Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #30 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. ERA Update

The ARC has just released the ERA 2010 Submissions Results and they are now available in the ARC website. The report includes a national report, profiles by Field of Research Code, a summary of indicators by Field of Research (FoR) codes, and an Australian institution report. For details, visit the ARC website (http://www.arc.gov.au/era/outcomes_2010.htm).

Nationally, UNSW received the fourth highest rating of 4.04 (out of a maximum five) – measuring our performances in all broad fields of research as “at, above or well above” world standard.

In 33 subject areas, UNSW received the top or equal top rating and scored five out of five in 19 areas:

- Accounting, Auditing and Accountability
- Analytical Chemistry
- Art Theory and Criticism
- Banking, Finance and Investment
- Business and Management
- Cardiovascular Medicine and Haematology
- Civil Engineering
- Clinical Sciences
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Evolutionary Biology
- Film, Television and Digital Media
- Historical Studies
- Human Movement and Sports Science
- Immunology
- Macromolecular and Materials Chemistry
These results confirm UNSW the strongest research university in NSW and as one of Australia’s leading research-intensive universities. Let me congratulate you on this great result.

2. **BRIL – Biological Resources Imaging Laboratory**

The Biological Resources Imaging Laboratory has been established as a facility within the Mark Wainwright Analytical Centre from January 1, 2011. The Laboratory is located in the Lowy Cancer Research Centre Building.

BRIL provides medical imaging research support for biomedical researchers at UNSW and affiliated institutes. The move of BRIL to the Analytical Centre opens up new opportunities to support medical research, building on strong interactions with related laboratories at UNSW and nationally through the National Imaging Facility. For enquiries, contact Dr Carl Power at Ext 58655 or c.power@unsw.edu.au.

3. **2011 Postdoctoral Researcher Handbook**

A new handbook for postdoctoral researchers will be available in early February. The handbook covers the resources and support for postdoctoral researchers, including career and professional development programs, research funding, research policies and guidelines, and includes a copy of the Academic Board Postdoctoral Researchers Support Guideline, which is available from the Governance web site: [http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/postdocresearcherssupportguideline.pdf](http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/postdocresearcherssupportguideline.pdf)

Copies of this first edition will be sent to all level A, B Postdoctoral Fellows and Research Associates, as well as named Fellowship holders, and Faculty research administrators, in early February.

4. **Research Contracting and Consulting Update**

As advised in the December 2010 DVC(R) newsletter, part of the Consulting & Expert Opinion (CEOS) business unit of UNSW Global will be incorporated into the Division of Research. This move is 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. Planning is well underway for the transfer of consulting services, including associated paid outside work, from UNSW Global to the Division of Research with effect from 1 April 2011. All current projects (research and non-research) will formally transfer from this date. Communication with external clients will proceed shortly. We will engage with Faculties and Schools over the remainder of the year regarding appropriate support for non-research projects moving forward. If you have any feedback or questions please contact Warwick Dawson on x57929 or w.dawson@unsw.edu.au.

5. **Semester 2 Research Scholarships**

Scholarships for both local and international higher degree research candidates to commence study in semester 2 this year are now open. Applications close 25 March. See [http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/scholarshipshome.html](http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/scholarshipshome.html)
6. HERDC

Once again it is that time of year, where we are to submit the annual Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) Return to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR).

DIISR use the research income and research publications return to determine our future funding under the Research Training Scheme (RTS), Joint Research Engagement Scheme (replaces IGS), Sustainable Research Excellence Program (SRE), RIBG, CTS, and APA/IPRS scholarships.

Please note that there will be Workshop at the Kensington Campus for all those involved in, or interested in, the HERDC Research Income return on **Monday 7 March 2011 from 10am – 12pm**, Civil Engineering Room 109 (H20). A separate presentation will be held at ADFA with details to follow. Issues to be covered at the Workshop include:

- What are the key changes to Guidelines?
- What do these changes mean for UNSW?
- Key dates & Questions

As places are limited, please register your interest in attending this workshop with Vicky Tzouvaras (v.tzouvaras@unsw.edu.au) by no later than 2 March 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to 2011.

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