

RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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Office of Medical Research, UNSW Medicine

Peer Review of NHMRC Project Grants

The CEO of NHMRC, Professor Warwick Anderson, has recently written to researchers strongly encouraging them to participate in the peer review process this year. NHMRC received over 3500 applicants for project grants this year and, as usual, will attempt to provide at least two assessors' reports for each grant. In order to achieve this daunting task, it is imperative that all researchers that have benefited from NHMRC support should volunteer to participate in the peer review process. This is essential for a sustainable research environment.

Research assessments should become available during the last week of June and, in order to prepare investigators to respond to the assessors, Professor Margaret Morris has agreed to discuss this critical aspect of grantsmanship and talk to all those who are interested on Thursday 16 June 2011 (page 4 of this Bulletin).

As you are aware, Research Coordinators have now been appointed to most schools and centres, to help with grant preparation and response to assessors. It is important that the process of grant applications should be seen as a continuous project and that researchers are encouraged to start early in the academic year for the next round of grant applications. This year the Faculty will also make available a limited number of Silver Star Awards to complement the Goldstar Awards provided by the university to those who are near misses in the next round of NHMRC Project Grants. Silver Star Awards will be announced after the NHMRC Project Grants have been announced and the Goldstar Award recipients notified.

Denis Wakefield
Associate Dean Research

Division of Research - Appointment of Director (Research Partnerships)



Warwick Dawson was appointed to the new role of Director (Research Partnerships) at the beginning of April. This role provides strategic leadership in the identification, establishment and effective management of research partnerships including industry, external partners, medical research institutes and affiliated institutions, and will be responsible for UNSW's participation in productive contract research, consulting, multi-venture initiatives and philanthropic partnerships. The Director will work closely with the RSO/GMO/NSi, UNSW Foundation, Faculties and researchers to establish a framework that enables critical research partnerships to be readily identified and prioritised. The role will interface with the UNSW Research Legal Team in the pre- and post-award management of research partnerships, including improving execution times for ARC Linkage grants. Warwick is located on Level 4, Rupert Myers South Wing, Tel: 9385 7929 or can be reached on email w.dawson@unsw.edu.au.

NSi - Appointment of New CEO

Dr Kevin Cullen, currently the Director of Research and Enterprise at the University of Glasgow, has been appointed as the new CEO of NSi and will commence work at UNSW on 1 August 2011.

NSi is the technology commercialization arm of UNSW and it protects and commercialises the inventions and technologies developed by our staff and students.

Dr Cullen will replace Mark Bennett, the current CEO, who has grown NSi from its infancy to the type of Technology Transfer Company that a research intensive university like UNSW needs.



UNSW Inventor of the year Awards



Extension granted ... new closing date - **23rd May 2011!**

Entries for the [2011 UNSW Inventor of the Year Awards](#) are now open.

The UNSW Inventor of the Year Awards recognise and reward inventors that are making the world a better place. Boasting a total cash prize pool of **\$28,000**, the awards are open to UNSW academics and students who are commercialising their research with NewSouth Innovations, the university's commercialisation company.

Please visit the competition web site for further details and application forms.

<http://www.unswinventorawards.com.au/>

Don't forget the new Best New Invention and Student Inventor of the Year categories.

The competition closes on **23rd May 2011.**

Research Publications (ResPubs)

You may be hearing a lot about the Research Publications (ResPubs) database lately. What is ResPubs?

The ResPubs database collects information about the research output at UNSW. ResPubs lets you:

- ensure your publications are counted in the [Higher Education Research Data Collection](#) (HERDC) so UNSW receives federal funding (**the 2010 deadline is drawing near - there is still time to lodge your publications!**)
- get your publications listed on your researcher profile in the UNSW Research Gateway
- include your publications in the [Excellence in Research for Australia initiative](#) (ERA)
- produce customised lists for your CV, promotion and grant applications

The ResPubs database can be found at <https://respubs.online.unsw.edu.au/respubs/login.main>

- log-in with your Unipass. If you need to set up or reset your Unipass you can use the [IDM Identity Manager](#) or phone the IT Service Centre on 9385 1333
- ResPubs allows you to manage your publications. NB: in some schools the HERDC publications are managed by key administrative staff
- A good tip before adding a publication is to check that it is not already in ResPubs by using 'Search Publications'

For more information on ResPubs please contact your [Outreach Librarian](#), or email research-publications@unsw.edu.au

Grants Management Office Support for Researchers

Grants Management Office Team Medicine

The Grants Management Office Team Medicine is dedicated to providing specialised and expert grant management services to support you in your efforts to secure research funding and to manage successful funding applications. The team are your 'go to' people for support and advice in developing your application in compliance with funding body rules and regulations and assistance throughout the life of your project including legal referrals of funding agreements, set up of research accounts, reporting requirements and other post-award advice.

