Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #40 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. EOI for Australia-China Joint Research Centres

Applications for Joint Research Centres (up to AUD$1 million funding, matched by the Chinese Government), are now open. Full details are available at http://www.innovation.gov.au/Science/InternationalCollaboration/ACSRF/Pages/default.aspx. UNSW may only submit ONE application for the Joint Research Round with applications closing on 27 February 2012. A one page Expression of Interest (EOI), outlining the proposed Centre, alignment with UNSW’s research strengths, Chinese partners and how the proposal meets the funding guidelines are invited. EOIs should be submitted to Assoc Prof Peter Krug, Centres Manager, Research Strategy Office by no later than 11 December 2011.

2. 2012 UNSW Goldstar Awards

Congratulations to all UNSW researchers who were awarded UNSW 2012 Goldstar Awards. The full list of recipients is available on the Research Gateway at: http://research.unsw.edu.au/unsw-gold-star-awards.

3. 2012 Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Congratulations to the 14 recipients of the 2012 Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellowships. These highly competitive Fellowships are awarded to early career researchers, who have strong research potential and are working in an area of UNSW research strength with the support of a mentor. A full list of the Vice-Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellows is available on the Research Gateway at: https://research.unsw.edu.au/2012_VCFellowships.
4. 2012 Major Research Equipment Infrastructure Initiative (MREII)

The 2012 MREII and NHMRC Equipment grant funding is now finalised and all successful applicants have been notified via email. 56 applications were funded through the MREII Scheme, totalling $6.9M along with 6 NHMRC Equipment Grants totalling about $770K. If you have any questions please refer them to your Faculty Associate Dean (Research).

5. ARC and NHMRC Major Rounds Resource Page Now Live

With less than four weeks until the end of 2011 you should now be preparing your submission for grant schemes for funding commencing in 2013.

To assist the Grants Management Office Resource Page (https://research.unsw.edu.au/support-grant-applicants-funding-commencing-2013) contains your ‘countdown to submission’, Division of Research and UNSW support for your application, and links to Faculty-based support. Additional resources and information will be available when scheme rules are released.

Your questions can be directed at any stage to mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au.

6. ERA Updates

a. ERA 2012 Data Collection

Collection of eligible research outputs data for non-traditional (Original creative works, Live performance of creative works, Recorded/Rendered creative works, and Curated or Produced substantial public exhibitions and events) and traditional outputs within the ARC reference period (2005-2010) is well underway.

Researchers who have non-traditional outputs in 2009-2010 are encouraged to send their list of outputs to the ERA Office (era@unsw.edu.au) as soon as possible.


For assistance or further information, researchers should contact the ERA Office by email or on x52084.

b. ERA 2012 Peer Reviewers

The ARC is recruiting Peer Reviewers for the ERA 2012 through institutional nominations by way of a simplified expression of interest. Details about the ERA Peer Reviewer recruitment may be found in the “Latest News” section of the ERA Office website, http://research.unsw.edu.au/excellence-research-australia-era-latest-news. The ERA Office will accept EOI's no later than COB on 15 December 2011, and consolidate the UNSW nominations for submission to the ARC. The ARC Peer Reviewer Recruitment closes on 16 December 2011.

NOTE: The ERA Peer Reviewer is not a paid role, and the recruitment is only for Peer Reviewers in the following ERA 2012 Disciplines.

c. Important ERA Dates

ERA Submissions will open on 5 March 2012.
7. Division of Research Christmas Holiday Arrangements

- **Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)** - will remain open except for the official University close-down period from Wednesday 21 December 2011 until Tuesday 3 January 2012.

- **Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)** - close at 5 pm on Friday 16 December and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

- **The Graduate Research School** - will remain open except for the official University close-down period from Wednesday 21 December 2011 until Tuesday 3 January 2012.

- **Grants Management Office** - will be closed from Wednesday 21 December to Tuesday 3 January 2012. For researchers needing urgent assistance or support, mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au will be cleared regularly throughout the break.

- **Research Strategy Office** - will close at 5 pm on Friday 16 December and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

- **Research Partnerships Unit** - will close at 5 pm on Friday 16 December and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

- **The Mark Wainwright Analytical Centre** - will remain open except for the official University close-down period from Wednesday 21 December 2011 until Tuesday 3 January 2012. The Analytical Centre will have special local arrangements in place and may apply to specific labs - all registered users will be notified of these by email.

- **NewSouth Innovations** – will close on Friday 23 December and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

8. HREC Applications Deadline

The deadline for submission of applications for the December Human Research Ethics Committee meeting has now passed, with the next scheduled meeting to be held in February. However, the HREC Executive will continue to meet through December and January and is able to resolve most issues to do with ethics applications between meetings. Professor Michael Grimm and Professor Andrew Metcalfe can be contacted directly (m.grimm@unsw.edu.au or a.metcalfe@unsw.edu.au) or through ethics.gmo@unsw.edu.au.

9. Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) and Human Research Advisory Panels (HREAP) online applications.

The University is in the process of implementing an on-line system for the submission and management of human ethics protocols - both for the central ethics Committee (HREC) and for the faculty ethics panels (HREAPs). This initiative will streamline the ethics process for researchers, who will be able to apply online, without the need for multiple paper copies, and who will be able to access their ethics applications when away from the office. The initiative will also streamline the work of the Ethics Secretariat, the HRECs and the HREAPs.

In recent weeks the administrative module of InfoEd human ethics system has been successfully introduced to the Ethics Secretariat and the HREC Executive Committee. This will be followed by roll-outs to the research community. We will keep you updated as the process develops. The option to apply for ‘high risk’ ethics approvals online is expected to be available to UNSW researchers in December. If you have any questions please contact Margaret Wright, Manager Ethics Secretariat, x54235 or m.wright@unsw.edu.au.

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