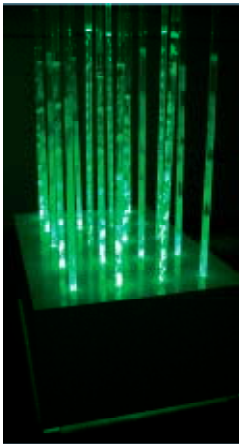


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## Message from the Dean



**W**elcome to the October edition of Graduate Research Student News.

**T**his month the Graduate Research School will be hosting a seminar on Postdoctoral Opportunities. Planning for your career after you complete your degree is extremely important and students who have completed the first or second year of their degrees are strongly encouraged to attend this seminar. The seminar will cover topics such as how to go about finding a position in a research lab in Australia or overseas, the types of Fellowships available, and the importance of networking. Hear first hand from PhD graduates how they secured postdoctoral fellowships overseas, as well as finding out about local job opportunities, and advice on addressing selection criteria from the UNSW Careers and Employment Service.

**G**raduate Careers Australia (CGA), the leading authority on graduate employment issues, has reported that postgraduates with a PhD or Masters by research, in their first full-time employment

in 2007, started work on a median annual salary of \$60,000 (up from \$56,000 in 2006). CGA also coordinate a survey called the PREQ (Postgraduate Research Experience Questionnaire) which is sent to all students who have completed a higher degree by research in an Australian University regarding their research training experience. You should receive this survey about 4 months after you graduate. Your responses are very important as this survey provides an institutional and national perspective on the quality of research training. For more information on CGA see <http://www.graduatemcareers.com.au/>

Margaret M Harding  
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Dean of Graduate Research

### Important Dates

- **6 Oct - Labor Day Public Holiday**
- **7 Oct - Giving Your First Conference Paper ([Learning Centre](#))**
- **9 Oct - Advanced Resume Writing for PhD Students ([Careers & Employment](#))**
- **15 Oct - Finding Postdoctoral Opportunities Seminar ([Graduate Research School](#))**
- **23 Oct - Occupational Health & Safety Awareness Training ([OHS Unit](#))**

## The Graduate Research School Has Moved!

After three years located on the Ground Floor of the Rupert Myers Building, the Graduate Research School has moved upstairs to Level 2.



The Graduate Research School has moved to allow construction to begin on the new Guide Dogs Vision Centre at UNSW that will be offering free diagnosis and management services to the general community in the fight against blindness.

In our new location, we provide a reception counter for any student enquiries, two student computers with standard software and printing, a library of flyers and resources, and a new private room for student meetings with Graduate Research School staff.



To access the Graduate Research School, use the lifts located on the Ground Floor of the Rupert Myers Building and take them to Level 2. There is no access to Level 2 via the stairs.

Our boxes are now unpacked (finally!), our computers up and running and all phone numbers, email addresses and fax numbers remain the same.



We look forward to assisting research students submitting their theses and with any enquiries or questions in our new location!

Please feel free to drop by and visit us.

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## Start Thinking About Life After Your PhD!

The Graduate Research School is repeating the popular research student seminar 'Finding Postdoctoral Opportunities' this month.

If you are considering working overseas and securing a postdoctoral position you need to commence plans at least 12-18 months before you submit your thesis.

This seminar will provide you with information on the different types of research fellowships available, where to start

looking, advice from a PhD graduates and fellowship holders, and information from the Careers & Employment Service about addressing selection criteria when applying for research and academic positions.

**Date:** 15th October

**Time:** 11 – 12:30

**Venue:** Biomedical Theatre A Building (E27), Upper Campus

**RSVP:** [rsvp.grs@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rsvp.grs@unsw.edu.au)

## Ramsay Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowships for Chemical Research

The Ramsay Trustees will in February 2009 consider applications for the award of one or more General (British) Ramsay Memorial Fellowships, which may be co-sponsored by a British industrial or other body.

The Fellowship(s) will normally be tenable in the United Kingdom for two years from 1 October 2009. Candidates will generally be expected to have had already some postdoctoral experience of research, although this should normally not have exceeded two years.

The value of a Fellowship is in the range £27,466 - £30,912 per annum (plus London Allowance of £2,649 per annum, if applicable),

to which may be added a grant for (non-travel) expenses of up to £1,000 per annum.

Further information and application forms are available online at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ramsay-trust/>

Completed application forms must be received by no later than the closing date given below.

The closing date for applications is Saturday, 15th November 2008.

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/vacancies/adverts/LJ19.html>

## FLASH : film.image.culture

A three-day event of screenings, intercultural dialogue and symposia at the Centre For Contemporary Art & Politics.