This team, currently lead by Susanne Clark, was responsible for compliance checking the large number of NHMRC grant applications for UNSW in the recent major rounds (see table below).

Susanne and the team – Phyllis Heggie, Kate Butcher and Bronwen Rear – have individual responsibility for a portfolio of Medical Schools or Centres. Find your Grants Officer by searching for your school, centre or institute [here](#) on the UNSW Research Gateway from May 23 or email mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au for more information.

Current Grants

Current Funding Opportunities are available from May 23 on the UNSW Research Gateway at <http://research.unsw.edu.au/current-funding-opportunities>. Contact your Grants Officer for assistance on applying.

NHMRC Development Grants (internal close date: 27 June 2011) provide funding for individual researchers, research teams or a HRM company in partnership with a researcher. The funding supports research which is at the early proof-of-principle or pre-seed stage. The scheme provides for commercial development of a product, process, procedure or service that in application would result in improved health care, disease prevention or provide health cost savings.

The internal close date for compliance reviews is 27 June in order to meet the NHMRC close of 5pm 18 July. All applications must be submitted online through RGMS and compliance support is available through your Grants Management Team.

Dept of Defence Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs

A number of grants are now available for pre-application through the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). See specific programs for dates and submission guidelines:

[https://cdmrp.org/Program Announcements and Forms/](https://cdmrp.org/Program%20Announcements%20and%20Forms/)

2011 Major Grant Rounds

Scheme	UNSW Applications	National Applications
Projects	277	3508
Early Career Fellowships	25	389
Career Development Fellowships	27	356
Research Fellowships	9	224
Practitioner Fellowships	3	51
TRIP Fellowships	2	42
Partnership Grants	6	36
Centres of Research Excellence	12	79
Program Grants	2 applications pending	

Communications

The [Research Administrators Network](#) is convening a Communications Working Party to address ways in which the Grants Management Office can better communicate with research support staff across UNSW. Feedback and input from researchers would be valuable in this process. If you would like to contribute your feedback, please email mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au

Customer Feedback Survey

The Grants Management Office would like to thank all who provided feedback on our services during the major grant rounds early this year. A summary of our annual Major Round Customer Feedback Survey results will be presented at the next [Research Administrators Network](#) (RAN) meeting on May 25. To obtain a copy of results or if you would like to provide feedback at any time please email mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au

Postdoctoral Academy Program

This initiative is collaboration between the Faculties of Medicine, Science and Engineering. The Program is a professional development and education series of two semesters (Semester 2 builds on Semester 1) of 13 weekly seminar and discussion style workshops delivered by UNSW senior staff who are leaders in their field. A social function is held at the conclusion of the presentation. Each workshop focuses on key topics chosen with feedback received from our postdoctoral community.

It is a great opportunity for researchers to meet their contemporaries in these fields across the University, to get to know each other, build professional networks and find new prospects for collaboration.

We are now fast approaching the end of the 1st semester with only 3 presentations remaining which are

- Mentoring – Steps to your success – presented by A/Prof Maria Kavallaris, CCIA, scheduled for 19th May
- Responding to Conflict – presented by Julie Tippett from Central HR – OSDS, scheduled for 26th May
- Smart Publishing – presented by Robyn Drummond – UNSW Library. Scheduled for 2nd June

Participants who attend 80% of the workshops will receive a formal certificate.

To register, simply log into MyUNSW, select 'My Staff Profile' tab and choose 'Training Registration' in the left hand menu. Select the course type 'Postdoctoral Academy' and choose the courses you wish to attend. You will be sent an email confirming your registration.

Semester 2 commences on Thursday 4th August with Professor Graham Davies, Dean of Engineering presenting.

DON'T FORGET TO MARK THIS IN YOUR DIARY!

16 June : NHMRC - Response to Assessors - Make a note in your diary!

NHMRC Project Grants "Response to Assessors" Information Session

When: Thursday 16 June 2011

Time: 10.00am - 12noon

Where: Biomedical Theatre B ([Map Ref E27](#))

To register click [here](#)

The NHMRC has indicated that the "Response to Assessors" for NHMRC Project Grants may open sometime in June. The overall time frame for release of these is as yet unknown. However, in order that applicants be prepared, the Research Strategy Office, in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine, is organising an information session to assist researchers respond to their Project Grant assessments. This year, responses will again be submitted using RGMS.

