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Message from the Dean

The Graduate Research School will be closed from 12pm Friday 19th December and will re-open 9am Monday 5th January



Welcome to the final edition of the Graduate Research News for this year. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my dedicated team of staff that work in the Graduate Research School, and to thank the administrative and support staff in Schools and Faculties as well as School Postgraduate Coordinators, who provide advice and feedback to us on services and support for students.

Some selected highlights for 2008 include:

- 800 new students enrolled in PhD and Master degrees at UNSW
- Around 550 students handed in theses for examination
- New Conditions for the Award of the PhD were approved by Academic Board in November
- Around 280 students were awarded funds from the PRSS scheme to attend international conferences
- The Australian Government called for a review of the national innovation system with a strong emphasis and recognition on the importance of research students
- UNSW hosted the Go8 Deans of Graduate Studies workshop on "The

PhD in 5 years"

- The first UNSW Research Excellence Scholarships were awarded
- Our international research students acted as ambassadors at the First International Research Workshop held at UNSW in March attended by delegates from 45 Universities from 11 countries in the Asia-Pacific
- Relocation of the Graduate Research School upstairs to Level 2 in the Rupert Myers Building

I wish you and all of your families a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to sharing in your successes in 2009.

Margaret M Harding
Dean of Graduate Research

Important Dates

- 3 Dec - 2009 PRSS Applications Open ([Graduate Research School](#))
- 19 Dec - 5 Jan - Graduate Research School Closed
- 25 Dec - Public Holiday
- 26 Dec - Public Holiday
- 1 Jan - Public Holiday
- 16 Jan - Applications for CTS Close
- 21 Jan - 2009 PRSS Applications Close
- 26 Jan - Public Holiday
- 9 Feb - Applications for Completion Scholarships Close

2009 PRSS Scheme – Round 1 Opens 3 December 2008

The University, through the PRSS Scheme, provides eligible postgraduate research students the opportunity to apply for up to \$3000 in funding to assist in presenting their research at local or international conferences.

The 2009 Scheme will include two application rounds for conferences held between 1 December 2008 and 31 December 2009 and will be paid as a Travel Scholarship. Round 1 will open on 3 December 2008 and close on 21 January 2009. Round 2 will open in June 2009. Students who will have completed 2 semesters full-time (or part-time equivalent) by 31 August 2008 will be eligible for Round 1 provided they are on track completion within 8 full-time semesters (or part-time equivalent) for PhD

students, 4 full-time semesters for Masters by Research students and 3 full-time semesters for MPhil students.

Students may apply retrospectively or in advance – however, students who intend to travel to a conference after June 2009 may only apply for funding in Round 1 if their conference paper has already been accepted. **Students are strongly encouraged to plan ahead and apply for funds in Round 1, where appropriate.**

All students will receive a notification and reminders via MyUNSW. More details can be found on the Graduate Research School website from 3 December <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/resources/prss.html>

Revised Guidelines for Infrastructure Support for Research Students - Have Your Say

A review of the 'Minimum Facilities and Resources for Research Students' was recently conducted and a new document entitled the 'Guidelines on Infrastructure Support for Higher Degree Research Candidates' has been developed.

The review of the current document was conducted as part of the standard review of policies and guidelines for the UNSW Academic Board after three years.

Comments on the draft guidelines are now being called for from Postgraduate Research Students.

http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/downloads/HDR_MinRes_forcomment.pdf

Comments on the guidelines should be returned to Vanessa Dawson by email v.dawson@unsw.edu.au by 19 December 2008.

University Holiday Close Down

The University will be officially closed from Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January inclusive. Some areas across the University may be closing for additional dates before or after this period.

The Graduate Research School will be closed from 12pm Friday 19th December to 9am Monday 5th January.

All the staff in the Graduate Research School would like to wish you a happy holiday season and a great new year.



UNSW PhD Student Completion Scholarships Applications Open 8 December 2008

UNSW PhD Student Completion Scholarships are designed to enable PhD students in the final stages of their candidature, who have not received any scholarship or other financial support during their candidature, to spend uninterrupted time (up to 6 months) to complete their thesis.

Up to 5 scholarships, valued at approx. \$10,000 each will be available via a competitive application process for successful completion and submission of thesis in semester 1, 2009.

Full information, including an application form, and further relevant dates will

be available on the website when applications open at:

<http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/phdcompletion.html>



Draft Revised Research Code of Conduct and Associated Procedures - for Consultation

The UNSW Code of Conduct for the Responsible Practice of Research was recently reviewed and a new draft 'Research Code of Conduct' and associated draft Procedures are now available for consultation across the University.

