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From the Associate Dean (Research)

Update #7, 2023

Hi all,

Open Access (OA) support fund

In the last Update, I informed you about the UoA [Open Access Support Fund](#). The Faculty Research Committee had the opportunity to discuss the process we will adopt to allocate the funding. We now invite colleagues to make use of the available \$38,000 by completing the attached OA Support Application Form and sending it to [Juan Rodriguez](#). We will consider requests on an ongoing basis until we have utilised the funds. The eligibility criteria according to UoA are:

- The funding is for journal articles only.
- Applicants for the funding must be the first or corresponding author (or supervisor of the corresponding author, in the case of a co-authored student/supervisor publication).
- The UoA must be listed as the affiliated institution on the manuscript.
- The article should be unconditionally accepted for publication before funding can be considered.
- Articles accepted in journals from the [Top-Ranked Journals List](#) will be prioritised.
- The Author's Accepted Manuscript must be deposited into [ResearchSpace](#) via [Te Waka Huia Rangahau | Research Outputs](#), thereby ensuring compliance with the University's [Open Access Policy](#).
- The funding is not available for journals already covered by one of the existing [Open Access Publishing Agreements](#).
- This fund may only be used to pay for any charges related to making a journal article OA (this includes article processing charges (APCs) and OA fees, but does not include rapid publication fees, colour plate fees, etc.) in high-impact OA journals.
- Where research data is generated, the authors must include a metadata record and/or the data in a repository such as Figshare, thereby ensuring compliance with the [Research Data Management Policy](#).
- Retrospective reimbursements may be considered if the respective journal allows retrospective payments.

Do you plan to (co)host a research conference/workshop that would benefit colleagues from the Business School?

The Faculty Research Committee has recently received and approved an application that requested funding for hosting an academic conference. We now want to make this option available to everyone.

If you plan to (co)host a conference or a workshop and you need financial support that you cannot obtain elsewhere, we would be happy to consider a request provided a) several colleagues from more than 1 department and PhD students can benefit from the event and b) the funding (of max \$13,000) is used by the end of 2023. Please send us a funding request that provides the following information:

- Outline of the conference or workshop including the purpose of the workshop, the date and venue and a description of potential participants, internal and external to the Business School. For internal participants, please specify the departments, staff and PhD students that will participate in/benefit from the conference or workshop.
- Budget and budget justification for the funding you are requesting.

From the Early Career Researchers Committee desk: Post Doctoral engagement

The ECRC is working with our community of Postdocs and Research Fellows to better integrate them into the ECR cohort and understand the distinct challenges and opportunities they face. As of March 2023, there were 11 Postdocs in the Business School – six Postdoc Fellows (four in MIB, one in Economics, and one Associate with the Faculty); three Research Fellows (two in Economics, one in the NZ Asia Institute), and two Senior Research Fellows in the Energy Centre. You can read [here](#) about these positions.

We warmly welcome Dr Lydia Martin, who has joined the ECRC as the Postdoc representative for 2023. The ECRC is

hopeful that this initiative to establish a connection between the ECRs and the postdoc cohort will benefit both sides and the entire research community in our School.

Rankings update - by Prof Rod McNaughton

The recent release of the QS 2024 university rankings provides an opportunity to update you on the progress in implementing the UoA's ranking strategy that was developed in 2021. Its implementation is organised into six workstreams involving several portfolios. These are overseen by the Rankings Strategy Advisory group, on which I am B&E's representative.

You may have noticed several outcomes of these workstreams without realising they are guided by the university's ranking strategy. Examples include [ResearchSpace](#), ResearchHub content about rankings, the Open Access Support Fund, strategic hires programme, International Research Partner Programme, Hi-Ci Global Impact event, and more.

UoA increased in the QS rankings this year from 85th to 68th. A change in the ranking method drove some of this improvement. All NZ universities improved, alongside many in Australia and UK, while many US and Chinese universities saw their ranks fall. QS introduced new measures of sustainability, employment outcomes, and international partnerships. UoA did particularly well on the new sustainability measure, ranking 9th in the world.

UoA is weakest on its student-to-staff ratio, reputation among employers, international research networks, and citations per faculty. We can't do much about the student/staff ratio, as NZ's low university funding levels drive this. Work is underway to improve the response rate among employers to the reputation survey. However, each of us plays a role in improving international networks and citations. International research networks measure the number of countries in which we have co-authors, not the number of international co-authors. It is important our affiliation is up-to-date in Scopus and Web of Science, including [SDG search terms as keywords](#), publishing in top 20% CiteScore journals, and using tactics to increase citations, including OA publishing.

Business School colleagues' editorial involvement

In 2021, we published our first white paper on the editorial engagements of our Business School researchers. We have been updating this document annually, focusing on positions associated with making editorial decisions (rather than serving on editorial boards). The latest version is [here](#).

In 2023, 50 academic staff members are serving in editorial positions, reflecting their active involvement in the academic publishing landscape. Among these positions, 26 are in A or A* journals on the ABDC list. Additionally, 20 positions are in roles, such as (co-)editor, (co-)editor-in-chief, or senior editor, demonstrating their leadership and influence within the editorial community. Importantly, we hope colleagues who work on submissions and/or resubmissions targeted at any of the journals listed in this document will find it helpful to seek feedback and advice from our peers who serve in editorial roles. If we missed someone on the list, please contact [Assoc Prof Edward Yiu](#).

Health Research Council – call for Expressions of Capability – Climate Change and Health & Wellbeing

The HRC has identified climate change and health & wellbeing as a 2023 priority for health research, thus they are making this call for researchers, community organisations, and other stakeholders to form collaborative teams. Through this initiative, the HRC will create opportunities for new cross-disciplinary, cross-sector collaborative research teams to address climate change and health & wellbeing. You can read more about this initiative [here](#) and submit your Expression of Capability [here](#) by 4 August.

Upcoming events and deadlines:

26 July 11 am – 12 pm: 2024 RDF contestable round drop-in session

28 August 5pm: Deadline for RDF contestable round project applications – guidelines and application forms are available [here](#).

Take care and best regards,

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This Update 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](#).