FLASH brings together filmmakers, ethnographers, artists and cultural theorists to examine new ways of encountering varied and specific lifeworlds – with a particular focus on major new works by Arab and Indigenous Australian filmmakers.

WHEN: October 23rd, 24th & 25th

WHERE: College of Fine Arts, UNSW

COST: \$40 for the symposium + free entry to two film evenings; \$25 student/unwaged; \$15/\$10 single entry to film evening

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL via CCAP website <http://www.cofa.unsw.edu.au/research/researchcentres/ccap/events>

## Annual Progress Reviews S2 2008

Annual Progress Review Forms were sent to Schools in late September for all research students due a review in Semester 2 2008.

Annual progress reviews provide an opportunity for you, your supervisor/s and your school to review all aspects of your candidature. This includes:

- infrastructure and resources available to you
- your supervisor's role
- the progress of the project and your achievements over the last 12 months (or since last review)
- your goals and milestones until the next review
- your anticipated thesis submission date
- any problems identified (personal, technical or academic) and finding solutions or strategies to deal with these problems.

The progress of most students will be assessed by a review panel usually

comprised of three staff members in the School. For some students (e.g. external, fieldwork) attendance at a review meeting on campus may not be possible. These students will be contacted by their Postgraduate Coordinator regarding the appropriate arrangements in the School/ Faculty. Your Postgraduate Coordinator can provide you with information on specific review procedures for your School. Further information on annual progress reviews may be obtained from:

<http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/currentstudents/progress.html>

If you have any difficulties completing the form, you should consult your Postgraduate Coordinator.

Confidential advice and/or assistance to address complex issues may be obtained from Iona Reid, Student Liaison Manager, in the Graduate Research School. Contact Iona at: [i.reid@unsw.edu.au](mailto:i.reid@unsw.edu.au) or 9385 6067 to make an appointment.

## Call for Papers - New Research on Refugees & Asylum Seekers: The Way Forward Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference 2008

NRRAS: The Way Forward 2008 is a conference for postgraduate students researching all aspects of the refugee and asylum seeker experience. The aim of the conference is to share ideas, new research and to stimulate discussion among people across disciplines and universities. Research can be Australian or international in scope, and students from a wide variety of disciplines are encouraged to attend. Presenters at past NRRAS conferences are also warmly invited to return to provide an

update on their research and re-establish or strengthen ties among fellow postgrads working in this field.

Tuesday, 2 December 2008  
The University of Melbourne  
Registration is Free

Further details will be posted as soon as they are available at:  
[www.ras.unimelb.edu.au/events/rasevents.html](http://www.ras.unimelb.edu.au/events/rasevents.html)

## UNSW Research Students Awards, Achievements and in the News

### RESEARCH STUDENT'S RESEARCH RESULTS IN PROVISIONAL PATENT

Innovative research by Akhmad Zaeni, PhD student of Dr Sri Bandyopadhyay, Prof Aibing Yu and Prof Chris Sorrell, from the School of Materials Science & Engineering, has resulted in a Provisional Patent application (No 2008901104) filed by Cement Australia Brisbane, one of the largest companies of Australia.



Akhmad developed a methodology to change the colour of Fly Ash from dark grey to bright permanent white - making fly ash an attractive material product for building industry, polymer industry and the computer housing industry. Fly ash is an industrial waste product available in huge quantity, resulting from thermal power stations. Akhmad's work could make a big contribution to the Green Environment movement - in Australia and around the world.

Congratulations to Akhmad and his supervisors!

### PHD STUDENT FROM SCHOOL OF ENGLISH, MEDIA & PERFORMING ARTS, WINS THE 2008 DWIGHT CONQUERGOOD AWARD

Rebecca Caines has won the 2008 Dwight Conquergood Award for her paper about the politics of community-based, site specific 'guerilla' performances.

Rebecca's achievement was recently highlighted in the News@UNSW online newspaper, a small extract of the article can be found below, to see the full article please visit: <http://www.newspaper.unsw.edu.au/text/people/people1.htm>

As winner of the award, Rebecca presented her paper, entitled 'Shapes Made from Bodies and Words: The Construction of Space/Place/Site by Post-structured Communities in Australia', at the annual Performance Studies International conference held at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

The award is given to an artist, activist or emerging academic conducting research or working on projects with disenfranchised communities.

"The award was a great honour especially as I am an emerging scholar and I had no expectations of winning," says Rebecca. "It was a good launch onto an international stage at this critical point as I am about to graduate from my PhD at UNSW and go on to develop an academic career."

**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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