Ten Seldam BMedSci Scholarship

The AL & M Dawkins Foundation generously donated $120,000 to establish the Dawkins BMedSci Scholarship in honour of Professor Rolf ten Seldam at a signing ceremony recently. It is planned to award the first ‘Dawkins Bachelor of Medical Science Scholarship in honour of Professor Rolf ten Seldam’ in 2010. This is possible due to additional donations received by E/Prof Max Walters and Mrs Adrianne Walters and E/Prof John Papadimitriou and Dr Ralph ten Seldam, son of Professor ten Seldam.

New PhD Students

Talal Qadah has recently joined the Haematology Laboratory at QEIMC to study molecular mechanisms regulating human alpha-globin production. His project aims to investigate the molecular and cellular pathways which cause alpha thalassemia produced by erythroid cells of patients carrying alpha-gene mutations.

Library Services

Library staff have offered their assistance to any new staff. They can help tell you how to access journals from your office desktop and any other questions you might have about Library Services. You can contact the Medical Library by email at medlib@library.uwa.edu.au or by phone on 9346 7296.

Free Professional Development

Did you know that Adjunct and Clinical Staff can access UWA Professional Development courses at no cost? From Teaching Large Classes: Active Learning in Lectures in July to Writing and Publishing in Scientific Journals in August to Better Managing Outlook in October, OSDS offers a comprehensive range of PD opportunities for all members of the School.

For more information visit the OSDS website at http://www.osds.uwa.edu.au/

Future Framework Deadlines

The VC is expected to announce the timelines for the implementation of the new course structure (Future Frameworks) some time in August. It is anticipated that the Faculty will stop enrolling MBBS students in 2012 and begin enrolling MD students in 2014. The new Science course is likely to begin in 2012.

Proposed undergraduate majors (including those already on offer) need to be presented to Faculty Board in November 2009 for submission to the Board of Undergraduate Studies early in 2010.

Research Development

Dr Margaret Jones, as our Faculty’s Research Development Officer, works to support scientists across a broad spectrum of research issues. This includes providing grant writing and fellowship workshops, identifying and distributing funding opportunities, as well providing advice to students and junior researchers on career development. As a career scientist herself, Margaret has a great deal of experience and understanding of how the health and medical system works. She is available to all our staff including adjuncts and clinical appointments, and welcomes the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your research needs.

Margaret can be contacted by email at Margaret.Jones@uwa.edu.au or by phone on 6488 8525.

Publications – It’s all in a name

Adjunct and Clinical Staff need to ensure that “School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Western Australia” is included in their affiliation for the publication to count towards research productivity funding. Multiple affiliations are fine but PaLM@UWA needs to be included to get funding from the Commonwealth. The School is able to claim all research publications including books, book chapters and journal articles provided that the adjunct staff record their affiliation in the publication.
New Staff

Winthrop Professor David Ravine has recently joined the School. He will be researching in the field of medical genetics including autism and Rett syndrome. David can be contacted on 9346 2295.

Winthrop Professor Martyn French has transferred to the School and will continue to research immune restoration disorders and other HIV topics. He can be contacted on 9224 3277.

Working Life Survey 2009

All staff are encouraged to complete this year’s Working Life Survey. The survey presents the opportunity to have your thoughts and attitudes heard on a number of issues concerning your experience as an employee of the University. These include the leadership of the University, the way you are managed, your ability to achieve work/life balance, career opportunities and many other issues affecting your working life.

Please take the opportunity to voice your concerns. The University Executive does take this seriously and it does influence University priorities and future developments.

The survey will be conducted from 6th July to 24th July.

Library Information Skill Sessions

Effective Information Retrieval and Following Research Trails – Friday 10 July 2009, 2.00pm-3.00pm.
This session covers strategies for finding and retrieving information.

Introduction to EndNote – Monday 13 July 2009, 2.00pm-3.00pm.
This session covers the basics of EndNote.

Please contact a librarian to reserve a place – 9346 7576 medlib@library.uwa.edu.au

Can’t make it to the Endnote training? There will be additional sessions held later in the year but in the mean time you might like to try some of the online tutorials available from the UWA library.

Visit the website below for more information: http://libguides.library.uwa.edu.au/content.php?pid=39446&sid=289561

Send in your Research Publications

All staff are encouraged to forward their research publications to Cora D’Souza as soon as they are published. Not only do you avoid the rush at the beginning of the year but it gives us the opportunity to promote your research throughout the year.

Upcoming Deadlines

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Do you have an item for the Bulletin?

Is there news that should be shared? Any new staff or students that we should let people know about? Has someone been awarded a prize or award?

If you have any items of interest, please forward them to the address below.

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