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From the Associate Dean (Research)

Update #5, 2023

Hi all,

Visiting Scholars Programme at the Business School

Earlier this month we announced this new research initiative through which researchers can invite and host scholars of strong international standing to engage in research collaborations. The intention is to produce research outputs and foster a mutually beneficial research relationship that is sustained over time. The Visiting Scholars scheme requires a carefully planned and hosted visit of typically one to three months in duration. The attached document describes the programme, including eligibility and guidelines.

Research Excellence Awards

Nominations are now open for the [2023 UABS Research Excellence Awards](#). This year, colleagues can be nominated for four categories: Early career research excellence award, Research excellence award, Sustained research excellence award, and Research excellence in external engagement and impact. The first three categories are individual awards aimed to recognise research excellence at different stages of an academic career (i.e., early career, mid-career, and senior researchers). The last category aims to recognise external engagement and impact on wider society. Both individuals and teams can apply under this category. Please consider nominating your colleagues.

Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition 2023

We are once again running the national Research Translation Competition, in which the other seven Business Schools in Aotearoa New Zealand will also participate. The idea is to convey and showcase some of the Business and Economics research that policymakers, businesses, and the wider communities are likely to find useful. Academics (colleagues with a research component in their contract and Professional Teaching Fellows) are invited to take one of their journal articles from the last three years and re-write it in 750 words eliminating abstract language, inaccessible jargon, overwhelming acronyms, and instead, communicate it in digestible and attractive manner to non-academics. Submissions close 31 July 2023. You can find all Competition details and register and submit your translated paper [here](#) and contact [Christiane Rupp](#) with any questions you may have.

From the Early Career Researchers Committee

The Early Career Researchers Committee (ECRC) invites all early- and mid-career researchers to consider using the [webpage](#) the Committee has designed some time ago to recruit Research Assistants (RAs) for their research projects. The need for RAs is often difficult to pre-plan, and finding the ones with the right skills may be difficult at times. This webpage aims at facilitating the process. Please follow the guidelines provided there on how this works, and feel free to reach out to the [ECRC representative](#) of your department if you have questions.

Acknowledging the role of physical activity in academics' wellbeing, the ECRC has booked [the UoA sports court](#) (which is usually either fully pre-booked or over-crowded for members drop-in) for Business School staff fortnightly. The court offers equipment for variety of sports, including badminton, basketball, and futsal. The ECRC will send out the reserved timeslots to all staff, and they hope this new initiative will also lead to long-term sports groups. One example is the soccer/futsal group that the ECRC Chair [Mahdi Mahmoudzadeh](#) and his colleagues started in the Department of ISOM. The group is now open to all staff; feel free to contact Mahdi if you would like to join.

University rankings

Occasionally the issue of university rankings comes up. It is a complex terrain, with 30+ rankings out there. This UoA [link](#)

provides a high-level overview of rankings, how they work, and how staff can contribute to our performance in them. What we need to focus on is: making sure our affiliation is correct in Scopus, using SDG keywords when appropriate, publishing in top 20% journals by Citescore, publishing with international partners from a range of countries, and following advice about how to increase citations (Open Access when available, use of social media, etc.). I have communicated more on the issue of rankings in ADR Update #2 from this year.

Social Sciences Research Network – SSRN

The [University of Auckland Business School SSRN Research Paper Series \(RPS\)](#) currently features 1,387 authors (includes co-authors), 1,111 papers and almost 700 subscribers. The [RPS Dashboard](#) shows various metrics, the global reach of our papers, and lists the top downloaded and most-cited papers in different time periods. Our RPS is accessible worldwide, and the subscription is free of charge (click the link [here](#)). Over the last three years, we have distributed 16 e-Journals which notify users of new research in granular areas of interest curated by our SSRN Editor Prof Julia Kotlarsky. Our e-Journals are available on the [Faculty's SSRN webpage](#).

The top organisations and institutes reading our papers in this last month were Vienna University of Economics and Business, The University of Hong Kong, HEC Executive Education, Tilburg University, NC State University, Monash University, Green Arrow Capital Management LLC, University of Buckingham, Stockholm School of Economics, and the University of Manchester. If you want your journal articles to be uploaded to SSRN, please email them to ssrnuabs@auckland.ac.nz, and Christiane Rupp will coordinate the upload.

Extreme Weather Research Database now available via MBIE

To ensure the Research Science and Innovation sector is well coordinated, able to share ideas, and work together, the Science and Innovation team at MBIE is coordinating a central data source about extreme weather research and funding. You can access the database [here](#). You can also [create a submission](#) to contribute to the database.

Research Director role in one of the University Research Centres

[Ngā Ara Whetū: Centre for Climate, Biodiversity and Society](#), a flagship transdisciplinary University Research Centre hosted by the Faculties of Science, Engineering, Arts, and the Business School, is inviting expressions of interest from across the university for Research Director. The submission deadline is 31 May; the anticipated start date is 1 July. More information about the role is available through the Centre's website and our Research Services Team.

Upcoming events:

23 May, 3 pm – 4 pm: Our eight departmental research centres' directors meet

25 May, 2 pm – 4 pm, 260-310: Mid-career researchers stream of work kick-off, followed by networking and afternoon tea

7 June, 9:30 am – 12 pm, 260-051: MBIE Endeavour 2024 kick-off session with Max Kennedy and Rebecca Adams

20 June, 10 am – 11 am: Online webinar on planning an MBIE Endeavour funding application to achieve maximum impact. You can register [here](#).

27 June, 9 am – 10 am: Impact through Culture Change webinar series: Public engagement and impact: Two sides of the same coin. You can register [here](#).

Take care and best regards,

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This email is intended to keep University of Auckland Business School [staff](#) informed about research developments, news, events, and funding opportunities. The Update has been issued since 2018. You can view editions from 2021 onwards on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).