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## **FROM THE RESEARCH STUDENTS CENTRE**

In this section of the Newsletter the RSC provides information based on feedback and information requests from students and staff.

### **Enrolment on Line Open for 2004**

On line for 2004 is now available via the online Enrolment portlet in QUT Virtual. To log in to QUT Virtual you will need to provide your access username and password. If you have any difficulties please contact the Student Helpdesk (telephone 3864 2898 email [studenthelp@qut.edu.au](mailto:studenthelp@qut.edu.au)). You are encouraged to enrol for the full year (semester 1 and 2).

### **Scholarship Round update**

The 2004 Scholarship Round closed on 15 October 2003. A record number of applications were received and the quality of applications exceeded all expectations. The first round of emails have been sent out. At this stage:

if you are not going to be offered a scholarship you will have already received an email.

if you have been offered a scholarship in the first round you will have already received an offer.

If you are in the first category please keep in mind that you were competing in a highly competitive round, we regret that we were not able to offer you a scholarship. Hopefully one of the scholarship opportunities listed below may be of interest. Please keep checking the scholarship website we will load all new opportunities that we hear about for you as we receive them. If you are in the second category congratulations again and please confirm your acceptance of the scholarship as requested. If you are in neither category keep your fingers crossed that some first round offers are not accepted. We will progressively roll out offers as scholarships become available.

### **New Scholarship Opportunities**

**(<http://www.qut.edu.au/draa/or/extscholarships.html>)**

### **ACID**

ACID, the Australasian CRC for Interaction Design, a new Commonwealth Government Collaborative Research Centre (CRC), is seeking to develop a registry of interested applicants for Honours, Masters and Doctoral positions in approved projects for 2004.

ACID develops technologies to improve the way people participate in the

digital world. Research areas include:

- Smart Living
- Digital Media
- Multi-user Environments
- Virtual Heritage

In addition to industry collaborators and ACID sponsor QUT, partner universities include UQ, Griffith University, RMIT, Murdoch University (Perth) and University of Canterbury (New Zealand).

Multi-disciplinary, industry-university project teams will cover the cultural and creative industries (film/TV, games, music, and performing arts), IT and computer science, engineering, business, and related design disciplines.

If you know of any students who may be interested in being a part of ACID's foundation research and commercialization initiatives, please forward this e-mail or ask them to send a brief e-mail and CV to [education@interactiondesign.com.au](mailto:education@interactiondesign.com.au).

For more details on ACID visit <http://www.interactiondesign.com.au/>

#### **AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC DIVISION TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2004**

**Closing date: 19 December 2003**

**Candidates will be required to submit their application online, in addition to a brief CV. Further information visit <http://www.aad.gov.au/scholarships>**

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#### **CENTRE FOR ACCIDENT RESEARCH AND ROAD SAFETY (CARRS-Q) - PHD AND MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Closing date: 14 January 2004**

**For further information and application form contact the CARRS-Q website [www.carrsq.qut.edu.au](http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au)**

**or contact**

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#### **CSIRO - EFFICIENT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS (SPRINKLER, SUBSURFACE DRIP) WITH CONVENTIONAL FURROW IRRIGATION FOR BROAD ACRE WINTER AND SUMMER CROPS**

**No closing date given**

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#### **HUMBOLDT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR POST-DOCS RESIDENT OUTSIDE GERMANY**

Further information at: [http://www.avh.de/en/programme/stip\\_aus/stp.htm](http://www.avh.de/en/programme/stip_aus/stp.htm)

#### **Humboldt Research Awards to Outstanding Scholars Resident Outside Germany**

Further information at: <http://www.avh.de/en/programme/preise/pt.htm>

#### **Study and research in Germany, Scholarships and Grants Database**

Further information at: <http://www.daad.de/stipendien/en/>

#### **DFG international Research Funding (the 'German ARC')**

Further information at: <http://www.dfg.de/en/international/>

#### **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2004**

Further information at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships)

#### **OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS (ORS) AWARDS SCHEME**

Program: MPhil/PhD  
Eligibility: Overseas (to UK) students  
Value: Difference between UK/EU tuition fees and overseas tuition fees  
No. of Awards: 77  
Deadline: 2 February 2004

#### **SHELL CENTENARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND SHELL CENTENARY CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Program: Most Master's programs in science  
Eligibility: Nationals of countries that are *not* members of the OECD, plus Mexico, Hungary, Turkey and the Czech and Slovak Republics  
Value: Tuition fees, accommodation/maintenance allowance, and return airfare  
Deadline: 1 March 2004

#### **UCL GRADUATE SCHOOL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

Program: MPhil/PhD  
Eligibility: all UK and international students  
Value: UK/EU tuition fees and maintenance allowance of £11,000  
No. of Awards: 20

**Deadline: 1 April 2004**

#### **UCL GRADUATEA SCHOOL MRES SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program: MRes and Research Council recognised research Master's programs**  
**Eligibility: All UK and international students**  
**Value: UK/EU tuition fees and a maintenance allowance of £11,00**  
**Deadline: 1 April 2004**

