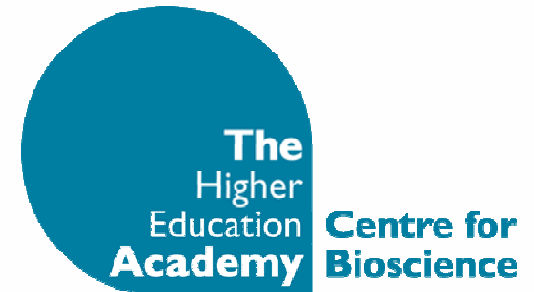


Supporting Developments in Learning and Teaching, and Pedagogic Research

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Teaching Development Fund

Grants to individuals

- Small-scale projects for the development or validation of learning, teaching and assessment materials or methods
- For Round 8 value increased from £2,000 to £3,000
- Next round open – closing date 31st January 2006

<http://www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/opportunities/tdginfo.htm>

Departmental Teaching Enhancement Scheme

Grants to departments (not individuals)

- Larger scale funding to enable schools/depts. to develop and implement an aspect of practice that will lead to an improved learning experience for students
- Project funds must be used to effect change across entire department(s) rather than within a single module or one individual's teaching practice
- A total of £45,000 will be available for 2005/2006; anticipate 3 to 5 projects up to max of £15,000

Full details will be announced shortly

Teaching Bioscience Enhancing Learning Series

- Practice guides – aimed at those new to topic and experienced lecturers
- Common format – intro to topic, getting started, going deeper and no. bioscience case studies
- Self and Peer-Assessment
- Effective use of technology in bioscience learning and teaching
- Call for case studies (£100 for those printed)

BEE-j

- Idea came from Reps Forum in 2002
- Online journal publishing peer-reviewed research and practice papers about tertiary bioscience
- Encourage greater understanding and exchange of ideas
- Continuous submission process
- Nominally published twice a year (May, November)
- HTML and PDF download
- Sixth volume in preparation

BEE-j (2) - development

- Logo The logo for Bioscience Education e journal. It features the words "Bioscience Education" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "e journal" is written in a red, italicized, serif font. The letter "e" is enclosed in a red circle.
- Making the most of the online medium
- Types of articles
- Beyond 'happy sheets'

Information about, and support for Pedagogic Research

- Transition to educational research
- Website to flag up support and selected info
 - Tools and techniques – questionnaires
 - The Bioscience and generic educational literature
 - Links to published articles outlining the methods used and their strengths weaknesses.

Conducting research on behalf of the bioscience community

Possibility for the future

- Centre might seek funding to pursue areas of interest to the bioscience community
 - Literature reviews/mappings
 - Surveys
 - Other research

Any thoughts, comments, suggestions for areas of interest?