

## PEOPLE OF USEFUL LEARNING

STRATHCLYDE ACADEMICS ELECTED FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH

Professor Martin Dawson, Associate Director of the Institute of Photonics, and Professor Duncan Graham (pictured right), Director of the Centre for Molecular Nanometrology, have been elected to the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE).

An active voice in the British science community, Prof Dawson's research in optoelectronic devices has earned him an international reputation. In 1996, Prof Dawson joined the Institute of Photonics – a multidisciplinary centre that aims to commercialise the University's research – where he focuses on developing semiconductor laser technologies. Prof Graham is a co-founder of the Centre for

Molecular Nanometrology at Strathclyde, which has amassed commercial funding of around £6m and attracted more than 50 top researchers.

Awarded the Nexxus Award for Young Life Scientist of the Year 2005, he has more than 80 publications under his belt.

In their election to the RSE, Prof Dawson and Prof Graham follow in the footsteps of James Clerk Maxwell, Lord Kelvin and Sir Walter Scott. Established by Royal Charter in 1783, the RSE aims to deliver 'the advancement of learning and useful



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knowledge'. Given Strathclyde's own identity as 'the place of useful learning', it's no surprise that its academic community is respected across the world.

"I am delighted to be able to welcome such an outstanding array of new Fellows to the Society," said Sir Michael Atiyah, RSE President.