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Faculty of Science Brokerage Newsletter



The Faculty of Science Brokerage Group consists of Academic and Support Staff representatives who meet regularly to discuss Brokerage matters arising within the Faculty. The Brokerage Newsletter has been devised to report back the matters discussed and keep all Faculty of Science Staff up to date.

The following items have been discussed at the most recent Faculty of Science Brokerage Meeting:

DBS Updates

Electronic DBS applications are going through as normal although there seem to be a few issues still to be resolved with the overall process. Whilst all undergraduate student DBS applications are electronic, due to the specific requirements for PhD students needing a DBS check, they will continue to use paper applications until further notice.

Faculty SCS DBS information available via:

<http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/Faculties/SCS/114857.htm>

If you have any questions with regards to DBS checks, contact the World of Work Skills Support Unit *Tel:* 0151 231 2079 *Email:* Scienceworldofwork@ljmu.ac.uk

Recognised Good Practice within the Faculty of Science

Do you know of any good practice going on within your team/ school/ faculty? If so, please contact Katie Lawrence with the details. *Tel:* 0151 231 2079 *Email:* K.L.Lawrence@ljmu.ac.uk

Placements

Feedback from prospective students on open days suggests that the placement aspect of the course is what attracts them to LJMU. However out of 122 PBS students, this year only 15 have applied to complete the placement professional qualification.

PBS Sandwich Placements for 2013/14 have been challenging, and students appear to be having difficulty with the recruitment process in particular.

Academic staff have been briefing students prior to the interview and referring them to the World of Work Careers Centre for further support.

As well as the difficulty of sourcing paid placements (which the staff from the School of PBS suggest is due to withdrawal of funds from the NHS) it seems the paperwork is still a cause for concern particularly in hospitals where staff aren't always comfortable answering questions about insurance. LJMU aim to look at developing service level agreements with Health Authorities (for Pharmacy placements initially) which might be a long term resolution.

Placement process review meetings within the School of PBS will be taking place in June to discuss current processes and potential future ideas, including, 'hosting placements' generated by one of the placement providers to give more flexibility and greater experience to the students.

On a positive note, Whiston Hospital have been very helpful to LJMU PBS students/ graduates. Although students are not paid, they are registered for the 'work bank' and paid work is allocated to LJMU students when it is available.

Careers and Employability Events updates

For further information on Career/ Employability Events, contact Laura Aldridge (Careers Advisor) *Tel:* 0151 231 8686 *Email:* L.Aldridge@ljmu.ac.uk

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Should you have any information you wish to feed back to the Faculty of Science Brokerage Group, good practice you would like to share or any input with regards to the items mentioned above please contact your School Representative or Katie Lawrence.

Faulty of Science Brokerage Group Meeting Information

Date of the next Faculty of Science Brokerage Meeting: **Monday 31st March 2014**

All comments to be sent to your School Representative/ Secretary by: **Monday 17th March 2014**