more details.

Approval to Spend

This is a reminder that, currently, you still need approval from Ursula to spend any amount over £100 from a reserve account or student (STD) support account. This level of control is necessary because, once again, we have had to agree to a challenging savings target for non-pay expenditure, but reasonable requests are generally approved. Proposals for expenditure of over £100 from affected accounts should be sent to [Ursula](#) by email, providing the following information:

- research group
- individual who will benefit
- account number against which expenditure is requested
- amount of proposed expenditure
- brief details of the purpose of the expenditure including, in the case of conference attendance, a comment on the status of the conference
- consequences of not spending the money.

Book Announcement

Second-Order Quantifier Elimination: Foundations, Computational Aspects and Applications by Dov M. Gabbay, Renate A. Schmidt, and Andrzej Szalas
Studies in Logic: Mathematical Logic and Foundations, Vol. 12, College Publications 2008, 308 pages, ISBN 978-1-904987-56-7

[More Information](#)

Events this Week[top](#)**Meeting of the School Board****1 Oct**

The main item will be the Budget Report and the Dean will also be attending. If anyone would like to place an item on the agenda, or offer a question to the Dean, then please contact [Bryony](#) with the information. Apologies from CJT, but this clashes with an RAE subpanel meeting.

University Undergraduate Open Day New**4 Oct**

We still need staff to assist with the final 2008 University Undergraduate Open Day, which will take place on Saturday 4 October 2008. As usual, the School of

Computer Science will be manning a stand in the Schuster Building and holding events in the School involving presentations and demos, followed by a chance for visitors to talk informally to members of academic staff and students. Volunteers are needed between 1000 and 1600 for 2 hour slots; please contact [Bernard](#) for more details.

Regular Seminar Series

See links in contents bar for information on seminar series organised by the School of CS, E-Science North West and National Centre for Text Mining.

Future School Events

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AI via Neural Processing **New**

8 Oct 08

Dr Chris Huyck. Middlesex University
1415, Lecture Theatre 1.4, Kilburn Building

[More Information](#)

School Board Dates

1 October - Budget Report and Dean attending
26 November - UG Report
4 February - PG Report
25 March - External Affairs Report
6 May - Research Report
1 July - Resources Report
All meetings take place 1530-1700 in IT 407.

Future External Events

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University's Foundation Day Lecture

8 Oct 08

Professor Joe Stiglitz, Chair, Brooks World Poverty Institute.

As you may be aware, the University marks its foundation each year with a Foundation Lecture given by someone of renown. The President and Vice-Chancellor would like to invite as many members of staff as possible from across the University to attend this prestigious event. If you are interested in attending, please request a ticket by emailing [Lesley Sisson](#)

UMIP free seminar on consulting **New**

13 Oct 08

The University of Manchester Intellectual Property Ltd (UMIP) would like to invite you to its free seminar on '**Consulting**' during the morning of **Monday 13 October**. The seminar will consist of presentations made by a number of experienced individuals from academia and industry who will share their experiences of consulting. [More Information & Registration](#)
1000-1300 (Registration & coffee 0930), CTF, 46 Grafton Street

Faculty Meeting **New**

15 Oct 08

The meeting will follow a similar structure to the last one in April in that the first half of the meeting will be used to provide an update on the Faculty's current performance and the second half will be an open question and answer session. The Dean will open the meeting with an overview of the Faculty's financial position, focussed on the five year forecasts, and this will be followed by a brief update from each of the Associate Deans on the key priorities within their areas. Questions for the Dean to [Fiona Campbell](#) please.

Funding Opportunities

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RAEng - Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships **14 Nov 08**

These Fellowships provide an opportunity for mid-career academics based in UK universities to be relieved of their administrative and teaching responsibilities, for between one academic term and a year, in order to concentrate on full-time research in any engineering discipline. The award provides a grant to cover the cost of a replacement member of staff for the period of the Fellowship to carry out the teaching and administrative responsibilities of the researcher. A support fund of up to £2,500 is also available as part of the Fellowship.
[More Information](#)

RAEng Research Student Development Fellowships **New** **1 Dec 08**

These fellowships are worth **£10,000 each** and are intended to add value to **PhD and EngD students** by funding training and development activities which complement their research oriented education. The scheme is open to all research students who are entering their second year in the academic term beginning September/October 2008. Deadline for applications: 1st December 2008. For more information visit: [More Information](#)

Industrial Secondment Scheme **Open**

The Industrial Secondment Scheme provides an invaluable opportunity for engineering teaching staff in Higher Education institutions to gain state-of-the-art industrial experience. Applicable to engineers of all disciplines, the scheme's objective is to enable the secondees to impart the fruits of this experience to their students through teaching, through case studies using up-to-date material and, in the longer term, through course design. The benefits also accrue to the host organization which gains a temporary but highly qualified member of staff, and to the university which has the opportunity of strengthening its links with industry.

