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Message from the Dean



Professor Margaret Harding, Dean of Graduate Research

Welcome to the first edition of the Graduate Research Student News for 2008 and to the start of a new research year. Unlike undergraduates who have enjoyed several months break from studies, the “holiday” break is generally one of the most busy and productive times for research students without the distractions of normal University business and teaching and other work commitments. I hope you have had a productive break but also enjoyed time out with family and friends.

I am pleased to announce the publication of the new 2008-2009 Research Student Handbook. This handbook has been significantly revised, and many new sections added to this version in response to feedback from students. For example there is now a Chapter on planning for life after your degree. Significantly revised and new sections have been marked in the Table of Contents so you can see at a quick glance the new information compared with the 2007 Handbook.

A copy of the handbook will be mailed to all currently enrolled research students at their address listed on the student system. Could I remind you of the importance of ensuring your contact details are up to date at all times and remind you to access both your UniMail account and myUNSW on a regular basis. All official University correspondence is sent to your UniMail account and latest news and events, including funding opportunities, conferences and awards and important announcements are now posted on a regular basis on myUNSW.

With best wishes for every success in your research in 2008 – I look forward to meeting you during the year and hearing of your successes.

Margaret M Harding
Dean of Graduate Research

Important Dates

- **1 Feb - 31 Mar: Re-enrolment period for research students**
- **3 Mar: Semester 1 starts**
- **16 Mar: Payment due date for all Semester 1 fees**
- **18 Mar: Orientation to Research at UNSW for new students**
- **21 Mar: Public Holiday - Good Friday**
- **24 Mar: Public Holiday - Easter Monday**
- **31 Mar: Census Date**

Meet Jennifer Till - New NICTA Research Administration Officer

Jennifer Till has recently joined the Graduate Research School as the National ICT Australia (NICTA) Research Administration Officer. NICTA is a national research organisation with five laboratories in four Australian cities. UNSW is a member of NICTA and has over 100 research students based at the Sydney NICTA Laboratories.

Jennifer is responsible for the implementation of administrative policies and processes relevant to the education and research training of prospective, current and completing UNSW NICTA research students, including acting as the first point of contact for research student enquiries.

Jennifer is also responsible for managing official records of UNSW NICTA research students, organising research student events and will work closely with NICTA's Education and Laboratory Directors, Associate Directors and NICTA's Executive Officer, Education.

Jennifer has many years of administrative experience at UNSW, acts on numerous committees and is also currently an Elected Member of Non-Academic Staff of the UNSW Council.

NICTA research students can make an appointment with Jennifer in the Graduate Research School, Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm, or contact Jennifer via phone 9385 4032 or email: j.till@unsw.edu.au



Jennifer Till - NICTA Research Administration Officer

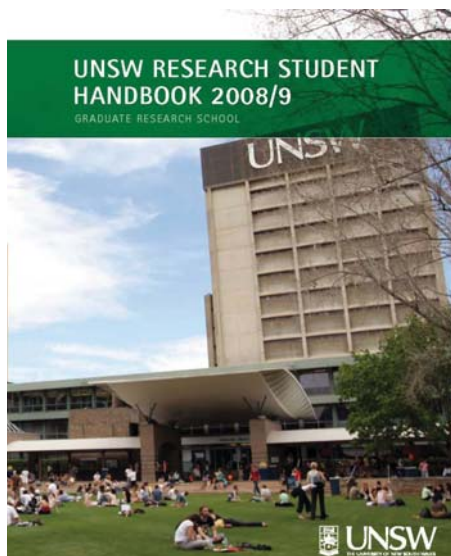


Have you re-enrolled for 2008?

- All research students can now re-enrol for 2008. Re-enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Graduate Research School website.
- Research students must re-enrol no later than 31st March, students who are submitting their thesis prior to the 31st march will not be required to re-enrol for Semester 1, however students who are submitting their thesis in Semester 1 after the 31st march must re-enrol for Semester 1. If you are unsure please contact your schools postgraduate coordinator or the appropriate research administration officer of your Faculty.
- Your enrolment status can be checked via MyUNSW.

www.my.unsw.edu.au

2008/9 Research Student Handbook Now Available



The 2008/9 Research Student Handbook will be sent to all currently enrolled research students' home addresses by the start of Semester 1.

Please use this booklet in conjunction with the Graduate Research School website as your first point of call when looking for information on policies, procedures, scholarships or support services at UNSW.

If you would like to provide feedback on the Handbook or have not received your copy by the start of semester please contact Iona Reid, Student Liaison Manager, in the Graduate Research School (i.reid@unsw.edu.au, 9385 6067).

2008 Riversymposium Young Water Scientist Award

This award promotes excellence in the development of young scientists who are capable researchers, communicators and innovative thinkers. Opportunity for entry into the 2008 Award is now open to any young scientist currently undertaking postgraduate research on water.

The Riversymposium is a major international conference on river management held annually in Brisbane as part of Riverfestival (a 10 day community and environmental festival celebrating our waterways and culture). The 11th International Riversymposium will be held from Sept 1 – 4, 2008.

Postgraduate research students (PhD) who are either in the final stages of their projects or who have submitted their theses since 1 March 2007 on research topics relating to water are invited to apply to the International Riversymposium organisers NOW!

In addition to the prestige and recognition of winning the Award, the winning student will receive a cheque for \$3000 and the runners up will each be awarded with a cheque for \$250.



RIVERSYMPOSIUM

Full details of the symposium, the award application process and eligibility and the exciting program for 2008 are available from the Symposium website:

Close of entries is April 15, 2008

www.riversymposium.com

E-spot Now FM ASSIST

- FM Assist - formerly known as E-spot has relocated from the Red Centre to the Mathews Building .
- FM Assist can be contacted on 9385 5111 or you can visit the reception desk on Level 2 of the Mathews Building (F23).

Postgraduate Research Student Study Space



Are you a UNSW research student who requires library access and a quiet location on-campus to conduct your research away from the distractions of home?

Then you may be eligible to apply for exclusive or shared use of a computer-equipped workstation in the Postgraduate Research Student Study Space in the UNSW Library.



Applications are open until February 18, 2008. For further information please visit: grs.unsw.edu.au/resources/libspace.html

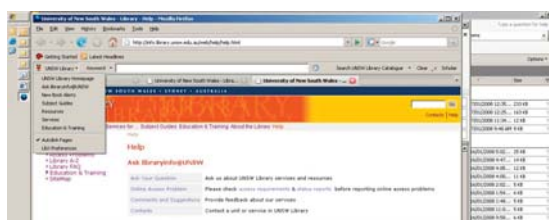
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Do you need research volunteers or participants for your research?

Research students can advertise for participants and volunteers for research projects in the Graduate Research Student News. This newsletter is sent to over 3000 currently enrolled research students. Please contact Iona Reid (9385 6067, i.reid@unsw.edu.au) if you would like to advertise in this newsletter.



UNSW Library Tool bar



At the start of 2008, a new innovation from UNSW Library to speed up your access to information!

The Library toolbar brings the UNSW Library to you, wherever you are - be it WebCT Vista, Google or Facebook. The tool bar is easy to install to your Firefox or Internet Explorer

browser and easy to use, providing an inbuilt advanced search of the resources brought to you by UNSW Library. With this convenient access to both resources and the Ask libraryinfo@unsw service, you can now have your own portable library service, wherever you are. Instructions on downloading the tool bar can be found at Latest News on the Library main page: <http://info.library.unsw.edu.au/Welcome.html>

Please advise Iona Reid, Student Liaison Manager, in the 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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