Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #47 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 Co-Investment in Significant Grant Funding Opportunities

UNSW strongly encourages its staff to pursue significant grant funding opportunities that align with our research strengths or our strategic intent. In many cases, some co-investment from UNSW (cash support or the provision of resources) is either required or highly encouraged under such schemes (e.g. ARC Centres of Excellence, CSIRO Flagship Clusters).

Researchers should discuss such opportunities with their Faculty Associate Dean (Research) to build the case around the strategic value of any such opportunity, as well as the parameters and conditions typically associated with UNSW co-investment.

Researchers must then forward their proposal and co-investment request to Associate Professor Laurent Rivory in the Research Strategy Office (l.rivory@unsw.edu.au) at least 3 weeks ahead of the external closing date.

### 2. ResPubs Replacement

In June 2012 the University signed an agreement with the UK-based company, Symplectic, to provide a new research publications management system. It is planned to have the system in place and operational in late January 2013, in time for the HERDC return in June of that year.
A project manager will commence in early September 2012, however, implementation has already begun. To ensure no publication data is missed, and to minimise risks associated with any implementation delays, please continue using ResPubs to enter 2012 (or earlier) publication information. This information will be migrated over to the new Symplectic system at cut-over. Notice will be provided as to the cut-over date as soon as we have this finalised.

3. **UNSW Medical Review**

Professor Fred Hilmer, President and Vice-Chancellor of UNSW, has commissioned a review of the Faculty of Medicine. Professor Hilmer is seeking advice from an international review panel to assist in setting the strategic direction for the Faculty of Medicine over the next 5-10 years.

The Panel is expected to review the Faculty of Medicine and prepare a report for the President and Vice-Chancellor to:

- Assess the strength of the Faculty in terms of national/international standing and research performance, and advise on future research directions.
- Examine and comment on the alignment of the recommended research strategy with the current and planned level of resources and infrastructure (including space, equipment, electronic data storage and management), staffing and leadership.
- Examine and comment on the interface between Medicine and its cognate Faculties (mainly Science, Engineering and FASS).
- Examine and comment on the relationship with its affiliated Medical Research Institutes, affiliated hospitals and other healthcare providers to identify opportunities for growing research strength especially within the context of Academic Health Centres.
- Examine linkages with eminent centres of medical research internationally, and advise on whether and how these might be strengthened.

The Vice-Chancellor has requested that UNSW Staff have an opportunity to make comments or submissions to the review panel. Can I please ask you to forward this request onto staff, who have an association with the Faculty of Medicine. Please provide all comments to the Vice-Chancellor’s Office (vice-chancellor@unsw.edu.au) by no later than 10 August 2012.

4. **Latest Research@UNSW Magazine: 2012-2013**

The latest edition of the Research@UNSW Magazine is now available. This edition showcases collaborations and partnerships between UNSW Research with Business, Industry and Government current partners and seeks to create interest with potential partners.

5. **Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Postgraduate Research Supervision**

Nominations for these awards are now open, and close on 24 September 2012. Academic staff who have supervised at least three candidates to completion are eligible to enter. For more information see: [http://research.unsw.edu.au/excellence-postgraduate-research-supervision](http://research.unsw.edu.au/excellence-postgraduate-research-supervision)


The 3rd Universitas 21 (U21) Early Career Researcher workshop will be held at Shanghai Jiao Tong University from 4-6 December 2012 on the topic of *Merging Theory into Practice: Ecological Urban Design*.

Faculty Associate Deans (Research) have been invited to submit nominations of UNSW early career researchers working in the general area of Ecological Urban Design to participate in the workshop. The closing date for nominations by Faculties via ADRs is **Friday 31st August 2012**. UNSW is guaranteed at least 2 attendees at the workshop.

Further details and a draft programme are available at [http://research.unsw.edu.au/u21-researcher-mobility-programs](http://research.unsw.edu.au/u21-researcher-mobility-programs)

7. **International Researcher Survey**

The [European Commission](http://ec.europa.eu/research) recently launched a [large international study](http://ec.europa.eu/research) on the mobility patterns, career paths and working conditions of researchers. A first survey focusing on the opinions of researchers currently working in a European university was launched in June 2012.

This second survey looks beyond Europe and focuses on the international mobility of researchers to and from Europe and other places in the world. It targets both EU and non-EU researchers.

The European Commission would like to know about your views, needs and experiences with international mobility. Which countries have you worked in as a researcher? What factors have played a role in your decisions to move country? Have you previously worked in Europe and if so, how does this compare to other parts of the world? Have you considered carrying out future research in Europe?

Your responses will help the European Commission to develop better policies that should improve the mobility opportunities, career prospects and working conditions of researchers. It will remain open till 15 September.

**Click here to go to the Survey:** [http://s.chkmkt.com/?e=21264&d=e&h=0B637FEC1B8E248&l=en](http://s.chkmkt.com/?e=21264&d=e&h=0B637FEC1B8E248&l=en)
8. Do you know... **ALL** research involving human participants requires ethics approval?

UNSW supports researchers, in their respective fields and disciplines, to undertake research activities in support of their project, in particular those who require human participants. It is a UNSW requirement that **all research involving human participants must be assessed** by either:

- A **Human Research Ethics Advisory Panel (HREAP)**, for Negligible and Low Risk research; or
- **The Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)**, for all other types of research involving humans.

Further information related to Human Ethics is available at: [http://research.unsw.edu.au/human-research-ethics](http://research.unsw.edu.au/human-research-ethics), or contact the Ethics Secretariat ethics.gmo@unsw.edu.au or 9385 7251.


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