

Faculty of Arts and Architecture Research Newsletter

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Welcome to the Faculty of Arts and Architecture's fourth research newsletter. It has been a busy Autumn term for the Centre for Research and Development, with a 25% increase in the number of research students and co-ordinating data for the 2001 RAE submission. Details of both are given below as well as an update on funding opportunities. If you would like any further information on anything in this newsletter, then please do not hesitate to contact the CRD.

Research Student news

The Faculty currently has 48 research students. 24 of them are in the School of Historical and Critical Studies, 23 are in Arts and Communication and the School of Architecture and Design has 3.

Congratulations to **Rus Rahim**, whose PhD was conferred in October. His doctoral thesis entitled 'Designing a website for the dyslexic' was accompanied by a CDROM.

The first Faculty student day will be held on 28th November 2000. It will provide an opportunity for students and supervisors to meet and discuss their research. Presentations will be given by two of the students and it is hoped that a similar day will be held each term.

New Students

Since May 2000, the following students have enrolled:

Warin Juntasri Graphic Design in Thailand

Ian Wilson The reception and consumption of art nouveau in Britain

Soon-Sun Hwang Tiger Tyger - animations to Korean and British tales of the Tiger for a website for children.

Rick Sheridan Distance based learning on the Internet

Mana Kitabatake Folding Paper - an exploration of the formal possibilities of hands making structures with paper, together with multi-media exercises teaching the basic skills of Origami to children.

Ming-Chang Tien A study of surreal atmospheres of photography in contemporary art

Marie McLoughlin Muriel Pemberton and the development of higher degree levels of fashion design education in the UK between 1930 and 1973

Min-Chul Choi Comparative Studies of the Design Characteristics of Korea, Europe and Scandinavian nations

Shu-Huei Wang The image of the angle in Eastern and Western Cultures, a comparative study of imagery in interactive multimedia form.

Adel Bouregh Space, form and visual experience: towards a visual quality of interior spaces in the built environment, Hofuf, Saudi Arabia

Research Assessment Exercise

Preparations for the 2001 RAE submission are well underway. Most staff in the Faculty have submitted their research output details and discussion is currently underway over what to include. It is anticipated that an initial draft of the RAE 5 and 6 (textual commentary on the research in the Faculty) will be ready for discussion at workshops to be run in the next few weeks. Any staff who have not submitted their outputs should do so as soon as possible. Please contact the CRD for any further information.

Funding Opportunities

AHRB

- Small Grants in the Creative and Performing Arts Scheme. Up to £5,000 to meet the direct costs of research projects, including travel, maintenance and consumables. Next deadline 31 January 2001
- Research Leave Scheme. Research Funding for leave of three to four months, this must be matched by a preceding period funded by the University. Next deadline 30 March 2001
- Research Grant Scheme. Up to £100,000 a year for up to 5 years for substantial research projects. Next deadline 30 November 2000

Leverhulme Trust

- Research Projects Grants. £250,000 - £500,000 over three years. Next deadline 15 February 2001
- Emeritus Fellowships. To help established researchers complete and prepare for publication the results of research already begun. Applicants

must have retired in the three years preceding the grant. Deadline 27 November 2000

- Study abroad studentships. To support an extended period of advanced study or research at a centre of learning overseas, Deadline 8 January 2001
- Special Research Fellowships. To provide opportunities for those with a proven record of research who do not hold or have not held a full-time established academic post in a UK university or comparable institution. Fellows will be expected to undertake a significant piece of publishable research during tenure of the award. The host institution must match the award. Deadline 14 March 2001
- Major research programmes. Grants up to £1.25 million, to last up to five years on the following topics.
 - i) The Social/economic impact of information and communication technology;
 - ii) Cognition, learning, education and artificial intelligence.

The British Academy

- Postdoctoral Fellowships. Awards for young scholars who have just completed their PhDs for teaching and research over a three year period. Deadline 28 February 2001

SouthEast Arts Board

The SouthEast Arts Board has the following grant schemes. Deadlines 15 January 2001

- Research and Development
- Production
- Presentation of work
- Venue development
- Support for individuals

Nuffield Foundation

- Social Science Small Grants Scheme. Up to £5000 or self-contained research projects in the Social Sciences. Applications accepted until 31 August 2001.

European Union

- City of Tomorrow and Cultural Heritage Programme – themes include – Protection, conservation and enhancement of European cultural heritage. Deadlines 15th February 2001 and 15th October 2001.

Design Council Innovation Fund

- £10-40,000 for innovative projects promoting the effective use of design. Deadline 2 February 2001.

For further information about these or other funding opportunities please contact the CRD.

Faculty awards

The Faculty Management Group has awarded grants from the Faculty Research Support fund to the following projects:

- *Four Factories* – Margaret Huber
- *Dance for the camera: 'Duet for one'* – Liz Aggiss
- *Knit Design* – Toni Hicks
- *Translation of Gerassimos Moschanoas' 'La Social-Democratie de 1945 a nos jours'* – Greg Elliot
- *Making Peace with the Past? Cultural Memory and the Irish Troubles* – Graham Dawson
- *Alan Davie: Small Paintings 1950-2000* – Michael Tucker

Application forms and guidelines for the Faculty Research Support Fund can be obtained from CRD staff. There will be an invitation for proposals for the 2001/2002 academic year in March 2001.

Conference

The Fourth European Academy Design Conference, Aveiro, Portugal. 10-12th April 2001.

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