Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #65 provides an update on important issues affecting researchers at UNSW. If you missed the previous bulletins – the contents are available at http://research.unsw.edu.au/deputy-vice-chancellor-research-bulletin.

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1. NEW UNSW Procedure for Responsible Peer Review

A new UNSW Procedure for Responsible Peer Review was approved on the 2 June 2014 and became effective on that date. This Procedure has been developed to meet the standards set out in the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, NHMRC Principles of Peer Review and the Singapore Statement on Research Integrity. This Procedure should be read in conjunction with the UNSW Research Code of Conduct.

This Procedure covers the principles of peer review and the responsibilities of researchers and research candidates undertaking peer review activities.

In the meantime please direct any questions to my Executive Officer Bronwyn Greene on x52983 or b.greene@unsw.edu.au.

2. Election to the American Academy of Arts and Social Sciences

Join me in congratulating Scientia Professor Michelle Simmons, for her election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Michelle is the Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology, and is only one of 10 Australian elected members.

Now Open

The nomination form and information kit are available on the ARC web site:
http://www.arc.gov.au/about_arc/college.htm

Researchers wishing to nominate for the ARC College of Experts should contact Ms. Nalisa Mam,
Executive Assistant to Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research), Division of Research
(Nalisa.Mam@unsw.edu.au) as soon as possible.

All UNSW nominations will be submitted by the Division of Research. Internal deadline for
nominations is Friday 20 June 2014.

4. HERDC Update - Publications

Let me take this opportunity to thank all you who have been involved in the first HERDC publication
collection using ROS.

The publications are in the process of being audited and the data cleaned. On Monday 16 June the
publications data that is in ROS will be cleaned and the HERDC return will be prepared for
certification and submission.

If you have not yet manually entered, or claimed any publication into ROS, or if you are aware of
publications with a UNSW by-line by an author who is NOT in ROS, please contact your Outreach
Librarian as soon as possible.

5. Research Ethics and Compliance Support Update (RECS)

The Research Ethics and Compliance Support (RECS) has now its full complement of staff to assist
researchers with regards to research ethics (human research ethics and animal research ethics)
information, advice and applications and compliance matters relating to research, including gene
technology, radiation safety and defence trade controls. RECS staff contact details below:

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For further information please go to the RECS Webpage.
6. 2015 Vice-Chancellors Postdoctoral Fellowships

Applications are now open for the 2015 Vice-Chancellors Postdoctoral Fellowships. UNSW Vice-Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are awarded to early career researchers of exceptional calibre wishing to conduct full-time research at UNSW in any of its areas of research strengths.

Applications should be discussed with prospective mentors and Heads of School. The deadline for submission to Heads of School is 4 July 2014. Further information may be found here.

7. International Research Support

International research is now supported by the Research Partnerships Unit, in recognition of the important role of international partnerships in advancing the research quality, reputation and impact of UNSW. Researchers should make contact regarding all aspects of international research partnership funding, memoranda of understanding involving research and research relationships, including with university networks.

8. Leiden Rankings Released

The CWTS Leiden Ranking was released in April. The CWTS Leiden Ranking 2014 ranks the 750 universities in the world with the largest contribution in international scientific journals in the period of 2009–2012. The ranking is based on data from the Web of Science bibliographic database produced by Thomson Reuters.

UNSW performed well this year, increasing our global position from 215 to 197 when measured on the proportion of the publications of a university that, compared with other publications in the same field and in the same year, belong to the top 10% most frequently cited. UNSW’s rank in mean citation score (normalised for differences in field) also improved from 200 to 188.

9. The UNSW Innovation Awards 2014 Competition NOW OPEN!

The UNSW Innovation Awards celebrate the diversity and value of innovation originating from UNSW staff and students.

Entries are welcome from ALL UNSW Staff and Students. More information, application forms and photos of last year’s event are available here: http://www.nsinnovations.com.au/unsw-innovation-awards In addition to significant cash prizes, a professional YouTube video will be created for all finalists. http://www.nsinnovations.com.au/2013-finalists

The UNSW Innovation Award videos will be shown at the highly anticipated and inspirational UNSW Innovation Awards Event to be held on the evening of Thursday 16 October and all competition entrants and finalists are invited! Please save the date.

The competition closes 23 June 2014.
10. New Associate Deans (Research)

Join me in welcoming two new Associate Deans (Research).

a) Professor Theunis Roux from the Faculty of Law; and 

b) Professor James Morley from the ASB.

I have no doubt that both Professor Roux and Morley are committed to drive the research performance at UNSW, and will make a valuable contribution to the University’s research agenda.

As new Associate Deans (Research) Professors Roux and Morley also have the important and formal role of being a Research Integrity Advisor. The role of a Research Integrity Advisor is to guide research staff and students in relation to the proper conduct of research, the relevant policies, procedures and guidelines related to research, including the making of an allegation of research misconduct, and the process that must be followed if an allegation is formally made. The Associate Deans (Research) role is also to attempt to resolve authorship disputes which may arise.

11. Do you know...we have changed the Human Research Ethics Advisory Panel approval period from 1 year to up to 5 years

Projects involving negligible and low risk human research assessed by the UNSW Human Research Ethics Advisory Panels (HREAPs) are now approved for a period of up to five years to align with approval periods for more than low risk projects.

This change will apply from 1 June 2014 for all new projects assessed by the HREAPs. Expiry dates for current approved HREAP projects apply as per original approval and extensions must be sought if projects are intended to go beyond the approved period.

Further information on human ethics and its application process at UNSW can be found here.

Examples of Low Risk can be found here. Further information on the HREAP application process can be found here.

12. Subscribing to the Research Bulletin

To subscribe to the Research Bulletin please go to dvc-research-bulletin-subscribe@lists.unsw.edu.au.

For any questions please direct them to David Do (david.do@unsw.edu.au or x52784).

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