Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #46 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. HERDC Income and Publication Return

The Higher Education Research Data and Collection (HERDC) Income and Publications Returns have been submitted to Canberra. HERDC always takes a significant amount of time and effort to pull together the relevant research data. I must commend and thank all staff who were involved in collating this year’s return.

The HERDC return will eventually translate into the Research Block Grant (RBG) Funding providing by the Commonwealth which in turn will go towards funding research schemes and programs, supporting research at UNSW.

UNSW figures for the HERDC return show $296 million in total research income for 2011 and nearly 4530 publications. A detailed analysis of the Go8 and the entire sector is in preparation and will be circulated to the Faculties and related units in due course.

2. Responsibility for Pre-Award Processes for Contract Research & Consulting

A reminder that from 1 January 2012, the responsibility for pre-award processes for contract research and consulting rests with the Research Partnerships Unit (RPU). The RPU has built up capacity to provide more support for researchers in scoping and pricing projects, ensuring contractual arrangements are appropriate and concluded quickly (in close consultation with the Legal Office and New South Innovations as appropriate).
The RPU is the ongoing point of contact for sponsors throughout the life of each project, aiming for repeat business via effective relationship management. InfoEd remains the key business tool for tracking contracts across their life cycle. Our intention is to build up the contract research income from government and industry at UNSW over time.

You can contact the RPU at: Research.partnerships@unsw.edu.au and obtain further information via the Research Gateway at: http://research.unsw.edu.au/units/research-partnerships.

3. **Excellence for Innovation in Australia (EIA) Trial**

“Excellence in Innovation” is another set of words which encompasses the assessment of “Research Impact”. Research Impact is now a key driver in the United Kingdom where it forms part of the REF which is the analogue of our ERA.

UNSW is a participant in a research impact assessment trial being undertaken by the ATN and Go8 Universities. All five ATN universities are involved in the trial as well as Melbourne, Queensland, UWA, Newcastle, Tasmanis and Charles Darwin Universities.

This is a limited trial, based on the assessment of case studies in specific areas defined by Socio-Economic Objective (SEO) codes. Each participant university can submit up to five case studies in each of the four broad SEO divisions of Defence, Economic Development, Society and Environment.

The Associate Deans (Research) are coordinating the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to submit research impact case studies for the Trial. Anyone who is interested to submit an EOI should contact their ADR.

The trial is operating on very short timelines, with full submission due by the end of August.

Details about the EIA Trial and UNSW participation are available at http://research.unsw.edu.au/atngo8-eia-impact-assessment-trial.

4. **UNSW Awarded Top Innovator**

UNSW was named as “Australia’s most innovative university” in winning the higher education category of the Thomson Reuters Citation and Innovation Awards for 2012.

All academic institutions and enterprises in Australia were considered for the awards. Criteria used to assess the level of innovation included size of patent portfolio, success rate of patents, extent of globalisation and influence of the innovations. The patent analysis was based on Thomson Reuters data.

More information on the awards, presented at the National Press Club, is available here.
5. **Division of Research - Upcoming Seminars**

The Division of Research hosts a range of seminars on various topics throughout the year. Please look at the range of seminars that are coming up in Semester 2. In particular the following seminars for July and August:


3. *Orientation to Research – 31st of July* – For new and existing research staff.

4. *Post PhD Careers Seminar Series – 7th of August*. These are designed for higher degree students, early career researchers and supervisors.

Please visit the new “What’s On” events page on the research gateway for more research seminar information and dates [http://research.unsw.edu.au/events](http://research.unsw.edu.au/events)

6. **Do you know... the procedure for properly attributing UNSW in publications**

UNSW supports researchers in their respective research projects and outputs from the research, in particular to publications. It is important that researchers clearly and appropriately attribute UNSW in their publications.

It is vital that authors correctly spell out their respective Centre or Faculty followed by “The University of New South Wales”:

**Example:** Centre of ABC, *The University of New South Wales*; or

Faculty of Medicine, *The University of New South Wales*.

There are now many different ways that Publications are being counted and analysed – it is important that we have consistency and clarity to make sure that you and UNSW are properly credited with the work. If you have any questions please direct them to your Supervisor or to one of the Associate Deans (Research) within the UNSW Faculties.

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