Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #69 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. **Professor Mark Hoffman appointment as Dean of Engineering**

Professor Iain Martin announced on 24th September Professor Mark Hoffman’s appointment as UNSW Australia’s new Dean of Engineering. Mark has been our Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) since 2012 during which time he has provided strategic leadership particularly in the areas of international research strategy and partnerships. Mark’s contributions and leadership have been important in improving UNSW’s overall research performance year-on-year.

Prior to commencing in the Division of Research, Mark was Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Science and Head of the School of Materials Science and Engineering.

Mark will take up his new position in February 2015, and on behalf of the Division, I thank Mark for his contributions and wish him the very best for his future endeavours. I am confident Mark will continue to build on his achievements and lead the Faculty of Engineering with distinction into the future.

2. **UNSW Ranked 48th in the World**

UNSW’s standing as one of the world’s top universities has been further strengthened with a top 50 result in the QS World University Rankings, announced recently. The 2014-15 league table ranks UNSW at 48th – up from 52 last year. UNSW continues to climb the rankings in employer reputation, up 3 places to 21 in the world, and also in academic reputation, up two positions to 40.

In individual subject areas, UNSW is highly ranked in Social Sciences and Management (up 3 places to 20th in the world); Engineering and Technology (up 6 places to 27); Life Sciences and Medicine (up 25 places to 47); and Arts and Humanities (up 8 places to 51).

Further information on the QS rankings is available at: http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings
3. UNSW Improves Times Higher Education Ranking

UNSW has jumped five places in the 2014-15 Times Higher Education World Rankings (THE), moving up from 114 to 109. THE described UNSW as “one of the biggest-rising universities in the rankings over recent years – up 64 places since 2011-12”. The UK-based rankings use Thomson Reuters data to judge world-class universities on 13 performance indicators across teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. Further information is available at: http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2014-15/world-ranking

4. Important Changes to UNSWs (Research Output System)

From Thursday 9 October, a new grants module will be available within ROS. This module will allow you to link your publications to the associated grants based on a feed of UNSW grant information from InfoEd.

The grants module is being introduced in preparation for linking ROS to UNSWorks, UNSW’s institutional repository, which will streamline the process for uploading publications to meet the ARC and NHMRC open access mandate requirements. If you link a publication to a grant in ROS, the metadata about that publication and the associated grant will be automatically sent to UNSWorks, once the integration with ROS is completed.

For more information about using the grants module please see the ROS Online Guide or contact your Outreach Librarian.

5. Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence receives international award

Join me in congratulating the The Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence which has won the WateReuse International Award at the WateReuse Association’s 2014 Symposium in Dallas, Texas. The award was recognition to a project investigating how to successfully build long-term community understanding and acceptance for recycled water as an acceptable option for augmenting drinking water supplies has been awarded 2014.

The WateReuse International Award recognises international facilities whose significance and contributions continue to advance the water reuse industry worldwide. Commenting on the award, Dr Mark O’Donohue, CEO of the Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence, said that NDEEP was an important project for the Centre because it is about long-term security and sustainability of urban water supplies.

6. The 5th U21 Early Career Researchers Workshop – 4-6 March 2015

The 5th U21 Early Career Researchers workshop will be held at University College Dublin from 4-6 March, 2015. The theme for the workshop is “Innovation and Entrepreneurship”.

Faculty Associate Deans Research are invited to submit nominations of UNSW early career researchers to participate in this workshop. UNSW is guaranteed 4 places and the Division of Research will provide funds to support up 4 ECRs to attend the workshop. The closing date for nominations by Faculties is Friday 5th December 2014.

7. Researcher Development Events

Don’t delay join the over 1000 researchers who have attended and rated all the development experiences offered over 90% satisfaction. 11 workshops (2 in Canberra), 2 Post-doc Academy events, 1 Post PhD Career Seminar are scheduled during October - early November and will not resume again until March 2015.

For details and registration http://research.unsw.edu.au/events.
8. Applications to the 2015 Australian Competitive Grants Register Now Open

The 2015 Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR) is now open to receive applications for listing. The ACGR is used to identify research funding schemes that are awarded on a nationally competitive basis to be included as Category 1 funding in the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HREDC), which is used to drive research block grant funding to UNSW.

For reference, the 2014 ACGR can be viewed at: Schemes included on the 2014 ACGR.

If you have received research funding which you believe was awarded on a competitive basis that isn’t on the ACGR, scheme managers can apply to have the schemes listed on the ACGR. An application form and instructions on how to apply are available at: www.education.gov.au/australian-competitive-grants-register

The deadline for applications is 5pm, 15 October 2014 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time).

9. Do you need... to undertake the Animal Care and Ethics Refresher Course?

Researchers who conduct animal research and have not attended an Animal Care and Ethics Course within the last 10 years are required to attend the Animal Care and Ethics Refresher Course, which is a half-day course held twice yearly.

Evidence of attendance will be required for consideration of any new ACEC proposal. The next Refresher will be held in November/December. For further information see: https://research.unsw.edu.au/animal-care-and-ethics-training-0.

10. Subscribing to the Research Bulletin

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