#### **FREDERICK BONNART-BRAUNTHAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program: MPhil/PhD**  
**Eligibility: Students who plan to explore the nature of religious, racial and cultural prejudices, and to find ways of combating them.**  
**Value: £10,000**  
**Deadline: 1 April 2004**

#### **JAMES LANNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program: MSc in Economics, MSc in Environmental Resource Economics, MPhil/PhD in Economics. Preference is given to candidates who intend ot specialise in international economics or in issues of economic policy in Europe.**  
**Eligibility: all UK and international students**  
**Value: £5,000**  
**Deadline: 15 May 2004**

#### **LLOYD'S REGISTER SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program: MSc in Marine Engineering and MSc in Naval Architecture**  
**Eligibility: all UK and international students**  
**Value: £10,000**  
**Deadline: 1 June 2004**

#### **KEELING SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program: MPhil/PhD in Philosophy**  
**Eligibility: all UK and international students**  
**Value: UK/EU tuition fees plus a bursary**  
**Deadline: 15 June 2004**

#### **FOLLETT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program: MPhil/PhD in Philosophy**  
**Eligibility: all UK and international students**  
**Value: £10,000**  
**Deadline: 15 June 2004**

#### **THAMES AND HUDSON SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program: MA in Comparative Art and Archaeology**  
**Eligibility: all UK and international students**

**Value: A scholarship up to a maximum value of £15,000 or a number of scholarships totalling that value**

**Deadline: 16 July 2004**

### **European University Association (EUA) Prize**

**For the best essay on The Interpretation of the Magna Carta Universitatum and its Principles.**

**Closing Date: By registered mail by 31 May 2004**

Such principles outline the universities' fundamental values and rights, institutional autonomy and academic freedom, as they apply to teaching, research and services (see full presentation on [http:// www.magna-charta.org](http://www.magna-charta.org))

**Who can compete?** Doctoral students in any discipline from any University anywhere.

**What is expected?** An essay of max. 30,000 words, written in English, French or Italian on the relevance and importance of the Magna Carta for the university of today as a centre of innovation and creativity in the knowledge society.

**What is the prize?** Apart from the 10,000 Euro awarded by EUA, the Magna Carta Observatory will ensure the publication of the essay in English, French, Italian, Spanish and German. It will also negotiate the laureate's possible visit to signatory universities interested in the ideas developed for the award.

**How to apply?** The text is to be sent, with a short CV, in two copies plus a floppy-disc, to the Observatory of the Magna Carta Universitatum –Via Val d'Aposa 7, 40123 Bologna, Italy.

The prize will be awarded in Bologna on 17 September 2004, during the yearly meeting of the Magna Carta Universitatum.

### **Grant in Aid Round**

Offers for the October Grant in Aid round have now been posted. There is likely to be a review of this process in the new year so applicants and others are encouraged to provide feedback if they have any suggestions on how to improve the process for the future (email [s.gasson@qut.edu.au](mailto:s.gasson@qut.edu.au)). Current thoughts being considered that you may wish to comment on are:

More rounds

Larger but fewer allocations

More linkages between faculty and central funding approvals

Priority for first time applicants over others

Maximum funding limit

### **Unpaid Student Guild Fees Sanctions (repeated for the 38 who hadn't paid as of 3/12/03)**

Letters are being sent to a number of students who have a sanction or encumbrance imposed on their enrolment due to non payment of fees. A quick reminder that fees should be paid to the University Cashier (A block GP, K block KG, C block CA) in order to have the sanction lifted. Alternative

methods of payment (as noted at the bottom of your enclosed Statement of Account) include payment via credit card, B-Pay or Australia Post. The sanction will be lifted within 48 hours of payment and this can be checked via QUT Virtual. If there is any problem, please contact the Student Centre on 3864 2000 with your receipt number. Please note that staff at the Research Students Centre has no access to lift fee –related sanctions.

If you have not received reminder notices/emails and letters you may need to update your personal details page on QUT Virtual and ensure that you have activated your **Student** Email Account. This will ensure that you do not miss out on important reminders and warnings..

To forward your Student Email to another email address please go to [https://trs.qut.edu.au/trs/cgi/your\\_e\\_mail\\_3.cgi](https://trs.qut.edu.au/trs/cgi/your_e_mail_3.cgi) and use your **student login** and password (*Call the Computer Help Desk if you need the password to be re-set or require instructions*): "You have the option to [redirect your e-mail to a different e-mail account](#) if you wish."

NOTE: Fee Statements are no longer sent to your mailing address. They are available online via your QUT Virtual personal profile. As previously advise reminder messages are sent to your student email account, paper notices are no longer issued by the Fees Office.

## Revised PhD Regulations (December 2003)

The following changes to the PhD Regulations have been approved by University Academic Board. This summary is provided to alert relevant stakeholders to the changes in order to facilitate the implementation of these changes across the University.

### **SUMMARY of Significant Changes**

The following details explain changes made to the regulations that may have implications for students, supervisors or research administrators.

#### **1.1 Transfer**

It is now possible for a PhD candidate to use a Transfer Form to apply to transfer from the current course to either a Masters by Research or Professional Doctorate. This application can be made at any point during candidature.

