Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #52 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](http://research.unsw.edu.au/deputy-vice-chancellor-research-bulletin).

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1. **UNSW Open Access Policy**

Both the Australian Research Council (ARC) and National Health and Medical Research (NHMRC) have released Open Access policies that require the published outputs from all ARC/NHMRC funded research to be made publicly available in an open access repository. The Open Access Policies ensure that publically-funded research is disseminated freely and to as wide an audience as possible. Adherence to the Open Access policies forms part of the Funding Agreement with the ARC and NHMRC.

UNSW has adopted a policy that means that we will make all publications available in an Open Access repository as soon as we are legally able to do so without breaching copyright provisions.

We have already noted that some more aggressive publishers have actually been asking authors to pay fees to be compliant with the Open Access Policy. **Researchers should not pay additional fees to publishers to make material Open Access compliant.**

UNSW is moving to a new publications collection system in mid-2013 (details below). The new system will incorporate Open Access requirements. In the meantime, researchers should continue to submit their publication information into ResPubs.

An [Open Access](http://research.unsw.edu.au/deputy-vice-chancellor-research-bulletin) web page has been created with FAQs and further information.
2. ResPubs Replacement and HERDC Publications Deadline

In 2011, UNSW began a process to replace ResPubs, our current system for collecting publications and research outputs. UNSW has selected the package “Symplectic Elements” as the ResPubs replacement. We have named the new system ‘ROS’—the acronym for ‘Research Outputs System’.

ROS is scheduled to “go live” in July 2013 after we migrate all the historical publication data from ResPubs and after current publication collection is complete. For further information about the progress of the implementation of ROS, please visit the following webpage http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/servicesfor/academic/rosproject.html.

More information about the ROS implementation, including training details, will be made available closer to ‘go live’ date. For now…ResPubs is alive and well so nothing has changed from previous years:

- All research publications and outputs must continue to be placed into ResPubs
- The 2013 HERDC return (for 2012 publications) will be produced by the existing ResPubs system. The deadline for entering all publications into ResPubs for this return will be Friday, 3rd May 2013.
- After the completion of the HERDC return all research outputs, together with their HERDC related status and comments, will be migrated to ROS. This will include any 2013 outputs already entered into ResPubs.

3. Review of UNSW Research Code of Conduct and related Procedures

A review of UNSW Research Code of Conduct, and related procedures, is currently underway including the:

- Procedure for Handling Allegations of Research Misconduct
- Procedure for Authorship and for Resolving Disputes Between Authors
- Procedure for Handling Research Material and Data

A new principles-based approach to research integrity will be integrated into development of the revised UNSW Research Code of Conduct and associated procedures.

Consultations have commenced with key stakeholders, with further consultations with senior UNSW committees and consultations with UNSW staff to follow. Feedback on the current Research Code of Conduct and related procedures can be sent to Bronwyn Greene (b.greene@unsw.edu.au).
4. **Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR)**

The Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education has compiled the Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR) for 2013. This is the register of all grants that are designated Category-1 grants. The income UNSW receives from schemes listed on the ACGR is a metric used in driving the allocation of the Australian Government’s Research Block Grants (RBG).


5. **UNSW Research Pricing Tool**

As indicated last year, new arrangements for pricing externally funded research including contract research and consultancy projects, and competitive grants, that are not listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR), are due to commence from 2 April 2013. A UNSW Research Pricing Tool is being developed to support UNSW researchers price projects in accordance with the UNSW Competitive Neutrality and Pricing Policy and associated UNSW Procedure for Pricing Externally Funded Research. These documents provide relevant background information and are currently open for consultation pending final approval.

**Testing of the pricing tool**

In early March there will be an opportunity for UNSW researchers and general staff to test the new pricing tool. If you would like to participate, please send an email to contract.research@unsw.edu.au. A formal test script will be available for participants, or you can explore and test as you wish. Time commitment should be around one hour depending on the extent of feedback provided.

6. **2013 UNSW Innovation Awards – Coming Soon**

Applications for the UNSW Innovation Awards – 2013 will be opening mid-March. The UNSW Innovation Awards recognise and reward the significant effort and ingenuity of UNSW staff and students, along with potential partner organisations, in the creation and transfer of new knowledge and innovations into society and the economy. The Awards recognise innovations in any field of activity across UNSW and at any stage in development.

For further announcements, and to view competition details, please visit the New South Innovations (NSi) web site: [www.nsinnovations.com.au](http://www.nsinnovations.com.au).

7. **Transport Concession Improvements for NSW Tertiary Students**

On 21 February 2013, NSW Minister for Transport Gladys Bereijklian announced changes to the eligibility criteria for tertiary student travel concessions. Under previous rules full time tertiary students had to be attending day classes and could not be employed to be eligible for transport concessions. From 21 February 2013 the following groups of full time university, TAFE and private college students will now become eligible for transport concessions:

- Those who are employed or otherwise receiving and income;
- Those who are enrolled in evening classes; and
- Those undertaking postgraduate research at universities
To be eligible for travel concession students will still need to meet other criteria, such as, being enrolled as a full-time student.
I ask that all HDR supervisors disseminate this information to their postgraduate students.

8. **Gene Technology Advisory Committee – Call for Nominations**

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has called for nominations for their Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee (GTTAC) and the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee (GTECCC) for the period 2014-17. If you are interested in being nominated, details of required skills and experience can be found in the nomination package from the OGTR website [www.ogtr.gov.au](http://www.ogtr.gov.au) under “What’s New”.

9. **Do you know...the Procedure for Disclosing Pre-Existing Intellectual Property**

Researchers who join UNSW and new research trainees (higher degree research candidates and postdocs) may bring pre-existing IP to UNSW. New staff, students and trainees should disclose any pre-existing intellectual property to the University within 30 days of commencing. This is simply good practice to ensure that there is a clear and documented ownership of IP which is easy to unravel from IP developed while undertaking research at UNSW.


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