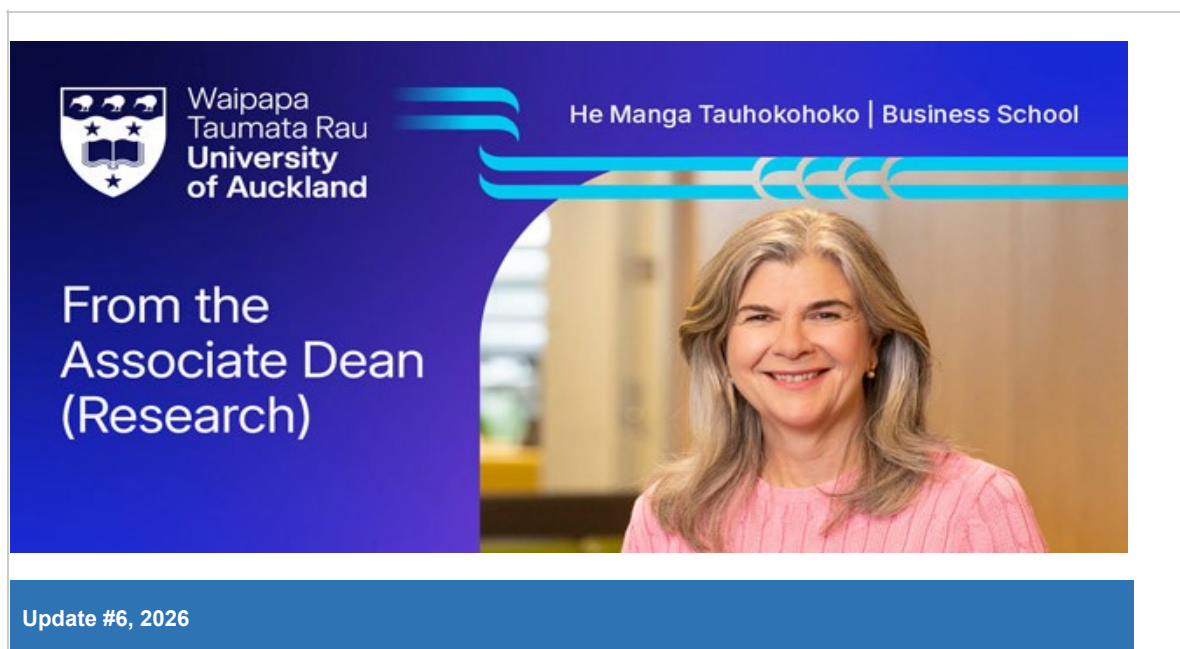


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Hi all,

#### **Our national research environment in flux**

The [Prime Minister's Science, Innovation and Technology Advisory Council](#) has published its priorities report. Some key points include:

- Introduction of four national research pillars: Primary industry & bioeconomy; Technology for prosperity; Environmental sustainability & resilience; Healthy people & a thriving society;
- A shift toward mission-led funding: 60% mission-led / 40% investigator-led, instead of the current approximate proportion 45% / 55%.
- Reallocation of \$122 million across pillars over 2–3 years, with reductions expected in primary industries and social/health research, and increased investment in technology for prosperity.
- Projected reductions in research income for several universities, including ours.

Informed by advice from this Council, a [Science Investment Plan 2026-2036](#) has now been released. The plan provides researchers with “clear direction on how their work can contribute to Government's priorities, and can support their delivery through idea generation, producing research excellence that is impactful, and capability development” (p. 4).

#### **Applications with fixed deadlines: A reminder**

The second (and final) deadline for applying for funds in the [Business School Visiting Scholars Programme](#) this year is 1 September. All details are available [here](#).

Applications to the [2027 Research Development Fund contestable round](#) are due to the respective Disciplinary Area Leads by 14 September. The relevant forms are available on the Faculty [intranet](#). An information session will take place 1 September 11am–12pm in room 260-317.

#### **Summer Research Students Scholarships**

This year, the Business School was allocated funding for 15 scholarships from the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation). The Faculty Research Committee has received 17 project applications from across all our seven departments and will put them forward for advertising to students. If all projects receive suitable student applications, we will utilise RDF funding to supplement the scheme. The projects will be advertised for students on the University Scholarships [website](#) from 1 July 2026. The closing date for student applications will be 30 July 2026.

#### **Research Integrity Annual Report 2025**

Raising awareness of the importance of Good Research Practice (GRP) is an important aspect of the UoA Research Integrity framework. Information about investigations into potential breaches of the Research Integrity Policy is not often disclosed. However, as part of the University's responsibility to promote GRP, a summary of the

investigations in 2025 is now available: [2025 RI Annual Report](#). For questions, please email the [Research Integrity Officer](#).

### **UoA Researcher Skills and Development Fund 2027**

The [Researcher Skills and Development Fund](#) is now open for applications for the 2027 round. Central service divisions, faculties, and research centres that would like to pilot, develop, or improve research skills and development-related offerings are invited to apply. (Our Mid-Career Researchers Development Programme was and continues to be financially supported through this fund.) The application deadline is 31 August; the award period begins 1 January 2027. Please email [the team](#) with any fund-related questions.

### **Metrics for promotions, grants and awards**

The [Metrics for promotions, grants and awards](#) page on the Research Resources segment of the University website provides key information for researchers on using metrics in their applications for promotions. This page guides applicants on how to incorporate metrics to showcase research excellence in their applications. For support with metrics collection, contact the Library via [Ask us](#).

### **Human Ethics: Final reminders for AHREC and UAHPEC draft applications**

The new Human Ethics Application Form was introduced in April this year, replacing the previous AHREC and UAHPEC application forms. Applicants with draft AHREC or UAHPEC applications have until 30 June 2026 to submit using the old forms. From 1 July 2026, these drafts will be archived and can no longer be submitted. All new human ethics applications need to use the new Human Ethics Application Form. For more information, see [How to apply for human ethics approval](#). The Human Ethics Improvement Plan project team can be contacted with questions at [ethicsimprovementplan@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:ethicsimprovementplan@auckland.ac.nz)

### **Upcoming research events and deadlines**

29 June–3 July: [Research Bazaar Aotearoa 2026](#), 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](#).

30 June: Deadline – Royal Society Te Apārangi – Tāwhia te Mana Fellowships: [Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship](#), [Mana Tūānuku Research Leader Fellowship](#), [Tūārangī Distinguished Researcher Fellowship](#).

30 June: Deadline – Royal Society Te Apārangi – 2026 Call for fellowship nominations for Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi and Ngā Ahurei Honore a Te Apārangi. Click [here](#) for details on the application process and requirements.

7 July: Societal Impact Event Series: Public and Media Pathways to Impact (in-person event). Details available [here](#).

10 July: Research to Innovation Hatchery 2026 Semester 2. Information is available [here](#).

15 July: Research Impact for Public Good webinar series. Register [here](#).

30 July: Royal Society Te Apārangi – 2026 Call for fellowship nominations for Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi and Ngā Ahurei Honore a Te Apārangi. Information is [here](#).

Take care,

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