Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #55 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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The Higher Education Standards Panel is required under the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Consequential Amendments & Transitional Provisions) Act 2011 to undertake a review of the current Higher Education Threshold Standards. The Threshold Standards define the minimum standards for institutions and organisations to be accredited as Higher Education Providers.

The Panel’s second Call for Comment regarding the Draft Standards for Research, Research Training and Learning Outcomes (Research Training) including background information, and Draft Standards for research and research training can be found at: http://www.hestandards.gov.au/engagement/call-comment-number-2

UNSW will provide a single consolidated submission to each of the draft standards. The submission will be prepared by the Office of the Deputy Vice – Chancellor (Research), and will be submitted to TEQSA via the Deputy Vice – Chancellor (Academic).

Please provide any feedback or comments on the attachments by 19th June 2013 as follows:

- **Comments on Research** should be sent to Ms Bronwyn Greene (b.greene@unsw.edu.au)
- **Comments on Research Training** should be sent to Professor Laura Poole-Warren (l.poolewarren@unsw.edu.au)

2. Higher Education Research Data Collection Update

The 2013 HERDC return for both publications and income is nearing completion. The Research Income Return is currently being audited by the Audit Office of NSW, and the
Research Publications Return has now been audited by Associate Deans Research and is being finalised for submission.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in this important process. The results of our HERDC return this year will feed into our research block grant funding from the commonwealth for the next two years.

3. Research Publication System (ROS) Update

A reminder to all staff that “Respubs” will be de-commissioned in mid-June and “ROS” will take its place from 1 July 2013. The implementation of ROS is on-track and now that the HERDC publications are in, we are in the process of cleaning the data and preparing for the HERDC reporting.

Testing of ROS will commence this week and on 14 June 2013 ResPubs will be turned off to clean data and finalise HERDC Reporting and migration to ROS. From 17 June 2013 ROS will move from test to production environment to migrate of ALL Respubs data and on 1 July 2013 ROS will go live.

To prepare for the launch of ROS in July, Outreach Librarians are currently contacting Heads of School and senior research staff to develop the best approaches to training staff and to establish ROS within their Schools and Centres. It is anticipated that training for both researchers and administrative staff will be scheduled throughout July and August.

If you would like information regarding training for your School or Centre please contact your Outreach Librarian.

4. QS World University Rankings – By Subject

QS World University Rankings has released its Rankings by Subject 2013. Rankings are made in 31 subjects from 5 broader categories - Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Life Sciences & Medicine, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences.

UNSW came out well with 5 subjects ranked in the top 20 internationally and Psychology at UNSW in the top 10. UNSW had a total of 18 subjects which ranked within the world’s top 50 in their respective discipline areas. The University also ranked highest amongst Australian universities in Material Sciences. For the full results go to the QS Subject Rankings webpage and the UNSW subject rankings webpage.

5. ARC Rejoinder Information Session – Available Online

A presentation was provided by the Research Strategy Office, in the third quarter of 2012, to provide strategic advice and to assist CIAs in responding to assessments (rejoiners) from the ARC. A copy of the Research Strategy Office’s ARC Rejoinder Information Session is now available online to UNSW staff members; please visit the link below, logging in with your zPASS to view the presentation. See http://tv.unsw.edu.au/school/research-strategy-office.

6. ARC Rejoinder Information Session #2

Target Audience: This information session is intended for those who have submitted a Discovery (DPT4) application. However, rejoinders are similar between the different schemes and researchers who have submitted a Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DE14) applications are welcome to attend (additional sessions will be run through those rejoinder periods).
7. Driving research impact - Opinion Piece in The Australian

Last week I was incensed to put pen-to-paper after a few recent articles in the press questioning the value of some “relatively obscure” research projects funded by the ARC. With the opinion piece that was published in The Australian last week, I do hope that by driving in the thin edge of the wedge we can slowly start to get the message across that you don’t create impact…you nurture the creativity and watch the impact develop. See http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/impact-sometimes-requires-long-decades-of-research/story-e6frgjcjx-1226652450543

8. Do you know… Researcher Profiles on the Research Gateway

The Research Gateway (https://research.unsw.edu.au) is the UNSW web portal to Research at UNSW – the Gateway can be accessed from the “Research” tab on the top section of the UNSW homepage. One section of the Gateway allows researchers to load their own profile including a brief biography, key research areas and expertise. The Research Gateway is the first point of entry that many students and people external to UNSW use to make contact with researchers at the University.

It is important to keep your information up-to-date and to provide a succinct statement of your research expertise. Instructions for generating a research profile and updating your information can be done via the link (https://research.unsw.edu.au/profile-page-faqs).

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