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University Open Day

3 Oct

The final University Open Day for 2009 will be held on Saturday 3rd October. As usual, the School will be holding events throughout the day. Academic members of staff will be needed to man the Computer Science stand in the Schuster Building, and meet, greet and talk to prospective students and their families. It is really important that we ensure there is a 'buzz' about the place for these events.

Volunteers are needed to help on both days. If you are able to assist - ideally for at least two hours between 09:30am and 3:30pm - please contact [Michael Stead](#).

Research Group Budgets

As in the previous financial year, £150K of expenditure has been included in the school budget, which is then assigned to research groups. For the financial year August 2009 to July 2010, the details are as follows (thanks to John Halliwell for the figures).

Group	Budget
Advanced Processor Technology	34,131.56
Bio-Health Informatics	19,806.52
Electronic and Information Storage	6,218.84
Formal Methods	11,819.06
Information Management Group	35,643.21
Machine Learning & Optimisation	10,875.21
Software Systems	7,808.56
Text Mining	11,627.16
Advanced Interfaces / Vision	4,473.01
Other - Teaching	5,596.87
Teaching Staff	2,000.00

The amounts are generated as follows:

- 1.) £500 is credited to each academic member of staff.
- 2.) The remaining £114,150 is allocated as above based on Total Group Balance and Income Received in 08-09.

Any additional income received with the year 09-10 into reserve accounts is also spendable, however this must be spent within the year, after which it is added to the balance and forms part of the following year's calculations.

It is the responsibility of groups to work out how to divide up/use the money within the group. Any grievances in relation to the overall process or internal allocations should come to me, whereas John can answer practical questions and provide updates on expenditure.

Faculty Open Meeting

7 Oct

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 Acting Vice-President & Dean on Wednesday 7 October, 2 - 3pm in Room C9, Renold Building.

Colin will give a short presentation, which will include updates on the research

profiling exercise, financial matters and shared service costs. This will be followed by a presentation from Professor Phil Withers on the new Henry Moseley X-ray Imaging Facility with the remainder of the meeting 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.

Events

EPS e-Learning sessions – change of times

The e-Learning sessions are for staff who need to discuss any issues or problems they may be having with Blackboard or any other eLearning tools. Staff can turn up and a member of the EPS eLearning team will be on hand to offer support.

Please note the days and times of these sessions have changed and replace the drop in sessions available over the summer period. The new days and times are in effect from the week commencing 7th September.

Mondays: 12-1 Sackville Street Building G11

Thursdays: 12-1 Chemistry Computer Room Cluster Ground Floor.

Any other elearning enquiries can be sent as usual to elearning@manchester.ac.uk

Extracting Behaviour Specification of Components in Legacy Applications

Prof Frantisek Plasil. Charles University, Prague
14:15, Lecture Theatre 1.4, Kilburn Building

Funding Opportunities

EU funding opportunities event

18 Sept

Maths have arranged a session which involves a presentation by Liz Fay on EU funding opportunities, as well as a presentation by Ian Madley on the role of the business development team. All Computer Science academic staff are invited to attend.

14:00, Frank Adams room, First Floor Alan Turing Building

FP7 Information and Communication Technologies Call

26 Oct

The FP7 Information and Communication Technologies Call (FP7-ICT-2009-5) is now open. For information on this particular call please go [here](#).

The deadline for this call is 26th October 2009 and we are expecting a high number of applications. Due to annual leave Anna Smethurst will be unavailable for costings the week before this date; please contact the Research Office (resoffice@cs.man.ac.uk) before the 16th October if you are planning to apply for this round of FP7 ICT funding.

BBSRC Research development fellowships - Call for applications

11 Nov

BBSRC Research Development Fellowships are aimed at full-time members of academic staff of a UK university with a minimum of 5 years in their current or similar post who wish to devote themselves to full-time research. Applicants seeking to develop interdisciplinary dimensions by integrating new techniques or methodologies into their research are encouraged.

Awards are for 1-3 years, and include a research support grant to cover costs associated with the proposed research development activities. Deadline is 11 November.

[More information](#)

BBSRC David Phillips Fellowships - Call for Applications

11 Nov

David Phillips Fellowships are aimed at scientists who have demonstrated high potential and who wish to establish themselves as independent researchers.

Awards are for 5 years, and include personal salary and a significant research support grant. Deadline is 11 November.

[More information](#)

Prizes

BBSRC Science Photo Competition

30 Nov

Many BBSRC scientists take stunning images in the course of their everyday research. To encourage and recognise scientists and PhD students who can combine a passion for their science with an eye for a striking image, BBSRC has launched its inaugural Science Photo Competition.

The competition aims to raise the profile of BBSRC science by providing a wider audience to excellent photographs of science or scientific impact. Any scientist or student supported by BBSRC can enter the competition. As well as the chance to see their images promoted by BBSRC and boosting the profile of their research, entrants from HEI Departments and Institutes stand the chance of winning up to £700 of photography equipment from a prize pool of £2500.

[More information](#)

Research Awards

Taming the beast: Runtime adaptation as the key to power efficient many-cores

Funding Body: The Royal Society

PI: Mikel Lujan

Award Amount: £616867
