

Research Forum 25/10/2002: Studentships

Present: JAD (Chair), AJP, DKC, AMH, JBI, PAJ, APM, JFB, RCh, GF, SDT, RPG

Summary:

DKC outlined that the present Year 3 cohort had requested some guidance with regard to PhD and Masters opportunities, and offered his Thursday am/pm slot for a Research Briefing meeting where staff would provide information concerning opportunities for research and further study. This was welcomed and staff agreed to contribute where appropriate.

Discussion continued concerning increasing our PhD student numbers with particular focus on attracting student-led applications from Home, EU and Overseas applicants. It was agreed that AJP would co-ordinate the production of a series of new web-pages listing specific topics that would be developed over the medium term by staff and applicants. These proposals were to be sufficiently detailed to limit the number of purely speculative (and often inappropriate) applications. Staff were requested to supply studentship outlines (Word documents) giving the following:

Title

Description of the Project

Supervisors

Source of funding and application procedure

References

AMH encouraged staff to take advantage of contacts in other institutions to encourage applications from high calibre students. ECNU would be a particularly good example because of the obvious research synergies. Staff were also encouraged to update their Dept. web pages.

It was agreed that the next Forum (8th November) would focus on potential themes for a future Formal Seminar Series.