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# Centre Update

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*Supporting teaching in higher education to improve student learning in the Biosciences*



# New Centre Image

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# Departmental Teaching Enhancement Scheme

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- New for this year
- Pleasantly surprised at the interest:
  - 22 Applications, 5 projects funded
  - increased the money available
- Information about 2007 round will be available soon
- Slightly different application process:
  - start with short “Expressions of Interest”
  - application form
  - make it less time consuming for applicants



# Teaching Development Fund

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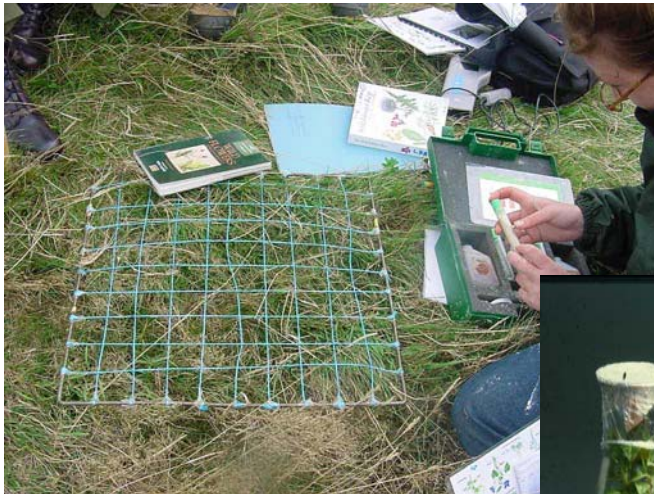
- 8<sup>th</sup> round funded during 2006
  - still popular
  - 6 new projects on a wide range of topics
- Round 9
  - advertising soon
  - up to £3000 available,
  - deadline for submissions; end of January 2007



# ImageBank



- Now nearly 5000 images
- Photo competition – Still time to send in your photos of “Bioscience in action”, deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October





# Student Essay competition

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- Second year running competition
- Good response and very high quality essays
- Question for 2006-2007:
  - “What advice would you give to students starting your course?”
- Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007
- Publicity available soon





# Forthcoming events

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- Teaching Ethics to Bioscience Students
- Enterprise in Bioscience: Confident and capable learners
- Effective e–Learning
- Science Learning and Teaching Conference 2007: Call for abstracts

<http://www.slrc.heacademy.ac.uk>



# Bioscience Education

## *e*journal

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- Volume 7 published this May
- Volume 8 coming in November
- We will soon have:
  - a citation index
    - available through Web of Science
  - an impact factor
- Always on the look out for new articles





# e-Learning

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- Current projects
- More funding made available - £4000 for e-Learning projects, deadline 13<sup>th</sup> September
- New guide – Effective use of IT
- Survey of provision use of e-Learning
- Themed Bulletin
- Event in December



# Enterprise

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- Ongoing projects
- Events;
  - joint event with Subject Centres for Engineering and ICS in conjunction with NCGE
  - forthcoming event in Nottingham
- Case studies
  - inclusion of enterprise and entrepreneurship in bioscience curricula

<http://www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/projects/enterprise/>



# Developments on the website:

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- Education for Sustainable Development
  - explore ESD through a series of structured questions
- Disability and Accessible Curricula
  - introduction to making your curriculum accessible to all
- Sections for:
  - undergraduate and postgraduate students
  - postgraduate supervisors
- New Audit Tools:
  - Ethics incorporating sustainability
  - Coming soon: Enterprise



# Anything else?

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- New Bioethics Briefings:
  - Stem Cells
  - Gene Therapy
  - End of Life Issues
  - Performance Enhancing Drugs
- New lecturers resource packs
- The Centre is moving office in mid October