University Funds Major Refurbishment

Following the adoption of the School’s Redevelopment Master Plan, the UWA Facilities Development Committee awarded the School $1.98m to complete Stage 1 of the 5 stage plan. This represents a significant increase in the University’s investment in the School.

Pathology Takes Over Art Gallery

The surprising physical beauty of world class pathology testing and research was showcased in the SCGH Art Gallery as part of National Science Week.

The exhibit entitled “Pathology: The Art and The Science” illustrates the beauty within disease processes and highlighted the depth and breadth of medical research in WA. SCGH Art Curator Joanna Wakefield said the photographs offered an unusual insight into the medical world. “It is quite incredible how closely these scientific images resemble abstract works,” she said. “It certainly casts diseased cells and defective genes in a whole new light.”

The exhibit opened on August 17th and can be viewed in the Hospital’s Art Gallery, off Watling St, between 6am-9pm until September 11. Admission is free.

Plans are already underway for next year’s exhibition so if you take a great photograph in either the diagnostic or research laboratories, don’t forget that it would also look good up on the art gallery wall.

Young Scientist NIH Grant

The Australian Academy of Science invites Expressions of Interest from junior scientists who are no more than 30 years of age, to visit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States of America. Proposals in any health-related field of natural science will be considered. Only citizens and permanent residents of Australia living in Australia at time of application are eligible to apply.

Under this scheme applicants are expected to be undertaking PhD study in an Australian institution or have an intent to enroll in PhD study in an Australian institution. Applicants can request travel support to access the international leading-edge research facilities and staff of the NIH. The proposed visit should initiate long-term collaborations and facilitate the development of the applicant’s career.


UWA Open Day

A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers for the 2009 UWA Open Day on 9 August. Over 25,000 people visited the main campus and got an insight into studying at UWA.

Travel Emergencies

International SOS has recently become the University’s emergency travel assistance provider. ISOS offer pre-trip information on medical, security and travel issues for more than 200 countries. They also will help with medical and security issues while you are travelling. Staff travelling internationally on University business should remember to take an ISOS contacts card with them before they travel.

Further information is available from the Strategic Procurement website at http://www.finserv.uwa.edu.au/sp/travel
COS Training

Join an online session with one of the COS trainers to get an introductory overview of the platform and databases or refresh your awareness with an update. This course covers content, functions, and features of, as well as tips for using, COS Scholar Universe and COS Funding Opportunities on the COS interface. They will also try to answer any questions and show you how to access support options such as help pages, factsheets and tutorials. The session is scheduled for 90 minutes to cover:

Creating and managing profiles, producing CVs
Finding scholar profiles with COS Expertise
Seeking funds, grants, awards using COS Funding Opportunities
Tracking funding and using saved searches on COS Workbench

Questions?

Interested? To register for the training, please go to:
http://inter.viewcentral.com/events/cust/default.aspx?cid=proquest&pid=1

Select the option ‘COS Research Databases on the COS Platform’ and click on the search button.

Select your time-zone from the drop-down menu on the following page to determine what time the sessions will be in your location.

Click on the Register button, and follow the on-screen instructions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the training Webinars, contact Nicola.Giles@anz.proquest.com

Executive Meeting Dates Changed

The schedule for the monthly Executive meeting has changed and these are now held on the first Thursday of the month.

University Scholarships Available

Online Applications for 2010 Australian Postgraduate Awards, University Postgraduate Awards and Prestigious University scholarships are NOW OPEN. Closing Date: 30 October 2009

Scholarships are tenable at The University of Western Australia for up to two years for Masters by research candidates and three years for Doctoral candidates. PhD scholarships may be extended to a maximum of three and a half years.

Full-Time scholarships are tax-free. The Federal Government has announced that the APA stipend will increase to $22,500pa in 2010, and all APA/UPA awardees will also receive a UWA Top-Up scholarship of at least $3,500pa - total stipend of at least $26,000pa in 2010.

Details of conditions of award for postgraduate research scholarships, application and selection processes, and access to the online application form can be found on the UWA Scholarships website at:
http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgraduate/general/australian_postgraduate_awards

Future Frameworks Date Announced

The Vice Chancellor has confirmed that the implementation of the new course structure at The University of Western Australia will commence in 2012.

The implementation of the new course structure follows on from the decision of the Senate in December 2008 to approve the recommendations of the Review of Course Structures report: Education for Tomorrow’s World.

The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bill Louden, will continue to lead the implementation process into the future.

Draft Faculty OPP Released

The draft of the Faculty Operational Priorities Plan 2009-2013 has been released to the Faculty Board for discussion. It is anticipated that the OPP will have a general release in the near future.

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