Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #31 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 released on 14 February 2011 the documents for consultation for the review of the ERA 2010 Ranked Journal and Conference outlets in preparation for the 2012 round. There are two phases in the consultation:

- **Phase 1** is the public consultation which involves submissions for ranking/FoR (Field of Research) assignment review, and new journal and/or conference outlet(s).
- **Phase 2** is the review that will be conducted by the ARC contracted Peak Body and Disciplinary Group(s) of the submissions. Based on the results of the review, these groups will make their recommendations to the ARC.

Besides submitting NEW journal or conference outlets, there are two possible changes that could be submitted in this consultation: (1) ranking change, and (2) FoR code change.

- **Ranking change** – inappropriate ranking affects the journal profile, therefore it will be useful to have more submissions by experts in the FoR on outlet ranking. Submissions might include information on comparator journals/outlets, the quality of contributors and contributions, quality of the Editorial Board, acceptance rates, and peer review process. The total number of characters for each submission is 1024.

- **FoR code assignments** - these affect the calculation of the citation benchmarks used in the ERA, as well as the coding available to journal articles in the submission. To receive a 4-digit code, it’s expected that at least 30% of articles within a journal would fall within that FoR. Researchers should check that the journals they publish in allow an appropriate FoR choice for their work.

All submissions are to be made by individuals online. There is no institutional submission.

Addition of new journals closes on 21st of March 2011, and submission of comments on journal rankings and Field of Research assignments closes on 4th of April 2011.
The site can be accessed at https://roci.arc.gov.au/. Registration is open to all and is required to comment on the lists.

The final lists of Journal and Conference outlets will be released in September 2011.

For more information on the outlet review, visit the UNSW ERA Outlet Ranking webpage on https://www.unsw.edu.au/research/res/protected/ranking.html or email the ERA Office, era@unsw.edu.au

2. ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards - DECRAs

Guidelines have been released by the ARC for the new DECRA scheme (http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/decra.htm). These awards are for early career researchers who are less than 5 years post PhD (up to 8 years with significant career interruptions), have an outstanding research project in development and are interested in enhancing their research careers. A list of potential applicants has been developed by Warwick Dawson and Heads of Schools and Centre Directors should forward the details of any additional prospective applicants they are willing to endorse to Warwick Dawson (w.dawson@unsw.edu.au) as soon as possible. Prof. Alan Johnson will present two 1-hour information sessions on this scheme.

Details of these sessions are being circulated via Grantsexplode and can also be found on the RSO website (http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/decra.html).

3. HERDC Research Income Data Collection

Reminder for those who are interested in, or involved in, the Higher Education Research Income Data collection that there will be a Workshop at the Kensington Campus for all those involved in, or interested in, the HERDC Return on Monday 7 March 2011 from 10am – 12pm, Civil Engineering Room 109 (H20). A separate presentation will be held at ADFA on Wednesday 9th March 2011 from 1.30pm – 3.30pm, in SL4 Building 21. Issues covered 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.

4. HERDC Research Publication Data Collection

The deadline of 31 March is fast approaching to add your publications information into the Research Publications (ResPubs) database system. This is to ensure that all information can included in the annual Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) return. The link to ResPubs can be found here https://respubs.online.unsw.edu.au.

The Library has imported some publication data from major publishers and is now working on cleaning up the data. ResPubs coordinators in UNSW Faculties and Research Centres will be contacted by the Outreach Librarians regarding training and assistance in entering information and producing reports.

In order to meet HERDC requirements it is essential that all publication information is verified into the four HERDC categories:

1. A1 - Book,
2. B1 - Book Chapter,
3. C1 - Journal Article; and
4. **E1 - Conference Paper**

The verification is to be carried out by all Heads of Schools and Research Centres and must be completed by no later than by 30 April 2011.

The Research Publications Collection also serves as a timely reminder for authors to complete the Statement of Authorship and Location of Data form – which is available from: [www.gmo.unsw.edu.au/Publications/authorship_statement_form.rtf](http://www.gmo.unsw.edu.au/Publications/authorship_statement_form.rtf).

If you have any questions about the HERDC research publication data collection, please contact your Outreach Librarian listed at: [http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/about/corporate/outreach.html](http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/about/corporate/outreach.html).

5. **ARC Future Fellowships**

Opportunities exist for outstanding mid-career researchers to apply for ARC Future Fellowships through UNSW. Researchers who are interested in projects that align with the areas of research strength at UNSW should in the first instance contact the Associate Deans Research (ADR) of the relevant faculty (see below).

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Areas of research strength are outlined at [http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/strengths.html](http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/strengths.html) (see also associated document).


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