Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #29 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. Research Contracts and Consulting

In 2011, part of the Consulting & Expert Opinion (CEOS) business unit of UNSW Global will be incorporated into the Division of Research as part of the overall plan to create a 'one-stop-shop' for research and research support and to ensure greater clarity for researchers and external partners in accessing expertise and services. In particular, "Consulting" activity currently undertaken in CEOS that is eligible research activity for government HERDC reporting (ie. creation of new knowledge, concepts, methodologies and/or understanding that could lead to publication) will transfer to the Division of Research and be integrated with existing researcher support capability (GMO/RSO/NSi).

Warwick Dawson, Director of Research Management, will be meeting with Faculties and key researchers in December/January to discuss the new arrangements, including appropriate parameters for the conduct and support of non-research consulting activity moving forward. CEOS will conduct business as usual during the consultation period, with new arrangements anticipated to come into effect after 31 March 2011. After completing the consultation with Faculties it is expected that a group of current CEOS staff will relocate to the Division of Research.

2. Changes to ARC Fellowships Scheme

The ARC has forecast major changes to all Fellowships that are awarded as part of the Discovery program (APD, ARF/QEI, APF) for the next round of applications (DP12), and the introduction of changes aimed at improving support for early career researchers (see http://www.arc.gov.au/ngrp/dp/dp_consultation.htm). A consultation period is in progress, with guidelines due for release for DP12 in mid-late January and a closing date for applications of 21 March 2011.
Applicants intending to submit applications for ARC Discovery grants should commence preparing Chief Investigator (CI) track record statements and Project proposals in the normal way, but should not include APD, ARF/QEII, or ARF applicants within their proposals pending the release of final guidelines. The ARC has confirmed that the CI eligibility requirements for DP12 applications will be the same as for DP11 applications. All researchers will be updated with information as soon as it becomes available via grant news.

3. **Library based research study**

The Library is seeking participants for a study of research data use and data sharing practices at UNSW. The project, led by Tom Ruthven (Digital Library Services), seeks to understand existing needs and practices relating to data usage, management and sharing within different research communities at UNSW. Findings from the study will inform development of data curation and management support services and infrastructure. The study comprises an online survey which takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

The study has UNSW Human Research Ethics Approval (no.10.150). If you require further information about the project, please contact Tom Ruthven (x51235, t.ruthven@unsw.edu.au) or Maude Frances (x53653, m.frances@unsw.edu.au).


This workshop will suit early to mid-career researchers who are looking to gain experience in applying for NIH, NSF and Department of Defence grants. This is a practical workshop for intending applicants. It will focus primarily on the proposal submission process (understanding guidelines, preparing budgets, preparing proposals, submitting proposals, collaboration).

Presenters: Dr Randall Draper, Director, Office of Contracts and Grants, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colorado and Joyce Kroll, Pre-award Coordinator at the University of Colorado. Both have had substantial long term experience in advising researchers on applying for U.S. Federal Agency grants.

The visit is being sponsored by the University of Adelaide, Curtin University, University of South Australia, Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) International Committee and the SA ARMS Chapter with UNSW meeting costs of the visit to NSW. Full details will be published via Grant News once all arrangements are known.

5. **Centres Manager**

Dr Leigh Schwartzkoff, Manager of the Centres Secretariat in the Research Strategy Office will retire at the end of December 2010. Leigh has been a key contributor to UNSW’s success in securing ARC Centres of Excellence and Cooperative Research Centres. Dr Peter Krug has been appointed in the Research Strategy Office and will take over responsibility for Centres and related multi-partner consortia.

6. **New Academic Staff Funding 2011**

The Mark Wainwright Analytical Centre offers start-up funding for new academic staff to assist them in accessing research facilities. New staff who started after July 1 2010 (Level B or above and/or operating an independent research group) are eligible for the next round of funding. Enquiries to analytical@unsw.edu.au or A/Prof Grainne Moran (Ext 54642).
7. Close-Down arrangements for Christmas Break

The following are the close-down arrangements for the Division of Research:

- **DVC(R) Office** will close from Wednesday 22 December 2010 and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2011.
- **Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), Research Strategy Office** will close from Monday 20th December 2010 and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2011.
- The **Analytical Centre** will close from Wednesday 22nd December 2010 and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2011. Special arrangements may apply in some laboratories - registered users will be notified by email.
- **Grants Management Office** is maintaining a skeleton staff through till noon on Wednesday 22nd December 2010 and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2011. The mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au email will be available and monitored for urgent enquiries during the break.
- **Graduate Research School** will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 21st December 2010 and re-open at 9am on Tuesday 4th January 2011.
- **NewSouth Innovations** will be closed from Wednesday 22nd December 2010 and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2011 at 9.00am.

I wish each of you a happy and safe break.

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