



**BUSINESS SCHOOL**

From the Acting Associate Dean (Research)



## Update #6, 2022

Kia ora tātou,

### **2022 MBIE Endeavour Fund successes**

Congratulations to our colleagues! MBIE received 443 applications in this year's Endeavour Fund round, and 71 applications were funded. The Business School is involved in the following three projects:

#### [Developing a Construction 4.0 transformation of Aotearoa New Zealand's construction sector](#)

The Endeavour Fund has awarded \$10.3M for a joint 4-year research programme led by HERA (Heavy Engineering Research Association) and the Faculty of Science. It aims to optimise designs for ease of manufacture/fabrication in the construction sector and resolve the conjoint considerations required to deliver design for sustainability, constructability, te ao Māori, resilience, and affordability. The project includes researchers from across New Zealand and leading international institutions. Business School researchers are leading one of the core themes, 'Construction 4.0 and Technology Transfer', and researchers from the Faculty of Engineering are also contributing to the project.

[Sustainable biomass-derived materials to replace bitumen for transport infrastructure](#) is a joint MBIE Endeavour fund project led by WSP and supported by Scion. Of the total \$9.1M awarded, the University of Auckland component is \$2.2M. The UoA team in this project comprises researchers from the Faculty of Engineering and the Business School's Energy Centre.

['Shaping a circular market system for plastics in New Zealand'](#) is an \$11.7 million project to encourage the re-use of plastic by businesses and the single largest MBIE funding allocation to University of Auckland researchers this year. Key goals are influencing companies to become more circular in their plastics use, deploying new techniques to make plastics more recyclable and rethinking and reshaping New Zealand's plastic market to align better with the Circular Economy principles. The Faculty of Engineering and the Business School will lead the five-year cross-disciplinary project with several partners, including RMIT, the University of Canterbury, and Crown Research Institutes Scion and GNS Science.

### **From the Early Career Researchers' Committee's desk**

The ECRC held its 5th Annual Business School ECR Symposium on September 5<sup>th</sup>, with ECRs from across the faculty attending. The Committee is grateful to the Business School's research centers (New Zealand Asia Institute, the Center for Supply Chain Management, the Center of Digital Enterprise, and the Center for Research on Modern Slavery) for engaging in discussions with ECRs about how they can contribute to research centers. For the second part of the symposium, the Committee thanks Jonathan Harvey for an engaging and insightful session on external funding. Overall, it was great to hold the event in person and connect with new and familiar faces. The Committee plans a writing retreat for ECRs on the 3rd and 4th of December. The retreat will focus on advancing research and writing skills more generally. The Committee will send out a pre-registration form shortly. Spaces will be limited, so do not delay registering once you see them in your inboxes. The Committee would also like to remind ECRs that it maintains a webpage to advertise [Research Assistant](#) positions. If you are looking for a research assistant, please consider using this

resource. If you have any comments or ideas related to the activities of the Committee, please let your [ECRC rep](#) know.

### **Amendments to Research Finance Policies effective 1 September 2022**

As a part of the periodic review of all Research Finance and Consulting policies, from 1 September, several changes to the [Balances of Research Project Accounts at Project End Policy](#) and the [Research Development Accounts Policy](#) will come into effect. In addition, as a consequence of changes to these two policies, there will also be a minor amendment to the [Research and Consulting Incentives Policy](#) effective from 1 September 2022. (Please note these changes apply to all project closure requests both in-progress at and requested from 1 September 2022). Please see the [Research Finance Improvements News page](#) (login required) for a summary of the amendments, rationale for the changes and links to resources.

### **Research Development Fund – Non-contestable – Funding available**

- Editing support for journal submissions or resubmissions (approx. \$12,000 available)
- Research Assistant (approx. \$2,000 available)

Funding for the above initiatives is still available. The application form can be found [here](#). Once the form is completed, please contact [Juan Rodriguez](#). For approved applications, please remember to submit any invoices and/or timesheets for payment by 9 December 2022.

### **Consultation about Environment and Climate Research Strategy**

The New Zealand Government has a consultation open for feedback that could be of interest to Business School scholars. It is Te Kete Āhuarangi me Te Taiao, the Environment and Climate Research Strategy that responds to the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's recommendation for a clear, unambiguous national-level environmental research strategy to guide funding. This work will identify and prioritise critical research and evidence needs. It brings together over 70 existing research strategies and plans. More importantly, this strategy is linked to MBIE's Te Ara Paerangi – Future Pathways programme. Further information and links to the survey can be found here: [Environment and Climate Research Strategy | Ministry for the Environment](#).

