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Hi all,

Assistant Dean (Research)

[Dr Jongwook Pak](#) has been appointed Assistant Dean (Research) and stepped into the role on 1 April. In his new capacity, he will also serve on the Faculty Research Committee (FRC).

Thank you to [Assoc Prof Lina El-Jahel](#), our previous Assistant Dean (Research), for all her contributions! Lina currently serves as Associate Dean (Equity).

Research Awards

Business School Research Excellence Awards

This is a reminder that we will have seven categories in the Research Excellence Awards:

- Early-Career Research Excellence
- Mid-Career Research Excellence
- Research Engagement and Relevance
- Sustained Research Excellence
- Collaborative Research
- Research Leadership
- Doctoral Research Supervision

The application process allows nominations and self-nominations, and the FRC looks forward to those. This year, the forms have been further simplified. All details are available on the [awards website](#). Completed forms need to be emailed to [Juan Rodriguez](#) by 25 May 5pm.

University of Auckland Research Impact Awards

A reminder that applications for the RIA awards are due by 29 April 9am. Completed forms need to be emailed to [Juan Rodriguez](#). He will finalise the submissions to the Research and Innovation Office. Guidelines and application forms are [here](#).

Journal lists and guides

ABDC Journal Quality List updated

The Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) has published the now-confirmed 2025 Journal Quality List (JQL), which serves as a key reference point for researchers across Australia and New Zealand. In this revision, expert panels for each Field of Research (FoR) have implemented a series of measured updates to the list. These updates include adding 120 new journals, removing 149 titles, upgrading 111 journals, downgrading 27 journals, and reassigning 19 journals to more appropriate FoR classifications. Further details are available at: [ABDC Journal Quality List - Australian Business Deans Council](#).

Four members of our Business School were involved in the JQL review process. [Prof Julia Kotlarsky](#) (ISOM)

served as the Chair of the Information Systems panel. The other contributors were [Prof Henk Berkman](#) (A&F) (Finance panel) and [Assoc Prof William Cheung](#) (PROP) (Tourism and other commerce panel). I served on the JQL Steering Committee.

Another three researchers from New Zealand (University of Canterbury, University of Otago, and Victoria University of Wellington) were also involved in three other panels.

Academic Journal Guide updated

The Chartered Association of Business Schools has published the 2024 edition of its Academic Journal Guide, commonly referred to as the ABS list. The updated Guide includes 1,822 journals, representing an increase of approximately 7% from the nearly 1,700 journals listed in the 2021 edition. Newly added journals are predominantly assigned ratings of 1 or 2, indicating their emerging or focused nature, with only a small number admitted at level 3 or above. Notably, the latest edition incorporates additional contextual indicators to strengthen connections with professional practice and responsible business and management, reflecting a growing institutional emphasis on research impact. Further details are available at: [Academic Journal Guide | Chartered Association of Business Schools](#).

Transition arrangements related to ethics applications

All new human ethics applications to AHREC and UAHPEC must now use the new Human Ethics Application Form within Ethics RM. Between 13 April and 30 June, draft applications initiated on the old AHREC or UAHPEC forms before 13 April can still be submitted. After 30 June, these forms will be archived. The key changes are in the [Ethical Guidelines and form: here are the Ethics RM User Guides](#). The complete information is available on the [ResearchHub](#).

Fulbright Awards information session

Fulbright NZ offers a range of exchange awards for New Zealand citizens (who do not additionally hold US citizenship) who would like to study, research, or lecture in the US. This includes Graduate Awards for anyone with an undergraduate degree who wants to undertake postgraduate study or research in the US, and Scholar Awards for those who already have a PhD or equivalent professional training or experience. The annual Fulbright Information Session is open to academic staff as well as postgraduate and undergraduate students who are nearing the end of their degrees. Registration details are listed below.

Royal Society Te Apārangi - Call for nominations for Fellowship 2026

The Academy of the Royal Society Te Apārangi is calling for new Fellowship, Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi, and Honorary Fellowship, Ngā Ahurei Honore a Te Apārangi, nominations for 2026.

[Fellowship](#) of the Royal Society of New Zealand is an honour proposed by one's peers and conferred for distinction in research or the outcomes resulting from intellectual endeavours.

A web portal has been set up to receive new and updated nominations, so please email (academy@royalsociety.org.nz) if you wish to submit a new nomination, and you will be provided with a URL to access the web portal. The closing date is 30 June, and details of the nomination process and requirements can be found [here](#).

Upcoming research events and deadlines

21 April, 10am-11.30am: Tāwhia Te Mana Narrative CV Writing Workshop. Register [here](#).

29 April: Deadline for [RIA](#) applications

30 April, 10:30am-2pm: Fulbright Awards – Information session. Register [here](#).

30 April, 10am-11.30am: Tāwhia Te Mana Narrative CV Writing Workshop. Register [here](#).

30 April: Deadline for Royal Society Te Apārangi – 2026 Call for Ngā Takahoa a Te Apārangi Companion nominations. Information [here](#).

7 May: Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships Writing Workshop. Register [here](#).

28 May: 10.30am-11.30am: [Marsden Fund](#) Q&A: Full Proposal. Register [here](#).

29 June – 3 July: [Research Bazaar Aotearoa 2026](#) ResBaz is a free, online, digital research skills workshop series designed to encourage the transfer of digital skills and methods in research. Over 40 workshops are on offer. Participants are free to register for as many workshops as they are interested in. The 2026 programme is available [here](#).

Take care,
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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 2022 onwards on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).