Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #38 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. ARC Future Fellowships: Change of Dates

The ARC has just announced that the next round of ARC Future Fellowship applications will open and close this year (not in early 2012 as expected). The Funding Rules and Agreement have been released on the ARC web site today (http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/futurefel/future_default.htm) and applications close 30 November 2011. Faculty Associate Deans Research (ADRs) will coordinate potential internal and external applicants and be the point of contact with the Research Strategy Office (RSO) in finalising the list of applicants that will be supported by UNSW. Given this very tight and unscheduled timeline, intending applicants should discuss plans with Heads of School as a priority, and Heads of Schools/Centres should alert ADRs to any external applicants that may be attracted to UNSW via this scheme.

Researchers will be updated on other information as it becomes available by alerts from Grant News on a regular basis. All inquiries regarding ARC Future Fellowships should be directed to A/Prof Laurent Rivory (l.rivory@unsw.edu.au x57945) of the Research Strategy Office.

2. Major Grant Round Announcements

The indicative announcement dates for the announcement of the awards of major grants are as follows:

- **Week commencing Monday 17 October**: Most NHMRC Schemes including NHMRC Project Grants and Fellowships for 2012;
- **Tuesday 1 November**: ARC Discovery (DP12), Linkage (LP12) and LIEF (LE12); and
- **Monday 16 November**: ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher (DECRA) and Future Fellowships (FT12).
3. **New Workshops: Building Research Partnerships with Industry**

The Research Partnerships Unit was established this year to facilitate and enable successful research collaborations between UNSW researchers and external partners. A workshop will be held on **Tuesday 18 October (10 –12.30 pm)** for researchers in the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Science to provide an introduction to the key skills needed to initiate, develop and strengthen effective research partnerships and collaborations with industry and other external organisations.

Engagement including contract research, consulting or industry linked grant opportunities such as ARC Linkage will be covered. Similar workshops for other faculties will be scheduled in 2012. For further details and to register see [https://research.unsw.edu.au/events/building-research-partnerships-industry](https://research.unsw.edu.au/events/building-research-partnerships-industry).

4. **Review of Centres Procedures**

The UNSW Centres Procedure ([http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/centresprocedure.html](http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/centresprocedure.html)) is currently under review. A modified draft of the Procedure will be presented and discussed at a Committee on Research meeting (November 3, 2011) before being posted on the Governance Support website for general consultation. Researchers wanting specific issues raised during the initial round of discussion should contact their Faculty Associate Dean Research in advance of the 3rd November 2011 Committee on Research Meeting.

5. **ERA Updates**

There are three items in relation to ERA.

**A. ERA 2012 Submissions**

The ARC has released the *Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2012 Submission Guidelines, Discipline Matrix and Technology Pack*. These documents provide a detailed guide to the rules and processes for ERA 2012 submission, as well as technical documentation related to the submission process. All key documents are available for downloading from the ARC webpage, [http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_2012/key_documents_2012.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_2012/key_documents_2012.htm)

The ARC also announced the following:

a. Elsevier’s SciVerse Scopus will provide the citation information for the ERA 2012 evaluation.

b. The reference periods for the ERA 2012 submission components are as follows:

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c. Researcher eligibility is based on a single staff census date, which is **31 March 2011**.

d. Submission Stage 1 will open **Monday, 5 March 2012**.

**B. Research Publication Collection – ResPubs**

The ERA Office has started collecting information on research outputs from recent appointees who were employed after 31 March 2009, and are also now entering output data in ResPubs on their behalf. All other researchers are requested to update their ResPubs data as soon as possible and to get in touch with their Outreach Librarian or the ERA Office for assistance with ResPubs data entry, if necessary.
The ERA Office has also started contacting researchers to assist in identifying and ranking of outputs for the ERA peer-review. Submission of non-traditional outputs for peer review will require a copy of the output (or evidence thereof) and a research statement indicating the significance and contribution of the output in the field of research. For more information on peer review outputs, researchers may contact the ERA Office on era@unsw.edu.au, or on extension 52084.

C. The Journal List Consultation

The ARC consultation about the Journal List for the ERA 2012 is now closed. UNSW made an institutional submission based on the contribution of researchers, including suggesting new journals and reclassifying/reclassifying existing journals into other FoR code(s). The ARC will not use journal ranking in the ERA 2012 submissions, and will instead use a new journal indicator. For more information on the Journal List and other ERA 2012 refinements, visit the ARC website, http://www.arc.gov.au/era/faq.htm#2012.

6. NHMRC Grant Expenditure

Recipients of NHMRC funding please take note:

In early August and as part of a larger audit, NHMRC staff reviewed the financial aspects of a number of the grants we administer on their behalf. To ensure funds are expended in accordance with the relevant policies of the NHMRC the following actions will be taken prior to the end of 2011:

1. Research Finance will produce a list of 2011 expenditure against account codes that are potentially classified as ‘Indirect Research Costs’ (see http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/_files_nhmrc/file/grants/funding/funded/manage/policy/direct_research_costs.pdf for NHMRC advice on allowable costs);
2. The GMO will write to researchers asking them to review their expenditure against NHMRC advice on Direct Research Costs;
3. Non-allowable expenditure will need to be reversed out of research accounts and into School/Centre operating accounts;
4. School Finance Administrators will be required to assist with journaling non-allowable expenditure; and
5. Researchers who believe identified Indirect Research Costs are actually allowed as part of their research project are required to put the case forward to the GMO.

If you hold NHMRC funding, please give these actions the required attention. The Grants Management Office can provide advice and assistance, but it is up to the research team to ensure that all costs associated with the grants are, in fact, allowable costs.

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