### **Various opportunities for transdisciplinary research collaborations**

Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund (TIF) - The TIF aims to cultivate cross-faculty and transdisciplinary collaborations and generate new projects that respond to the four priority areas identified within Taumata Teitei: sustainability, health and well-being, social justice, and innovating secure knowledge systems. The fund encourages research staff from across the University to develop cross-faculty research partnerships, aspiring toward high-quality Transdisciplinary Research outputs, research learning initiatives, and successful applications to external research funders. This funding is intended to support an increase in (1) cross-faculty collaboration and transdisciplinary research, including increased engagement with external stakeholders and communities, (2) the number of Māori and Pacific Island and early career researchers involved in significant research projects, and (3) the number of successful multidisciplinary applications to major funding rounds from cross-faculty teams. Applicants may apply for small grants (\$10,000–\$20,000) or large grants (\$20,000–\$60,000). The internal deadline is 14 November 2022 at 5 pm. More information and useful resources are available [here](#).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Research Ideas Worth Funding event is organised by the Business School Health and Well-being Research Beacon. It is an opportunity to connect with colleagues from other disciplines and faculties to identify common interests and apply for research funding. This year's event is co-hosted by the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences and includes panels on the themes 'Future of well-being' and 'Infusing cultural intelligence in healthcare'. Researchers from various faculties will present their research and be part of the panels. The event will take place in person on 28 October, watch this space. The recordings of the first two events are available [here](#).

The Faculty of Engineering Research Ideas Day and the Liggins Institute Anniversary Symposium are coming up in November. Please let [Christiane Rupp](#) know if you are interested in attending and/or presenting at these events.

The Faculty of Science [Natural, Artificial and Organisation Intelligence Institute \(NAOI\)](#) team presented a Business Intelligence session to Business School academics on 14 September about who they are, what they

do, their strategies for the future, and what they see as potential future collaborations with the Business School. The webinar recording is available [here](#), and the invitation remains open.

### **Consortium for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis - CARMA**

[CARMA](#) is an interdisciplinary consortium devoted to helping faculty, graduate students, and professionals learn about current developments in various areas of research methods and statistics. It is a non-profit unit at Texas Tech University that focuses on research methods relevant to the management and organisational sciences. CARMA aims to provide continuing education on research methods and data analysis (introductory to advanced level topics). In addition, it is a resource for those who teach research methods and data analysis and fosters a sense of community among organisational scholars in research methods. If interested, register [here](#) with your UoA email address to have full access to the CARMA library, courses, recordings, etc.

### **Research visibility**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Business School Visible Research Expertise short guide is now available in print and will soon be distributed throughout the Business School. The guide has been designed to pin onto your office bulletin board for easy access. It includes useful tips that will make it easier to record and trace our research publications, increase our downloads and citations, and for our international rankings. In case you do not receive the printed guide within the next week, please let [Christiane Rupp](#) know.

### **Cassyni seminars series**

The Business School has subscribed to a premium license of Cassyni, an academic seminar series platform that will allow us to initially run four seminar series with a view to extending it to all UABS seminar series. We believe that by using Cassyni, we will be able to increase our research reputation and impact. A few examples of the benefits of using Cassyni are: having curated seminar series that are preserved online, providing statistics for individual seminars and seminar series, having asynchronous Q&A sessions that continue after the seminar, providing a DOI alongside the slides and Q&A as a citable asset in Cassyni's content library, having our seminars become part of Cassyni's searchable library, allowing subscriptions to seminar series – so that interested audiences located anywhere can make sure they do not miss a seminar, and having sub-branded series for departments and research centres. The first four seminar series will be those of the [Faculty Research Committee's](#) taskforces, the Department of [Management and International Business](#), the [Health and Well-being Research Beacon](#), and the [Circular Economy in Business Research Beacon](#). We invite you to subscribe to the seminar series of your interest to keep track of the research-related activities of these groups. For questions or information on Cassyni, please contact [Christiane Rupp](#).

### **SSRN – Social Sciences Research Network**

The next Business School SSRN eJournal will be distributed very soon. It will feature a selection of recent papers from our scholars in the Department of Commercial Law. Recent papers from other departments and papers on specific themes are available on the Business School research webpage [here](#). The latest statistics on the UABS Research Paper Series can be consulted on the [SSRN dashboard](#) (sign in required).

### **Upcoming research events and deadlines – Save the dates**

- 30 September, 10 am – 12 pm: Methods-in-focus: Online Experiments in Business – Workshop
- 17 October, 11 am – 12 pm: Celebrating Research Output Excellence: Publications and Citations
- 25 October, 11 am – 1 pm: Faculty Research Committee meeting
- 25 October, 2 pm – 4 pm: Sharing research via de media - Panel discussion
- 26 October, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm: Sustainability Transdisciplinarity
- 28 October, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm: Research Ideas Worth Funding III, a Health and Well-being Research Beacon event co-hosted by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
- 2 November, 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm: ORSI Research Symposium Hīkina kia Tutuki: Rise to meet the challenge
- 3 November, 5 pm to 7 pm: University of Auckland Celebrating Research Excellence award evening
- 14 November, 5 pm: Deadline for application submissions to the Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund (TIF)
- November, date/time tbc: Faculty of Engineering Research Ideas Day

21 to 25 November: Circular Economy in Business Research Beacon, various launch events

22 November, all day: Liggins Institute Anniversary Symposium

23 November, time tbc: Resilience of the Housing Market in the Face of Climate Change workshop

9 December: Deadline for submitting invoices and timesheets for payment.

19 and 20 January 2023: Rethinking Organisational Resilience - [23rd International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organisations](#) hosted by UABS.

Finally, I thought you may be interested in reading: [Making Time for Research](#).

Hei konā mai,

Rod

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This email is intended to keep staff of the University of Auckland Business School informed about research news, seminars, panel discussions and grant applications. You can view previous editions of the ADR Update on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).