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Welcome to the School of Economics Student Newsletter

23 January 2014

Survey season is here again - Senior Honours can complete the NSS at www.thestudentsurvey.com and all others can complete the Edinburgh Student Experience Survey at www.myed.ac.uk

Go on - have your say!

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Insight Magazine Spring 2014 - writers needed



The Edinburgh University Economics Society Magazine 'Insight' would like to invite you all to write in the spring edition.

Insight is an economics focused magazine published twice yearly and produced entirely by students. It gives students a great opportunity to showcase their interests and writing ability and gain formal recognition for their work.

Each person that writes an article will get their own personalised writer's page on our website. This is a great thing to have on a CV or application and a fantastic way to show potential employers that you are part of an intelligent, economics focused community at university. They can be accessed at...

insightedinburgh.org/authors/your-name

Follow [this link](#) to see the writer's pages from last semester.

If you want to write for us it's very easy. We ask every writer to submit a short article proposal to insightedinburgh@gmail.com before the 1st February. The proposal needs to give us a summary of the topic and main arguments of your article, nothing too major. Every writer will be assigned a sub-editor who will help them to make their article as good as possible.

Every issue we have a themed section to give people a starting point, this semester the theme is 'Recovery'. If you want to write about something completely different, that's also fine! The articles themselves can be on any economics related issue, no more than 1100 words in length.

We are also recruiting a sub-editor for this semester's issue, to apply send us an email.

You can keep up with us...

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Volunteer Abroad with Edinburgh Global Partnerships



Stuck with what to do this summer? Want to volunteer abroad but don't know where to start?

The second round of applications for Edinburgh Global Partnerships (EGP) is now open!

Edinburgh Global Partnerships is a completely student run charity and society here at Edinburgh University. We work in partnership with local communities and non-governmental organisations to carry out development projects. All our projects are proposed by the local communities, ensuring that the projects are exactly what the local people need and want.

This year's projects include the construction of a paediatric ward in Uganda and the construction of a Nursery School in Sri Lanka. To find out more about our specific projects, check out our website www.egp.org.uk

As a volunteer you attend weekly training sessions run by the society, carry out fundraising for the project costs with your team and then travel out to facilitate the project alongside the local community in the summer months. Projects last from 6-10 weeks, with the opportunity to travel with your team before/after.

We are currently recruiting volunteers for some of our 2014 projects. This is an amazing opportunity to participate in community led international development projects in the developing world. Giving you the chance to meet lots of new people, join a fun sociable society, be welcomed into a different culture and make a long-lasting impact that you yourself can see unfold, EGP really is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Applications close at Midnight on 24th January - apply online at www.egp.org.uk

Free Workshop: Get Innovating



Innovation & Enterprise Programme

Do you want the chance to experience the way an entrepreneur thinks, decides and acts when faced with a real life challenge?

Looking for some practical experience of thinking creatively to identify real opportunities with the potential to develop new products and services with real economic and social impact?

Have an idea but wanting to know that you're on the right track?

Join us for this FREE workshop GET INNOVATING and by the end you will be well on the way to being an energetic and resourceful entrepreneurial thinker. Spurred into action to come up with ideas for your own venture or armed with the experience and skills to demonstrate your potential for innovation to a future employer.

17th of Feb - David Hume Tower [Register now!](#)

Founder.org - win \$100k

Ready to Win \$100K?

To fund your company



The 2014 FOUNDER.org \$100K

This year ten finalist teams will win \$100K each and 50 semifinalist teams will be accepted into FOUNDER.org University, a 12-month company building program. Entrants are also eligible to apply for funding through the FOUNDER.org Capital, a venture capital fund for student entrepreneurs.

[FOUNDER.org](#) has kicked off the 2014 \$100K Competition. This year ten finalist teams will win \$100K each and 50 semifinalist teams will be accepted into [FOUNDER.org](#) University, a 12-month company building program. Entrants are also eligible to apply for funding through the [FOUNDER.org](#) Capital, a venture capital fund for student entrepreneurs.

DEADLINE: April 15, 2014. Visit the [website](#) to find out more!

Fully Funded 3yr PhD in Financial Computing at UCL



UK PhD Centre in Financial Computing & Analytics (www.financialcomputing.org), in collaboration with Standard Chartered bank invites applications from students who are excellent in computational and analytical techniques. The studentships are for 3 years with a stipend of approx. £16,000pa plus all tuition fees. We are especially interested in overseas students from countries where Standard Chartered operates.

The PhD students will be based at the Computer Science department at UCL, working closely with Standard Chartered Bank and will be supervised by the Group Head, Risk Strategy or another suitable senior member of the bank's staff.

Standard Chartered encourages applications from students wishing to research the relationships between banks and the real economy, including the measurement and management of systemic risk, using computational techniques, and also from students with an interest in applications of data science in financial services.

This is an opportunity to apply and develop your knowledge in this area in collaboration with one of the world's leading international banks.

If you hold (or expect to achieve) a First Class undergraduate or postgraduate degree with distinction and are interested in doing research in Computation Finance, Financial IT or Financial Engineering you may apply for the Standard Chartered PhD studentship.

Expressions of interest (together with a CV and an indication of your research interests) should be emailed to Yonita Carter y.carter@ucl.ac.uk

Fully Funded 4yr PhD in Behavioural Finance at UCL



The new Centre for the Study of Decision-Making Uncertainty <http://uncertaintycentre.org>, in collaboration with the Bank of England and other organizations invites applications from new computer science graduate students with excellent computational and mathematical skills, interested in doing genuinely innovative research.

The studentship is for 4 years (MRes+PhD) with a stipend of approx. £16,000pa plus all tuition fees. The PhD student will be based at UCL, working closely with an organization such as the Bank of England and will be supervised jointly by senior member of their staff and UCL professors in Computer Science, Psychology or other department.

The immediate challenge is to apply computational methods to understand the role that human emotional patterns play in economic and financial decision making under radical uncertainty. The aim of the collaboration is to directly influence regulation and policy making through the use of such computer systems. The challenging research programme involves developing, in multi-disciplinary teams, software systems to analyse large archives of unstructured data ("big data") to search for psychological patterns that reveal the human element's role in financial market and economic instability.

If you hold (or expect to achieve) a First Class undergraduate degree and are interested in doing research in the above area, you may apply for this PhD studentship.

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