



**Department of Computer Science
HEADS OF RESEARCH GROUP MEETING**

Thursday 27th February 2014

14.00 – 16.00 Malet Place Engineering 6.12

MINUTES

Present: Massi Pontil (MP), Emine Yilmaz (EY), Anna Cox (AC), Olivier Delacroix (OD), Anthony Steed (AS), John Shawe-Taylor (JST), Mark Harman (MH), Anthony Hunter (AH), David Jones (DJ), Jill Saunders (JS), Daniel Hulme (DH), Brad Karp (BK), Angela Sasse (AS), Philip Treleaven (PT)
In attendance: Melanie Johnson (MJ)

Apologies for absence: Yvonne Roger (replaced by Anna), Ingemar Cox (replaced by Emine Yilmaz), Graham Roberts, Jane Butler, David Pym, Simon Arridge

1. Confirmation of agenda

2. Notice of any other business

See item no. 9

3. New DTC in Financial Computing and Analytics (Philip Treleaven)

The DTC has been re-funded for another five years with co-partners including LSE and Imperial.

There are 8 EPSRC studentships available each year and four scholarships funded by UCL and Imperial College.

The DTC can fund research in a variety of areas such as retail, energies and utilities.

Academics are encouraged to find a suitable candidate and get them to contact the DTC and groups can propose a project to the DTC.

4. MRes Advanced Computer Science (John Shawe-Taylor)

There is potential for 2 out of every 14 students on the programme to be fully funded for the PhD programme.

From September 2014 the current four MRes programmes will be run under this arrangement.

5. Departmental EPSRC studentships (Tony Hunter)

AH announced that the Department had been allocated 6 EPSRC studentships, two of which were assigned to UCLIC.

One of the studentships will be in the area of Health Informatics.

The Department also has three departmentally funded studentships to award.

Academics should encourage applicants to apply before the 1st April deadline to be considered for the funding but later applicants will also be considered if there is any remaining funding.

Prospective supervisors should email Tony Hunter, Graduate Tutor and Brad Karp, Deputy Graduate Tutor saying why they think the applicant is a good candidate for the funding.

6. Recently awarded research grants (Olivier Delacroix)

OD reported that according to the latest forecast the Department was currently exceeding a challenging budget and was on track to equal the research contribution for next year.

Despite these good results however, over the past few months a trend of decreasing submissions and awards has been emerging.
JST gave strong encouragement to all academic staff to keep up the rate of submissions.

7. Recently awarded research students - appendix 1 (Melanie Johnson)

8. Studentship data (RCUK – appendix 2)

9. Any Other Business

JS reported that cases for PA support and grading documents had been submitted.

JST reminded staff to attend talks given by candidates being interviewed for academic positions in the Department.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th June 2014, 2-4pm in 6.12 MPEB.**