Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #36 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. **UNSW Nominations for U21 Early Career Researcher Workshop: Healthy Living**

The second U21 ECR workshop will be held at the University of Birmingham 13-15 December 2011 on the topic of Healthy Living. Further details and a draft program are available here [http://research.unsw.edu.au/u21-researcher-mobility-programs](http://research.unsw.edu.au/u21-researcher-mobility-programs).

Faculty Associate Deans (Research) are invited to submit nominations of UNSW early career researchers working in the general area of “Healthy Living” to participate in the workshop. UNSW will provide funds to support up to five ECRs to attend. Please send any nominations from your Faculty (name, location, research area and brief comments re level of support) to your Faculty Associate Dean (Research) by 1 September 2011.

2. **2012 Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**

Heads of School may recommend a maximum of 2 two ranked applications to the Faculty Associate Dean (Research) by no later than 5 September 2011, in order to allow a faculty ranked list to be prepared for consideration by the Central Fellowship Committee.

3. **Research@UNSW Gateway**

The Research@UNSW Gateway website (www.research@unsw.edu.au) was launched on 23 May 2011 and currently contains more than 1300 researcher profiles. The immediate priority for the Gateway Team is to increase the number of projects profiled on the site. The Gateway Team is available to work with researchers to upload projects and will shortly provide detailed information to Faculties to facilitate this process and to explain new project upload mechanisms. In the meantime, any queries regarding projects can be directed to researchgateway@unsw.edu.au

4. **3-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition**

The Graduate Research School will be hosting the 3MT Competition Interfaculty Final on Thursday 1 September. Our inaugural 3MT Final was a huge success in 2010. The event is free, and open to the public, and we expect an even greater interest this year.

This exciting opportunity allows higher degree research candidates, from all disciplines, to develop their communication skills and showcase their work. Contestants will have just 3 minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic that will inform and engage an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

There will be high-profile judges, great prizes, audience participation and the opportunity to hear some of our most brilliant young minds tell us what they are doing and why it is important.

An outline of the event is as follows:

- **Thursday 1 September, 2011**
- UNSW Scientia Building ([Map & How to Get There](#))
  - 4:30 pm Welcome and Introduction of the Judges.
  - 4:45 pm Presentations.
  - 6:45 pm Judges confer.
    - People's Choice votes collected & refreshments served.
  - 7:15 pm Awards presented.


To RSVP please go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3MT2011](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3MT2011)

5. **ERA Updates.**

There are three items in relation to ERA.

**A. DRAFT Documents for the ERA 2012 Submissions**


**B. Expressions of Interest in the Research Evaluation Committee Membership for ERA 2012**

The ARC invited UNSW to nominate up to ten (10) individuals per discipline grouping as potential members of the Research Evaluation Committee (REC) for the ERA 2012 Submissions, with 10% of nominees coming from overseas. The ERA Office is coordinating the University nominations, and researchers (local and from overseas) are encouraged to send in their
Expression of Interest (EOI) forms and CV to the ERA Office on era@unsw.edu.au on or before 12 August. The EOI Form and Information pack are available on the ERA Office webpage in Research Gateway, http://research.unsw.edu.au/excellence-research-australia-era-latest-news

Researchers are also invited to send the EOI invitation to their overseas colleagues who may be interested in being nominated as potential REC members, and send their colleagues’ details to the ERA Office for follow-up.

C. Updating ResPubs
Recently-employed researchers are encouraged to enter all of their publication information in the University publications database, ResPubs, as soon as they get their staff IDs and zpass login to access University services. All other researchers should also update their publications in the database as the ERA Office will use ResPubs as its main source of publications data for the ERA 2012 Submissions. The ARC requires the submission of all research outputs published within the ERA 2012 reference period, 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2010 (6 years).

For more information on ResPubs and data entry, researchers should contact their School Administrator who could assist in this procedure, or the Faculty Outreach Librarian, (http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/about/corporate/outreach.html).

6. 2012 UNSW Major Research Equipment Infrastructure Initiative (MREII) Guidelines Released

We will run a Major Equipment and Infrastructure Scheme for 2012 along very similar lines to that which ran this year. The guidelines are now available at https://research.unsw.edu.au/unsw-internal-funding-opportunities. Note that proposals need to be prioritised by your Faculty and Faculty lists need to be with my office (to Andrea Burns, A.Burns@unsw.edu.au) no later than 21st October 2011. Each Faculty will have its own internal deadline. Successful proposals will be announced within 2 weeks after the announcement of successful 2012 LIEF grants (expected late October or early November).

7. Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE) Survey

UNSW Academic staff have been asked to complete the SRE survey for the period 18th – 31st July 2011. Staff have until this FRIDAY 5th August to ensure they finalise their returns. A large proportion of our block grant funding depends on this survey so it is important that we meet the minimum return rate set by DIISR. If you are having trouble in completing the survey please contact Grahame Pearson (ext 59376) or email sre@unsw.edu.au. As at Monday evening (1st August) approximately 50% of staff required to complete the survey had started so please get on and complete the task.

8. Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC)

We have finalized and submitted our HERDC return covering research performance for 2010. For the finances, preliminary Go8 results show that UNSW is still ranked 3rd in the Go8 again behind Melbourne (#1) and Queensland (#2). Our total research income for 2010 came in $313 M which is an increase of about $12M (or 4%) over the previous year. The Faculties of Medicine, Science and Engineering make up more than 60% of our research income (34%, 15% and 14% respectively). From a publications perspective, UNSW maintained its position of first across the Go8 with 4880 publications. There was an increase in publication numbers across most Faculties.

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