#### **1.2 Joint Degree**

In exceptional and specifically approved circumstances the PhD regulations make provision for the University to consider facilitating a joint PhD Candidate.

#### **1.3 Expected Completion**

Expected/standard period of candidature - 36 months full time/72 months part time.

#### **1.4 Leave of Absence**

Statement of normal period of leave approved. Statement that normally leave is not granted prior to successful submission of the Stage 2 application.

#### **1.5 Confirmation of Candidature**

International Students commencing after 1 January 2004 will be expected to complete confirmation of candidature no later than 15 months into their full time candidature.

At Confirmation of Candidature, candidates are asked to indicate the likely format of their thesis (i.e., by publication, monograph or creative works).

#### **1.6 Australian Digital Thesis**

Changes to the PhD Regulations reflect the revised thesis submission procedures previously approved and advised. These changes require that on completion the student provide an electronic and hard bound copy of their thesis.

#### **1.7 Examiners Not in Agreement**

Chair, Research Degrees committee has the discretion, in consultation with the faculty as required, to determine the course of action where the examiners' recommendations are similar.

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### **TRAINING & RESOURCES**

- **NEW Research Training Website**  
(<http://www.biad.uce.ac.uk/research/rti/rtrc/rtrc.html>)

UCE, Birmingham UK have opened a wonderful website with great on line resources for students and supervisors. The pick of resources for students appears to be a list of the Ten Top Websites for Researchers quoted as being "[ten websites that every research student should know about](#)".

- **NEW Research Jobs Website**  
(<http://www.researchjobs.net.au>)

ResearchJobs has been in operation for nearly a year., Universities, Cooperative Research Centres and research agencies have been encouraged to use the site to assist their postgraduate students who may be looking for opportunities in the near future by letting them know about ResearchJobs.

To subscribe automatically to ResearchJobs, send a blank email from the address to be subscribed to:  
[researchjobs-list-subscribe@webmedia.com.au](mailto:researchjobs-list-subscribe@webmedia.com.au)

### **Orientation**

The 2004 Orientation for Research Higher Degree Students is scheduled for early March and the program will be available on line shortly. This event is aimed at students who have commenced in the last 6-8 months but is open to all.

[http://www.qut.edu.au/draa/or/stud\\_index.html](http://www.qut.edu.au/draa/or/stud_index.html)

Please view the offerings and selection sessions that are useful and relevant to you, and suit your stage of candidature.

**Details of other training opportunities are available by visiting:**

- TALSS COURSES ( <http://www.talss.qut.edu.au/talss/studlearning/> )
- Data Visualisation Services ( [http://www.its.qut.edu.au/hpc/hardware/itsrlab/vis\\_srv.shtml](http://www.its.qut.edu.au/hpc/hardware/itsrlab/vis_srv.shtml) )
- Data Analysis ( <http://www.itstraining.qut.edu.au/> )
- Services and Administration  
<http://www.qut.edu.au/services/studstaff/learnsk.jsp>
- ATN Leap Modules (<https://olt.qut.edu.au/udf/ATN-LEAP/index.cfm>)

### **Library News – E-Prints ([eprints.qut.edu.au](http://eprints.qut.edu.au))**

An eprint is an electronic copy of an academic paper. Eprints can be either preprints (a working paper or the version of a paper submitted for peer review) or postprints (the final draft of a paper, as accepted for publication following peer review)

**QUT ePrints** is an institutional repository of eprints which showcases some of the research output of QUT staff and postgraduate students.

The papers deposited in **QUT ePrints** are *freely available* via this website. This open access ensures the widest possible dissemination and impact for our work and contributes to the growing body of research literature that is now freely available online.

Eprint repositories are *complementary* to traditional academic publishing; not a replacement. QUT researchers are continuing to submit their paper to journals for peer review and publication. However, whenever possible, they are now depositing copies of these papers in this eprint archive. Obviously, this excludes material intended for commercialization of any kind.

Electronic copies of papers in an eprint repository can be made freely available to the global community of scholars.

From 2004, it is [QUT policy](#) that publicly available research and scholarly output of the University should be deposited in this ePrints repository.

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING**

**<http://www.its.qut.edu.au/hpc/>**

Queensland Parallel Supercomputing Foundation (QPSF)/ Australian Partnership for Advanced Computing (APAC) (<http://www.its.qut.edu.au/hpc/qpsf.jsp>)

If your research requires specialised computing, application, data, storage, network, and human resources that are not currently available at QUT, then please let us know your requirements.

We will identify for you whether QPSF or APAC off-campus facilities will be able to meet your needs, and assist you to use these facilities as required.

QUT staff and students who are using any of the QPSF or APAC machines can contact QUT's HPC and Research Support Group (HPC) for support and assistance. Where necessary the HPC group can organise for support personnel at QPSF to be contacted directly.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to contribute an item or provide information for inclusion in the newsletter please send the details via e-mail to **[s.gasson@qut.edu.au](mailto:s.gasson@qut.edu.au)**