Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #28 provides an update on important issues affecting researchers at UNSW. If you missed the previous bulletins – the contents are available at http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/newsletter.html.

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1. ARC Announcements

The recipients for Australian Research Grants for funding in 2011 were announced on 25 October 2010 with Discovery and Linkage grants being announced together. We congratulate those successful recipients of ARC grants for funding in 2011. Details of the announcements can be found at: http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/fundingoutcomes.htm.

2. Strategic Workshops for 2011 ARC Fellowship Applicants

All current UNSW staff who may be considering applying for an ARC Postdoctoral Fellowship (APD), or an ARC QEII/ARF Research Fellowship in Feb 2011, are strongly encouraged to attend one of the upcoming information sessions coordinated by the Research Strategy Office. The 2-hour workshops are presented by Emeritus Prof Alan Johnson, a previous ARC Executive Director, and these will cover:

- Discipline focus
- College of Experts and assessment processes
- Selection criteria
- The competitive landscape for APDs or ARF/QEII's
- Application content - do's and don'ts
- Handling Rejoinders
- Practical aspects including compliance, appearance - formatting, CVs, publications, track record.
A number of ARC Discovery Project Information sessions will also be held in November.

For dates, times and to register please see: http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/workshop.html

3. Nominations for UNSW participants: U21 Early Career Research Workshop

UNSW is a member of the U21 consortium of Universities. U21 is a global network of Universities who come together to share best practices and who have an active program of staff and student exchanges. UNSW will host the inaugural U21 ECR Workshop 18-20 May 2011. Full details are available on the U21 website at: http://www.universitas21.com/event/110518ECR.html

Nominations are now open for 5 UNSW ECRs working in the general area of Energy and Environmental Sustainability to participate. We are particularly keen to have cross-discipline perspectives so nominations from all Faculties are welcome. Nominations from Faculties (name, location, research area and brief comments re level of support or ranking if >1 nominee) must be supported by Faculty Associate Deans (Research) should be sent to Dr Gro Frolund (G.Frolund@unsw.edu.au) by no later than 5 November 2010. If >5 nominations are received, then a selection process will be implemented. If you are an ECR who is interested in participating please contact your Faculty Associate Dean (Research).


AusAID representatives will be visiting UNSW on Friday 12 November, 10 am - 11.30 am, to obtain feedback from UNSW researchers on the research needs and directions for the next AusAID Development Research Strategy (2011-2015). The invitation to UNSW has identified a strong interest in our researchers in the School of Public Health & Community Medicine and the National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR). The AusAID team would also value input from groups working in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies, as well as those with experience in management of the various AusAID funding schemes.

Please register by emailing researchrsvp@unsw.edu.au with AusAID in the SUBJECT LINE if you plan to attend so that an appropriate size venue can be confirmed. Registered participants will be forwarded the consultation questions in advance of the meeting as soon as they have been made available by AusAID.

5. New Guidelines for Postdoctoral Researchers

A draft set of UNSW Guidelines on Support for Postdoctoral Researchers (http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/Guidelines_Research_Fellows.pdf) has been produced following feedback from a survey of 250 postdoctoral researchers, the Committee on Research, and a hot topic discussion at the Academic Board. Feedback on the guidelines should be provided to your Faculty Associate Dean (Research) or sent directly to Professor Margaret Harding, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research); harding@unsw.edu.au, by no later than 12 November 2010.

6. Research@UNSW Magazine

The planning of the next Research@UNSW Magazine is progressing with “Smart Future’s” being the theme of the next edition. This will be open to all faculties, schools and disciplines and we are searching out story ideas showcasing UNSW’s research that will keep in tune to this edition’s theme. If you would like to see your research considered for inclusion in the magazine, please send an email to David Do (David.Do@unsw.edu.au) with a short paragraph of your project/area of research/discovery etc by no later than Friday 19th November 2010. The current edition of Research@UNSW magazine can be found at: http://www.unsw.edu.au/research/res/researchmag.html.
7. ERA in 2012

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, the Hon Senator Kim Carr, has announced that the next iteration of the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) is scheduled for 2012. The statement was made at the Hotel Realm in Canberra on Monday 25 October 2010, during the ARC’s Major Grants announcement. We will notify you as more information comes to hand.

8. Visit UNSW 2010 extended

The Visit UNSW Scheme has been extended to assist in the recruitment of top domestic students to UNSW to commence a postgraduate research degree in semester 1, 2011.

The deadline for Dean’s Excellence Scholarships has also been extended to the beginning of 2011 for high calibre local students.

Through the Visit UNSW Scheme, the Graduate Research School will assist with travel and accommodation costs for students to visit UNSW campuses to meet prospective supervisors, discuss potential projects and see the facilities and support for UNSW research students first hand.

Eligibility:

- High achieving student (e.g. top 5% of their Honours cohort, who would be eligible for the Dean’s Excellence Scholarships)
- For domestic students only (Australian citizens or permanent residents or New Zealand citizens)
- For new PhD students planning to commence study in Semester 1, 2011 (latest start date 31 March, 2011)

See www.grs.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents/visit.html for more information. Contact Dr Shona Blair (s.blair@unsw.edu.au) at the Graduate Research School with any queries.

9. Policy Updates

Drafts of the new Joint PhD Degrees Policy and revised policy on The Role and Responsibilities of Postgraduate Research Coordinators will be posted for consultation on the Governance Support website in mid-November. See http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/drafts/index.html

10. Postgraduate Research Student Support Scheme (PRSS)

The PRSS was introduced specifically to assist Higher Degree Research Students to present their research at local or international conferences. The total amount allocated to postgraduate research students under the PRSS in 2010 was nearly $920K ($390K Round 1, $529K Round 2). Various Faculties also allocated an additional $94,164 ($66,506 Round 1, $27,658 Round 2) toward the PRSS.

Round 1, 2011 PRSS will open in mid-November.

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