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Centre News

Teaching Development Fund for HE in FE practitioners: Up to £3,000 available

The Centre for Bioscience is pleased to announce the availability of grants of up to £3,000 for members of our HE in FE bioscience community. This funding is offered to encourage the development, establishment or validation of innovative learning, teaching and assessment materials or methods. The deadline for applications is: **Wednesday 16th April 2008**. Further details: www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/funding/tdf/

Student Essay Competition 2008 – pass the message onto your students!

Are your students interested in adding something extra to their CV, getting their work published and winning £250? The 2008 Student Essay competition is now open and this year we're asking "What makes a good bioscience lecturer?". Deadline for entries is **Friday 28th March 2008**. Further details about the competition, essay criteria and the application form are all available from www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/funding/essay/

To advertise the competition, A5 leaflets and A4 posters are available to distribute or display, please contact us if you would like to order either. A PowerPoint slide that could be displayed before a lecture or put up on a VLE is also available to download from the competition webpage.

Call for Case Studies – Plagiarism

One of the Centre's themes this year is plagiarism (Assessment, Feedback and Plagiarism) and we are keen to gather examples of the initiatives people have introduced to design out plagiarism rather than to just detect it. If you have done some work on this let us know, using the open call case study proforma available on our website. Accepted case studies will be added to the Centre website and may be printed and distributed in hard copy format by the Centre. The first author of each accepted case study will be eligible to receive a small **payment of £100**. If you are working on another topic which you think the Centre would be interested in then consider using the open call proforma to let us know about it. www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/funding/cs/index.aspx

Are you a University Teaching Fellow Award Holder?

We are keen to provide a list of bioscientists who have been awarded a teaching fellowship (or similar award under a different name) by their University, on our website. As well as celebrating the learning and teaching success of our peers, we hope providing the names of University Teaching Fellows in one place will enable individuals to identify and make contact with other bioscientists with similar learning and teaching interests and related expertise. To see our current list visit:

www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/funding/recognition/ntf.aspx

Forthcoming Centre Events

Opportunities to discuss aspects of learning and teaching with like-minded colleagues from across the UK.

- **Transition Issues for Bioscientists**

Thursday 13 March 2008, East Anglia

Higher Education Institutions across the UK are developing and implementing a wide range of strategies designed to improve the student experience in the biosciences. While the issues are not unique to the biosciences, there are many ways that institutions, departments, schools and individuals are assisting with student transition into and during the university experience. We are very pleased that Tony Cook has agreed to share the experience from the very successful Student Transition and Retention (STAR) Programme. Throughout the one day event we intend to highlight a variety of different programmes, events, and other strategies that have been successfully used by different departments and/or institutions.

- **Preventing and Designing Out Plagiarism**

Tuesday 8 April 2008, Leicester

Plagiarism is a major issue for all those involved in teaching and learning in Higher Education. This one day event will focus on ways to prevent plagiarism and designing assessments to minimise the risk of plagiarism. There will be plenty of opportunities for delegates to discuss effective practice and share ideas, as well as interactive sessions and talks from people who have worked extensively in this area.

Further details and free online registration at:

www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/events/bioevents.aspx

Have you missed an earlier event? Just visit our well resourced *event reports* at

www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/events/reportlist.aspx to catch up!

News from the bioscience learning and teaching community

The Variety in Statistics Assessment Project (ViSA)

The Royal Statistical Society Centre for Statistical Education (RSSCSE) in conjunction with the subject centre for Maths, Stats and OR is funding a new international project that is designed to collect successful examples of a wide range of different assessment methods from tertiary level statistics teachers worldwide. If you have an innovative or tried-and-tested successful approach in assessing statistics learning that you would like to share, then think about making a contribution. You may want to contribute from a particular subject viewpoint, such as the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects. For further details contact Penelope Bidgood (p.bidgood@kingston.ac.uk). Abstracts, of up to 500 words, should be submitted electronically, by **16th March 2008**.

Events from the HE Learning and Teaching Community

JISC-RSC event - e-learning in HE

26th February 2008, University of Sheffield

The programme will provide an overview of current practice, current research and possible future trends in e-learning within the HE sector. It will explore examples of collaboration within the sector and discuss the efficacy of various tools and technologies. Further details at: http://www.rsc-yh.ac.uk/events/eventflyer.asp?event_id=80

RSC Higher Education Conference 2008

18th March 2008, South Birmingham College

Jointly organised by JISC East and West Midlands Regional Support Centres and supported by the Higher Education Academy. The main themes of the conference are: Plagiarism; Transformation and Collaboration. Bookings and further details at:

http://info.rsc-wm.ac.uk/events/event_details.asp?eid=350

Biology, Evolution, and the Social Science Curriculum

25th April 2008, University of Cambridge

A one-day symposium exploring the impact of biological/evolutionary approaches to the study of human behaviour on the UK undergraduate social science curriculum. Further details and registration at: <http://amesoudi.googlepages.com/symposium>

New Resources

Access the BBC's rich archive of moving images with the BBC Motion Gallery

For the first time the BBC's archive of moving images is available online from the BBC Motion Gallery. Over 30,000 clips are available, spanning 70 years, which are ready for download for educational use. The coverage includes: agriculture, biology, chemistry, environmental science and zoology. Further details at

http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/news_and_events/news_articles/bbcmotion_launch

Oxford Scholarship Online: new agreement and new subject modules are available

Oxford Scholarship Online is a cross-searchable library containing the full text of Oxford University Press' books. The complete collection of 13 subject modules now includes over 1,800 titles. For biology resources see:

http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/oso/public/biology/subject_home.html

With best wishes from all at the Centre for Bioscience,

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