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Hi all,

Research Excellence Medal for one of our colleagues

Congratulations to Prof Charl de Villiers (Dept of Accounting & Finance) on being one of only three individual recipients of the University Research Excellence Medal this year. This award acknowledges researchers for their "exceptional work in advancing knowledge, driving innovation, and creating positive outcomes for communities across New Zealand and internationally". Charl is being recognised for his research in sustainability accounting. More details about this year's award recipients are available [here](#).

ORCID in Discovery Profiles

ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) is our university's preferred persistent digital identifier for researchers. It is a reliable means for linking researchers to their academic affiliations, research outputs, datasets, peer review activities, and other academic activities throughout their careers.

As we start preparing for the Tertiary Research Excellence Fund ([TREF](#)), the PBRF substitute, accurate ORCID information will ensure a correct picture of the University's research activity, contributions, and impact. Please ensure that your ORCID has been claimed in Research Outputs and is correctly displayed in your Discovery Profile.

If you already have an ORCID, claiming it in Research Outputs and adding it to your Discovery Profile should take only a few minutes. [Step-by-step instructions here](#).

If you do not yet have an ORCID, you can create one through the [ORCID registration page](#). The Library Research Services team can assist, if needed. You can contact them [here](#).

From the Early Career Researchers Committee

The Early Career Researchers Committee (ECRC) is hosting a writing retreat at Castaways Resort 3–4 November, with meals and accommodation provided. While in previous years the retreat was a mix of writing sessions, discussions, and guest speakers, this year it will be a fully immersive writing experience. Information about the event has been sent to the ECR mailing list. If you are interested in attending and have not received the email, please reach out to your department [ECRC representative](#). Applications are open until 31 July, 5pm. The application link is available in the information email.

The annual ECRC Symposium will be on 13 August. Join us to hear about improving your grant and award applications, and to build collaborations with your colleagues before the upcoming RDF application deadline (14 September). A calendar invitation will follow.

Last month, the ECRC hosted a Job Market Panel for PhD students. Dr Brian Lim (New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science and former ISOM graduate) and Dr Lahiru Gunasekara served as panellists. There was great engagement during the discussion.

Finally, the ECRC is hosting a coffee catch-up in the Collaboration Space 30 July, at 11am. This will be an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues you know and introduce yourself to new ones.

Open Access support fund

The [Open Access Support Fund](#) is available to support researchers who wish to publish their work Open Access. If the journal you plan to publish in does not have a Read and Publish Agreement with our University, you may be eligible to apply for funding to cover the journal's Open Access publication fee. Book chapters are also eligible for consideration. This is a faculty open call, and applications can be submitted at any time

throughout the year using this [application form](#).

Upcoming research events and deadlines

23 July: Deadline – 2027 HRC Project Expression on Interest. Information is available [here](#).

27 July: Deadline – 2027 HRC Programmes Expression of Interest. Details can be found [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 available [here](#).

17 August: Deadline applications: MBIE He Ara Whakahihiho Capability Fund – Rangapū Rangahau. Details are available [here](#).

1 September: Business School Visiting Scholars Programme applications deadline. More information is [here](#).

2 September, 11am–12pm, room 260-317: 2027 Research Development Fund (RDF) contestable round Information Session.

18 September: Deadline – 2026 WUN RDF. Applications should be emailed to [International office](#).

Take care,
Snejina

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](#).