Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #60 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. UNSW Prize Winners

Join me in congratulating a number of UNSW researchers who have recently been recognised for their achievements in their fields of research with the following prizes and awards:

2013 Fellowship of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (FTSE)
- **Professor Graham Davies** FREng FTSE, Faculty of Engineering
- **Professor Maria Skyllas-Kazacos** AM FTSE, School of Chemical Engineering

2013 Prime Minister’s Prizes for Science
- **A/Professor Angela Moles**, School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences: *Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year (inaugural)*
- **A/Professor Andrea Morello**, School of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications / ARC Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology (CQC2T): *Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year*

2013 NSW Science and Engineering Awards
- **Scientia Professor Justin Gooding**, School of Chemistry: *Emerging research category*
- **Professor Katharina Gaus**, Centre for Vascular Research: *Excellence in biological sciences (Cell and molecular, medical, veterinary and genetics) category*
2. NHMRC Outcomes

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recently announced the successful grants and fellowships for funding commencing in 2014. With Over $560 million for 963 grants to health and medical researchers across Australia, UNSW has received $37 million in the latest round of funding from the NHMRC. This combined with the previously announced Program Grants will mean that UNSW has received the largest amount of total NHMRC funding ($88 million) for projects commencing in 2014. I congratulate all successful recipients and wish all the research success in the future.

- The Largest UNSW NHMRC Project Grant received was:
  - Associate Professor Jacqueline Close et al, from NeuRA, $1.3M for “Preventing Falls in Older People with Dementia - A Randomised Controlled Trial”.

In addition, 3 UNSW researchers were recognised with NHMRC Excellence Awards:

- Top ranked applicant for CDF-1
  - Population Health: A/Professor Rebecca Guy, The Kirby Institute.
  - Industry: Dr Julie Brown

- Top ranked applicant for the Elizabeth Blackburn Fellowship
  - Clinical category: A/Professor Jane Butler

3. ARC Outcomes

Overall a very strong result for UNSW in this round of ARC grants

UNSW is clearly #1 in NSW. Both UQ and ANU have done exceptionally well this year.

UNSW was the strongest performer nationally in LIEF grants, #2 for DECRAs (23 fellowships). We were awarded 14 Future Fellowships and 68 of our Discovery Projects were successful.

- The 2 Largest UNSW ARC Discovery Project Grants received at UNSW were:
A team, led by Associate Professor Garrett Prestage from The Kirby Institute, investigating the high rates of drug use among gay and bisexual men ($600K over 3 years).

A team, led by Professor Ashish Sharma from the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to develop better forecasting and warning systems for floods. ($550K over 3 years).

In total ARC funding, UNSW will have $48.3M for various projects commencing in 2014. Again I congratulate all of the successful recipients – an excellent year for research at UNSW.

4. Human Research Ethics Update

The UNSW HREC is now fully constituted and fully operational. For information on submission requirements and procedures please refer to http://research.unsw.edu.au/human-research-ethics-committee-hrec

5. Changes to University Paid Outside Work Approval for Research Projects

A new approval process for University Paid Outside Work (UPOW) for research projects managed will commence 25 November. The new process only applies to University paid outside work (eg. contract research and/or consulting) that is:

- conducted using UNSW resources and/or facilities; AND
- is managed through the UNSW Division of Research; AND
- where the project is primarily for research.

Online approval via myUNSW will no longer be required. Instead, approval from Heads of School will be obtained via the Acceptance form for research projects issued by the Grants Management Office prior to projects commencing. We are in the process of updating the Paid Outside Work policy, FAQs and relevant forms. If you need more information please contact Warwick Dawson x57929 or w.dawson@unsw.edu.au.

6. NSW Office of Science and Research – Conference Sponsorship program

2014-15 Now open

The NSW Office of Science and Research is undertaking a competitive funding round to provide financial support for academic conferences to be held in NSW in 2014 and 2015 through its Research Attraction and Acceleration Program (RAAP). Applications will close COB Friday 29 November 2013. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of this round in February 2014.

Further details for this funding round including the program guidelines and application form can be found on the website http://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/investing-in-science/conference-sponsorship-program


Durham University, UK has announced the fourth round of the Durham International Fellowship Scheme, designed to attract the most talented researchers in Europe and beyond and across the full spectrum of science, social science, arts and humanities, to build international networks of scholars with a common passion for today’s most important research challenges. To meet the eligibility requirements, in line with the terms of funding set by Marie Curie, applicants may not have
resided in the UK for more than 12 months in the 36 months prior to the reference date for this call (1 July 2014).

- Up to 11 postdoctoral Junior Research Fellowships commencing 1st July 2014 and 1st October 2014 for a period of 12 to 15 months with possible extension up to 27 months. Closing date for applications is 6th December 2013.

- Up to 10 Senior Research Fellowships and 7 Policy & Enterprise Fellowships for a period of 6 weeks to 6 months between October 2014 and September 2015. The closing date for applications is the 10th January 2014.

For more details go to https://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/diferens/

**8. Do you know... HDR Supervision**

Did you know that UNSW requires every HDR candidate to have a supervisory team of at least 2 research-active academics? The reasons for this are to ensure that HDR candidates have appropriate support across different aspects of their topic and research candidature. It also provides essential backup where the primary supervisor is away from campus for any period, or where there is a breakdown in the supervisory relationship. [http://research.unsw.edu.au/graduate-research-school-policy-and-procedures](http://research.unsw.edu.au/graduate-research-school-policy-and-procedures)

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