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Message from the Dean



Welcome to the March edition of the Graduate Research News.

A particularly warm welcome to new commencing students. I hope to meet you all at the Orientation to New Students event that will be held on Tuesday 18 March 2008.

This event is a great opportunity to meet other research students in other Faculties and Schools and to be able to speak to the many service providers at UNSW who will be able to answer questions on services like writing courses, career planning, skills development, and much more.

UNSW is a member of the Universitas 21 (U21) international network of Universities. One of the advantages of being a member of this group is the opportunity to address global research issues for research students in an international context. I am pleased to announce the delivery of a new project designed and written by the Deans of Graduate Research and Graduate Research School staff at eight Universities, U21 Global Research Ethics and Integrity for Research Students. This new online programme for research students provides a broad overview of research ethics in a global research context. Regardless of

whether you work in the sciences, humanities or law, research ethics and integrity will be fundamental to your research at UNSW. More details and information on how to access the programme may be found on page 2 of this newsletter. I encourage you to make the time to view this programme during your research – the feedback from several UNSW students who trialed the programme for us last year was extremely positive.

Margaret M Harding
Dean of Graduate Research

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Important Dates

- **1 Mar - 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**

U21 Global Research Ethics & Integrity Online Module Now Available

UNSW research students can now access the newly developed U21 Program in Global Ethics and Integrity. This program is specifically designed for all research students and not just those involved in research requiring UNSW ethics clearances.

The Program offers a self-paced online introduction to the issues of research ethics and integrity and consists of seven chapters, each dealing with different ethical issues in research across disciplinary boundaries. The broad topics covered in each chapter include: research governance, research conduct, authorship and IP, the limits of research methodologies, consent and confidentiality, animal research, and commercialisation of research.

There are over 15 case studies each involving a research student scenario. Some of the case studies presented include:

- Personal relationships
- Dispute over authorship
- Intellectual property & graduate students
- Science and politics
- Community ethics
- Stem cell research
- Traditional knowledge in indigenous communities
- Authorship & Commercialisation in the creative arts
- Animal testing

For further information and to log in please visit:

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

The screenshot shows the website for the U21 Program in Global Ethics and Integrity. It includes a navigation menu with links for Home, Overview, Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3, Chapter 4, Chapter 5, Chapter 6, and Chapter 7. The main content area is titled 'Authorship and Intellectual property' and includes a 'Reflection' section with a question: 'I am about to submit a paper to a prestigious journal. It was my idea, the...' and four multiple-choice options. Below this is a video player showing a woman speaking, with a caption: 'Authorship is essential to acknowledge credit and career, where promotions, access to grants and...'. There are also links for 'Case Study 1: Dispute over authorship' and 'Case Study 2: Intellectual property and graduate settings'.

Semester 1 Census Date: 31 March

- 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.
- If you wish to vary your candidature you must apply for this prior to 31st March. Variations of candidature include: leave requests and scholarship suspensions, changing from part-time to full-time enrolment and vice-versa, permission to work away from the university for a period of time and extensions to enrolment.
- Your enrolment status can be checked via MyUNSW.

www.my.unsw.edu.au

Congratulations to the Winners of the Evolution and Ecology Research Centre Awards



E&ERC Postgraduate Supervision Award

Associate Professor Bill Sherwin is the recipient of this award which recognises the importance of good supervision of postgraduate students.

Student Awards

Outstanding Evolution and Ecology Paper

Richard Piola for "Pollution reduces native diversity and increases invader dominance in marine hard-substrate communities" published in *Diversity and Distributions*

Outstanding Evolution and Ecology Postgraduate Researcher

Clare Hollely and David Roberts (joint winners)

Outstanding Evolution and Ecology Thesis

Joint Winners - Keyne Monro: "Evolutionary consequences of growth-form plasticity in a red seaweed"

Richard Piola: "Differential tolerance of introduced & native marine invertebrates to heavy metal pollution"

Congratulations also to Lee Ann Rollins on receiving the student prize for best student presentation at the recent postgraduate forum.