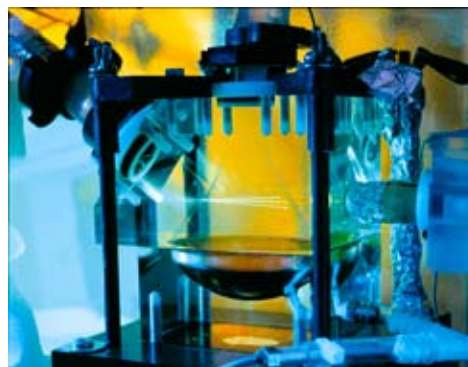
The Policy was reviewed and redeveloped to meet the and the standards set out in the Australian Government's recently released Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research and is intended to replace the existing UNSW Code of Conduct for the Responsible Practice of Research.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Les Field is seeking your feedback and comments on the draft documents which are available for download

at:

<http://www.policy.unsw.edu.au/consultation.htm>

Please email the Dean of Graduate Research, Professor Margaret Harding, with any comments or feedback at harding@unsw.edu.au



Commercialisation Training Scheme (CTS) Scholarships – Applications Now Open

Applications for \$10,000 Commercialisation Training Scholarships (CTS) are now open and close on 16th January 2009.

UNSW will offer CTS funded places for local PhD students covering full course fees and providing a scholarship of \$10,000 to obtain a Graduate Certificate in Research Management and Commercialisation as part of their higher degree research training commencing in Semester 1, 2009.

Are you a research student:

- Intending to pursue a career in industry or research
- Currently conducting research which may have some commercial application



- Carrying out research in collaboration with industry or hold an APAI

Then this is an excellent opportunity to gain skills in research and project management, financial planning and development and commercialisation of new products.

For further details regarding the scholarship, graduate certificate and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/ctsinfo.html>

Commercialisation Training Scheme Scholarship (CTS) Students Excel

Congratulations to Commercialisation Training Scheme scholarship (CTS) students who were finalists in the Australian Graduate School of Management's Peter Farrell Cup Business Planning and Entrepreneurial Competition.

The two teams consist of the following CTS students:

- *Seniors Health Priority & Education - Shape Limited* - Helen McGuire and Nadim Naser
- *Flowsolver* - Kai Wei Chu and Andrew See (and MBA student Sidney Hsiong)

Eight groups were short-listed for the awards as finalists from forty-five entries. All finalists are invited to an awards night where they will present their business concept before judges and a public audience

with a 5 min presentation and 5 min follow up. Prizes include cash (\$250 - \$5,000), free strategy and legal consulting, and \$1000 NSW Enterprise Workshop Scholarships.

This competition presents students with excellent hands on opportunity to learn and experience entrepreneurship, business planning, and presenting to venture capitalist.

The CTS students submitted their business plans as part of the STRE6030 Entrepreneurial Financial Management course offered as part of the Graduate Certificate in Research Management and Commercialisation.

<http://ice.agsm.com.au/peter-farrell-cup/>

Changes to the Main Library Building over the 08 / 09 Summer

Building works are being carried out in the Library over the summer period. This work will extend the Library's space to level 10 and create:

- 900 student study spaces
- 20 group study rooms
- a presentation practice room
- media booths
- lounge and reading spaces
- a variety of flexible spaces

These works are expected to be completed during Session 1 2009.

Unfortunately, disruptions occur with most building works and this project will be no exception.

Levels 3 & 4 will be refurbished and renovated for student space. The collection on Level 3 will be packed up at the end of the year, some of which (Dewey decimal classification range 001 – 179: see over for subject areas affected) will remain unavailable until Session 1, 2009. This will include the print reference collection.



The Library is aware that projects such as this can cause significant inconvenience to users and for this reason a number of plans have been put in place to minimise the disruption to users. The Library will:

- offer extended loan periods for material currently housed on level 3 and 4
- operate a stack service where appropriate
- obtain materials from other libraries through Document Services as required

The Library has extensive on-line resources covering all subject areas. Please visit Library - Subject Guides (<http://info.library.unsw.edu.au/web/guides/guides.html>) to see what is available. These on-line resources are available 24 x 7.

The Library web page (<http://info.library.unsw.edu.au/Welcome.html>) will provide updates on the building project at regular intervals.

Please [contact the Library](#) if you require more information.

Important Notice for 2008 PRSS Funding

Please note that due to a change in the University closing dates for this year we have had to bring forward the **final closing date for 2008 PRSS claims**.

You must submit your claim immediately - otherwise you may not be paid.

If you have not already done so please submit your claim **now**. You need to fill in **all of the details** on this form: http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/downloads/PRSSReimbursementInfo_Form.pdf before handing it in to the Graduate Research School (Level 2, Rupert Myers Building).

You may also fax or email scanned copies of the claim to Shona Blair at the

Graduate Research School

Fax: + 61 2 9385 5949

Email s.blair@unsw.edu.au

If you have not yet been to your conference please submit your claim **now**. Include all details of all of your expenses, including those you have paid and those that are yet to be paid.

If you have any questions please contact Shona (s.blair@unsw.edu.au). Please include your student number **and** Faculty in all correspondence.



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The Graduate Research School is now located on the Second Floor of the Rupert Myers Building

Please advise Margaret O'Byrne, Manager Graduate Research School, of upcoming events including seminars, conferences and any research student achievements or awards for incorporation into 'Graduate Research Student News' and our News and Events website listing.

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