DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH)
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Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #35 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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1. **NHMRC Site Visit and Audit**

The NHMRC will be on site for the first four days of August to monitor UNSW’s compliance with the key requirements for the safe, ethical and responsible conduct of research. Individual NHMRC grants are being reviewed in advance of the visit, and a number of researchers and administrative staff will be interviewed, to ensure the appropriate approvals and certifications are in place, reporting requirements have been met, and funding has been used appropriately.

All researchers who are managing external research grants are reminded of the importance of compliance with the funding agency’s rules and conditions with regard to expenditure of the awarded research funds, and ensuring that approvals and certifications are in place for conducting the research.

2. **Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE) Survey 18th – 31st July 2011**

As outlined in the last Bulletin UNSW must complete another 2-week Staff Activity Survey, or “diary exercise” for the Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE) Program in 2011. The survey period for UNSW staff will be from Monday 18th July to Sunday 31st July 2011. The survey will be very similar to that conducted last year. Everybody who needs to complete the survey will receive an individual email on Friday 15th July 2011.

As with the previous survey, the data will only be used in aggregated form and not in any way that will identify an individual. The information will only be used to provide the Commonwealth with survey data that UNSW is required to provide.

The SRE scheme provides significant funding for the indirect costs of research to Universities. Over time, the SRE will effectively double the amount of funding available to support the indirect costs of research so it is an important exercise to be completed. If you have any questions regarding the
completion of the survey, please email sre@unsw.edu.au, or phone either Grahame Pearson (x59376) or Wayne Wang (x53241).

3. **Invitation to Comment on PhD Review Draft Report**

The Panel reviewing the UNSW PhD program thanks PhD candidates, PhD graduates and staff for your input to the Review. The Draft Report is now accessible by logging into myUNSW (https://my.unsw.edu.au/unsw_secure/all_secure/PhDReviewDraftReport310511.pdf). We invite you to submit your comments on the Draft Report via email to phdreview@unsw.edu.au by 18 July.

4. **UNSW Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Postgraduate Research Supervision**

The UNSW Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Postgraduate Research Supervision are now open. These Awards recognise and encourage sustained excellence in postgraduate research supervision. Applications close 30 September.

See http://research.unsw.edu.au/excellence-postgraduate-research-supervision for full details.

5. **2011 Strategic Roadmap for Australian Research Infrastructure**

NCRIS (the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Scheme) has been the National scheme to support large research infrastructure over the last 5 years. The 2011 Strategic Roadmap for Australian Research Infrastructure Discussion Paper was released and this reviews options for managing large research infrastructure into the future. The purpose of the Discussion Paper was to seek feedback from stakeholders and the wider research community on the views expressed by the Expert Working Groups and to canvass additional feedback on the research infrastructure requirements to support excellent research and innovation outcomes into the future.

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has been revising a Exposure Draft to align with NRIC’s views for some time and now. From the DIISR website...“the Exposure Draft has been reworked to include a stronger demonstration of the way the capability areas support the NRPs and the priority area of Understanding Cultures and Communities - as well as the linkages across the capability areas. The introduction has also been redrafted and now includes a brief section about the importance of innovation and research. “


UNSW will submit a single consolidated response to the Discussion Paper. If you wish to contribute to the consolidated submission please provide any comments by close of business 15 July 2011 to David Do, david.do@unsw.edu.au or x 52784.

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