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Faculty Research Excellence Awards

We have received 17 applications for this year's Faculty Research Excellence Awards, an increase from the 15 last year. The winners will be announced at the Business School Excellence Awards event on 7 August.

A new Research Beacon

The new Research Beacon Urban Analytics and City Science Research Beacon joins our other two Beacons – [Health & Well-being](#) and [Circular Economy in Business](#). The Research Beacon will focus on transforming urban policymaking through data-driven innovation and cross-sector collaboration. By harnessing geospatial analytics, mobile big data, and urban modelling, the Beacon plans to deliver actionable insights into housing affordability, green space access, and sustainability. With strong international partnerships and a commitment to cultural integration, including Indigenous frameworks like the Kaupapa Māori Urban Form Assessment, the Beacon intends to conduct and disseminate research that contributes to inclusive, resilient, and sustainable urban futures.

The new Beacon will be led by Assoc Professors William Cheung and Edward Yiu (both from the Department of Property). Other members of the leadership team are from the Faculty of Engineering and Design and the Faculty of Science.

From the Early Career Researchers Committee

We invite our fellow early career researchers (ECRs) to a 3-day writing retreat 6-8 October (Mon-Wed) at the Castaways Resort near Waiuku. Spaces are limited, so please look out for an invitation from the Committee in the coming days and register your interest promptly.

The ECRC will host its 3rd annual PhD Job Market Workshop starting 3pm today (room 325, OGGB). The event will feature ECRs and industry practitioners who will offer practical advice for those preparing for a research-focused career.

We are also pleased to report that three ECRs from the Business School submitted applications in the UoA's Emerging Researcher Network (ERN) seed funding round, with results announced last week. Please look out for future funding opportunities from the ERN to support interdisciplinary research.

Finally, earlier this month, we hosted an informal gathering for ECRs. 12 of us had a great time catching up and enjoying cake and coffee in the collaboration space.

Latest issue of our SSRN eJournal series featuring some of our early career researchers

The latest issue of the Business School's Research Paper Series on SSRN showcases research by ECRs in our Department of Accounting and Finance. It highlights research across a range of topics, including financial markets, behavioural finance, corporate governance, accounting systems, and economic policy. The SSRN issue can be found [here](#) (UoA sign-in is required). A note: You will see that the 1st paper appears as one being co-authored by Monash researchers only. It is included in the eJournal because Dr Guo is now an early career researcher with us.

From the Mid-Career Taskforce

We are holding our 2nd interactive session exploring the issue: *Aligning Teaching, Research, and Service for Mid-Career Researchers*. This will take place 24 July, 10 am-12 pm (room 317, OGGB). More details of this session will be provided closer to the date.

We were pleased to have received such positive feedback and enthusiasm for our 1st session *Managing Work-Life Challenges* and hope to see many at our upcoming session. The MCR Taskforce is always looking for topics that you would like to see discussed in the future. For suggestions, please email Fred Ng at f.ng@auckland.ac.nz

Visiting Scholars Programme

The next deadline for applying for funds in this Programme is 1 September. All details are available [here](#). Assoc Prof Helen Delaney is the Lead on behalf of the Faculty Research Committee.

Responsible AI for Research and Research Bazaar

The UoA [Centre for eResearch](#) is offering a series of 1-hour online workshops on this theme. Topics include how AI tools work, potential benefits and risks of using AI in research, UoA policies and processes in that space, etc. The sessions are scheduled to take place in July, September, and October. One needs to [register](#) in order to attend. In addition, the Centre offers several other sessions and workshops on, e.g., managing sensitive research data, transcription using AI, etc.

From 30 June to 4 July, the Centre will host the annual [Research Bazaar](#), an event that comprises an online series of digital research skills workshops for the research community nationwide. The Bazaar has been running since 2016.

Other upcoming research events and deadlines

29 May, 10am-11am: Tāwhia Te Mana Fellowship webinar Roadshow. Mana Tūāpapa Future Leader Fellowship. Register [here](#).

29 May, 11am-12pm: Tāwhia Te Mana Fellowship webinar Roadshow. Mana Tūānuku Research Leader Fellowship. Register [here](#).

4 June, 12pm-1pm: Research Impact for Public Good webinar series: 'A front row seat: lessons learned at the intersection of science' with Professor Dame Juliet Gerrard. [Register here](#).

21 June: Deadline for the next round of the [Global Research Engagement Fund \(GREF\)](#). This fund is available to UoA researchers and professional research staff to foster the development of new and emerging research partnerships with international collaborators. Applicants must connect with international.research@auckland.ac.nz to inform their intention to submit no later than 21 June.

26 June, 10am-11am: 2025 Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships Support Package: Budget Session. Register [here](#).

30 June, 9am-10am: An Introduction to Cloud Security for Researchers. Register [here](#).

30 June, 9am-1pm: Managing Research Data. Register [here](#).

30 June, 10am-11am: Unleashing Research Potential: An Overview of Powerful Computing Resources for Data Analysis. Register [here](#).

30 June, 4pm-5pm: When science meets the headlines: Media engagement for research impact. Register [here](#).

30 June, 5pm: Deadline for applying for the International Central Networks and Partnership Grant 2025 (Round 2). Details are available [here](#).

30 June – 4 July: [Research Bazaar Aotearoa](#) - the schedule and registration link can be found via this link.

2 – 4 July: Health Tech Week 2025 - [Te Tītōki Mataora Forum](#), a national conference for health technology researchers and start-ups. This 3-day event is designed to be highly interactive, to facilitate accidental collisions with existing and new colleagues and to spark great ideas. [Register here](#).

1 – 3 December: UoA Faculty of Arts & Education, [Conference: New Zealand Asian Studies Society](#). This biennial conference brings together scholars working in different areas of Asian studies. It invites papers and panels that explore any aspect of Asian studies, from any disciplinary or theoretical perspective. [Find out more](#).

We knew that all along...

Researchers moving away from their original area of expertise typically experience greater difficulties in publishing and securing funding, as well as fewer citations compared to their previous work. More on the 'pivot penalty' [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](#).