Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #70 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. 2014 UNSW List of Top Quality Research Outlets

As part of its Measure of Research Performance, UNSW maintains a list of top quality research outlets. The 2014 UNSW List of Top Quality Research Outlets is now finalised.

The process of determining the List involved UNSW researchers proposing the addition or removal of research outlets from the existing List. A Central Oversight Committee of Research Outlets comprised of representatives from across the Faculties then met and made consensus decisions regarding proposed changes to the List. UNSW researchers then had opportunity to appeal the addition or removal of a research outlet.

Links to the outlets on the finalised List are below (authentication is required):

- Journals
- Conference Proceedings
- Publishers
- Non-traditional Outlets
- Standalone Non-traditional Outputs
2. New International Partnership with Sao Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil

UNSW and the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) have agreed to a new partnership for scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from UNSW and researchers from the State of São Paulo. The partnership will include joint funding for collaborative research activities and staff exchange. The funding guidelines and deadlines will be advertised via grants news in mid-November.

3. Nominations for UNSW ECRs to Attend U21 Workshop

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) have been 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. If more than 4 nominations are received a selection process will be held.

Please speak with your Faculty Associate Deans (Research) regarding nominating.

Nominations must be provided to Julie Ward, International Research Manager via email julie.w@unsw.edu.au by Friday 5th December 2014.

4. Big Ideas Lauded at Innovation Awards

The sixth annual UNSW Innovation Awards was held on the 16th of October 2014. Hosted by NewSouth Innovations the event was attended by UNSW staff, students and many representatives from Government, industry and the community. Amongst the guest speakers was Michael Crouch, who spoke of his passion for innovation and his support for the development of the Michael Crouch Innovation Centre currently being built on campus at UNSW.

The overall UNSW Innovator of the Year Award went to Professors Christoph Arns and Val Pinczewski in Engineering for their work on Digital core analysis. The UNSW Student Innovator of the Year Award went to Cheng Zheng, Qiyuan Li, Robert A Taylor and Albert Woffenden for their novel compact flat concentrating solar collector.


5. Boosting Commercial Returns from Research – Discussion Paper

The Commonwealth Government has released a discussion paper supporting the translation of research into commercial outcomes. The discussion paper seeks feedback on a number of issues:

2. Setting national priorities for research.
3. Assess existing research activity against the research priorities.
4. Government is seeking input from the research and end-user community on opportunities to:
   a. modify rules for competitive research grants to appropriately recognise industry-relevant experience
   b. develop research block grant arrangements that support greater industry and end-user engagement.
   c. leverage greater collaboration between publicly funded research agencies and industry;
   d. Reform research training arrangements to ensure that universities are producing graduates with business, management, and entrepreneurial skills
   e. consolidate existing programmes that focus on collaboration with industry; and
   f. consider whether the R&D Tax Incentive sufficiently encourages collaboration

5. Strengthen the existing focus of the NCRIS on outreach to researchers and industry;
6. Undertake a reassessment of existing research infrastructure provision
7. Develop a roadmap for long-term research infrastructure investment.
8. Strengthen IP guidelines for researchers;
9. Link research funding to the dissemination of IP;
10. Establish an online point of access to commercially-relevant research for business; and
11. Open up access for business and the community to publicly funded research
12. Establish a $63 million Growth Centre Project Fund (Fund)

The UNSW submission will:
1. Welcome any strategy that aims to bring university research and industry closer together;
2. Advise that we should be careful not to re-orient the research block grants away from supporting research excellence;
3. Warn that while we welcome the identification of areas of research priority we need to be careful that we don’t ignore blue-sky research that are the very areas likely to come up with the next generation of innovations.
4. State that we shouldn’t ignore the importance of the fundamental and enabling sciences in underpinning applied research;
5. Support the call for long-term research infrastructure roadmap; and
6. Support the call for open access of publicly funded research.

We will prepare a single submission on behalf of UNSW. If you would like to contribute to that submission, please provide your comments to Bronwyn Greene (b.greene@unsw.edu.au) by no later than Friday 14th November.

Further information can be found here.
6. The Appointment of the Research Evaluation Committee (REC) Chairs for The Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015

The ARC has announced the appointment of the Research Evaluation Committee (REC) Chairs for The Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015. The Chairs for ERA 2015 are:

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A brief biography for each of the Chairs is available on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_2015/era_2015.htm

7. Did you know... researchers need to responsibly review grant applications for the ARC and NHMRC?

Responsible peer review is critical in maintaining confidence in the outcomes of research.

Researchers in receipt of ARC and NHMRC funding have a contractual obligation to review grant applications. It is not appropriate for researchers to provide incomplete or frivolous reviews – reviews and comments must be professional and detailed enough to allow appropriate assessment of the work and to provide constructive feedback.

Further information can be found in the UNSW Procedures for Responsible Peer Review available at https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/peerreviewprocedure.pdf
8. Subscribing to the Research Bulletin

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

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