In a class of their own

Congratulations to Associate Professor Jill Bennett, College of Fine Arts and Professor Mark Hoffman, School of Materials Science and Engineering - 2007 winners of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Teaching Excellence in Postgraduate Research Supervision.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Hilmer, is very pleased to be able to formally recognise individual contribution to excellence in teaching as an essential and fundamental mission of the University.



They will receive their medals at the appropriate Graduation Ceremony in 2008.

FM ASSIST - pick up your 2008 student card

OFFICE HOURS

8.00am — 4.30pm Monday — Friday

EXTENDED HOURS

8.00am—7.00pm Mar 3rd— Mar 20th
8.00am—6.00pm Mar 25th—Mar 27th

UNSW LIBRARY

Higher Degree Research Mentoring Service

Commencing a major research project is a complex and daunting task. In an effort to support Higher Degree Research (HDR) Students through this challenge the UNSW Library has introduced a HDR Student mentoring service.

This service is designed to provide discipline based support for HDR Students in their research and information related activities throughout their higher degree program.

The service will be provided by the library's Outreach Team which delivers a single point of contact, keeps students informed about relevant products and services, and assists in the development of an understanding of the how the disciplines' content is organised and accessed. If you:

- feel isolated during your research endeavour

- need a greater awareness of services that can assist your research
- have problems locating and keeping up to date with information
- need advice on the mandatory electronic submission of your thesis
- wonder about publishing or how to publish for the greatest impact

Contact the library via libraryinfo@unsw.edu.au or 02 9385 2650 and ask for HDR Mentoring to take advantage of this service. Alternatively contact Neil Hinsch at n.hinsch@unsw.edu.au or 02 9385 2680.

Working with the Faculty Associate Dean (Research) and Postgraduate Coordinators and the Graduate Research School the Library will provide a consistent and equitable service for UNSW HDR students as they work towards the completion of their degree.

Careers & Employment Postgraduate Workshop Series

Writing Competitive Selection Criteria & Resumes for Academic & Research Positions

- 3rd April 2008, 2-3.30pm
- 13th May 2008, 1-2.30pm

Networking for Postgraduate Students

- 16th April 2008, 12.30-2pm
- 29th May 2008, 1-2.30pm

Interviewing Skills for Academic & Research Positions

- 1st May 2008, 12-2pm
- 4th June 2008, 12-2pm

PhD What Next? Career Options after your PhD

- 5th June 2008, 4-6pm



Register online @ www.careers.unsw.edu.au/careerEd/workshops/

Thesis Writing Support Program For Postgraduate Research Students

The Learning Centre is again offering a writing support program for postgraduate research students. This program aims to provide students with feedback on their writing, assistance with any specific writing problem, and suggestions for continuing development. It will involve collaborative editing and individual discussion of each student's work. As students are expected to bring several pages of their own writing to each meeting it is suitable only for those students who are already writing on a regular basis.

The program runs over twelve weeks, from week 4, on a fortnightly basis, i.e. six meetings. Groups will be small (no more than five students) and, as much as feasible, will be discipline based. Students are expected to commit to the program for the twelve weeks, and liaison with supervisors is welcomed.

Some comments from past students:

'The program was very helpful in developing my writing skills. The sessions were friendly and addressed the basic problems of writers.'

'It was a good chance to talk about my thesis with other students as well as the tutor.'

'Very useful - very responsive to the needs I felt. The course addressed all the areas where I felt weak. The group was interactive and students were involved.'

'It's great, especially as we had a small group. That made the class effective and fun.'



To enrol for the program students need a referral from their supervisor, as well as their own statement of concern (see form) about their writing.

Students should fill out the form available on the Learning Centre website www.lc.unsw.edu.au and return it to the Learning Centre by March 7.

Please contact Linda Burnett, l.burnett@unsw.edu.au (9385 2219) for any further information.

Research Participants Needed - Music

Have you ever had a powerful experience of music?

Have you ever wondered how it is that music resonates with our fundamental existentiality?

A UNSW research student is researching the phenomenon of strong experiences of music with reference to musical meaning and needs more participants for his investigation by answering a short 10 min questionnaire. Download the questionnaire from

<http://experiencingmusic.googlepages.com/>

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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