At this session, Professor Margaret Morris will provide some insight on how to most effectively respond with a specific focus on:

1. Who is the audience of "responses to assessors" and why do they matter?
2. Remaining calm and objective
3. Setting out the rebuttal
4. Focussing on the big issues

Staff from the GMO and RSO will also be in attendance to provide input on support of researchers submitting their responses. <http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/nhmrc16june.html>

Registration Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y5TCR96>

Future Workshops: The following workshops have also been organised, final details and registration will be announced in due course:

4 August* : NHMRC Project Grants #1 : Prof Andrew Lloyd - Venue : TBA

8 December * : NHMRC Project Grants #2 : Speaker TBA - Venue : TBA

***Date to be confirmed**

Please note these dates in your diary and check the Faculty website regularly for updates.

Post PhD Careers Seminar Series

Seminar 2 – Industry Positions for PhD Graduates in Science, Engineering and Medicine

Thursday 26th May, 12 noon - 1.30pm

Presentations from Dr Tracey Hanlon (ANSTO) and Dr Nigel Logan (Daves Collison Cabe - IP Practice).

For comprehensive details and to register for the seminars [click here](#)

Three Minute Thesis Competition 2011 - UNSW Medicine

UNSW will be participating in the Australia and New Zealand Three Minute Thesis Competition with over 30 other universities from Australia and New Zealand. Research higher degree students will have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance, in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

The Faculty of Medicine will hold a 3 Minute Thesis Competition on Tuesday 26th July starting at 3 pm in the Lecture Theatre LG03, Lower Ground floor, Wallace Wurth Building. The three winners of the Faculty Competition will be entered into the UNSW 2011 3MT Interfaculty Final to be held in the Scientia Building on Thursday 1st September. UNSW will send the winner of its Final to the Australia and New Zealand Three Minute Thesis Competition to be held on Thursday 29th September at the University of Western Au

Faculty of Medicine students who wish to participate in the Competition must submit an Application to Khanh Vo at med.rsch@unsw.edu.au by Thursday 23rd June 2011. The application must contain your name, student number, School and a 300 word abstract of your project, written in the language you would use in the oral presentation. The Faculty will advise students by Tuesday 5th July whether they have been selected for oral presentation at the Faculty Competition.

Further Information

For information about the Faculty Competition, please contact Khanh Vo at med.rsch@unsw.edu.au or 9385 2457.

For information about the UNSW Competition, see:

<http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/resources/threeminutecompetition.html>

For information on the Australian and New Zealand Competition see the following websites:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/three-minute-thesis>

<http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/news/3mt>

SRE Survey 2011

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) recently notified all Universities that we will be required to complete another 2-week Staff Activity Survey, or “diary exercise”, for the Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE) Program in 2011. The survey will be very similar to that conducted last year. The SRE scheme provides significant funding for the indirect costs of research to universities. Over time, the SRE will effectively double the amount of funding available to support the indirect costs of research so it is an important exercise. Further information on the exact timing of the Survey for UNSW staff will be sent out shortly.

Library Report

Support for Systematic Reviews

The Library is now offering a specialised service for Faculty of Medicine staff and HDR students. If you would like support for developing or refining your search methodology/strategy for your systematic review please book a research consultation. We would be happy to conduct individual or small group sessions as required.



Bookings can be made through the Library home page. Click on the link to “Research Consultations” under the “Support” menu. Or, speak to your Outreach librarians, Kate Dunn, Susan Mills or Noreen Kirkman. Contact details: <http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/about/corporate/outreach.html>

JoVE Neuroscience

At the request of a number of UNSW researchers, the Library has just subscribed to the Neuroscience edition of the Journal of Visualised Experiments (JoVE). It publishes video-protocols on experimental approaches in neuroscience. JoVE is indexed in PubMed and tracked for citations in Scopus.

It is available through the catalogue on the Library Homepage

<http://www.library.unsw.edu.au>

Note: zPass authentication required from off-campus

Postdoctoral Academy

The Library will be presenting two seminars in the 2011 Post Doctoral Academy for Science Engineering and Medicine. They will be based on the content of a successful half day workshop that we have conducted for the last 3 years for ECRs with the Research Training Office.

The first seminar called “**smart publishing**” will cover information on selecting publishing outlets including topics such as journal impact and tools; open access publishing; managing your online profile; author ID schemes; managing your outputs; data management. **Thursday, June 2**

The second seminar called “**impact tracking**” will cover issues on tracking citations; impact measures and indices; citation tools; citer analysis; how to present your impact. **Thursday, Sept 9**

Note: Registration through myUNSW

Professor Allan Spigelman

Congratulations to Allan who was elected Chair of the International Society for Gastrointestinal Hereditary Tumours (InSiGHT) at its biennial meeting in Texas in March.

Office of Medical Research has moved!

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