[More Information](#)

UoM Knowledge Transfer Challenge **Open**

The KT Challenge offers small grants for *concept studies* and *feasibility studies*. If you are interested in developing ideas in collaboration with an industrial partner – developing new technology, or applying existing technology in an industrial setting – please contact [Constantinos Astreos](#).

EPSRC Encouraging Postdoctoral Mobility Between Disciplines **Open**

EPSRC would like to encourage the transfer of outputs of research between different research disciplines as well as aiding the career development of EPSRC funded PDRAs. In the first instance an extra year of support will be offered. Transfers between the engineering and physical science disciplines and the life sciences are encouraged. There are no closing dates for proposals.

[More Information](#)

EPSRC ICT Platform Grants **Open**

EPSRC invites outline proposals for its information and communication technology platform grants. Platform grants aim to provide world-leading UK groups with continuity of funding for strategic development, longer-term research and international networking.

[More Information](#)

Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chairs **Open**

Full-time professorial appointments, in any engineering-related subject. The academy particularly welcomes proposals of a multidisciplinary nature. Funding is provided for 5 years.

[More Information](#)

RAEng Industrial Secondment Scheme **Open**

An opportunity for university lecturers in engineering to gain state-of-the-art industrial experience.

[More Information](#)

BBSRC International Scientific Interchange Scheme (ISIS) **Open**

To help scientists make and establish new contacts with their international counterparts.

[More Information](#)

RAEng Global Research Awards **Open**

Projects in centres of excellence overseas focussing on stimulating wealth creation and improvements in the quality of life.

[More Information](#)

EPSRC Engineering Visits **Open**

Support for salary costs and travel subsistence for scientists and engineers of acknowledged standing, either from within the UK or abroad, to visit the investigator's organisation.

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Prize and Award Opportunities **top**

We have acknowledged the need to raise the profile of the School both nationally and internationally. Nominating individuals for awards, and working actively with others to ensure that deserving individuals are nominated is one way of doing that.

None currently open

Research Awards **top**

caGRID

Funding Body: National Institution for Health

PI: Carole Goble

Award Amount: \$200000

Semantically Annotated Provenance Collection

Funding Body: Eli Lilly

PI: Carole Goble

Award Amount: \$150000

IBM Faculty Award

Funding Body: IBM

PI: Liping Zhao

Award Amount: £15649

Data Mining Approach to Pricing Decision Support for Retail

Funding Body: KSS

PI: Xiao-jun Zeng

Award Amount: £21000

Visiting Fellowship for Dr Klaus Havelund

Funding Body: Royal Academy of Engineering

PI: Howard Barringer

Award Amount: £5774

Staff News

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Awards and Promotions

None this week

Academic Arrivals

None this week

Academic Departures

None this week

Research Arrivals

None this week

Research & Technical Departures

None this week

Administrative Arrivals

None this week

Administrative Departures

None this week

Sabbatical Leave

Alasdair Rawsthorne: 80% secondment to Transitive Technologies
Oct 07 – Sep 08. - continuing

John Keane: Academic Year 2008/09

Len Freeman: April to Sept 2009

John Gurd: Academic Year 2009/10

Liping Zhao: Sept 2008 to Mid Jan 09, and Mid July 09 to mid Jan 10

Josh Knowles: Feb 2009 for 6 months

Rizos Sakellariou: Lent term 2008-09, Summer term 2008-09, Michaelmas Term 2009-10 (2 semesters)

Xiao-Jun Zeng: January 2009-April 2009

Ning Zhang: January 2009 – June 2009

Vacancies

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Academic Staff

None

Research & Technical Staff

[Research Fellows in Text Mining \(2 posts\)](#)

School of Computer Science

Closing date: 08/10/2008. Ref EPS/80936.

Management & Professional Staff

None

Administrative Staff

None