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Update #4, 2024

Hi all,

Summer Research Scholarships

The Summer Research Scholarship programme has been confirmed for 2024/2025. The Business School has been allocated 19 scholarships at a value of \$6,750 each. The application deadline for researchers to submit their research projects' outlines (the form is attached) is 23 May, 5pm via email to [Juan Camilo Rodriguez](#). Students will be able to apply from 1 July to 1 August; if accepted, they will undertake the research from the beginning of December 2024 to the end of February 2025. If this scheme is new to you, please do not hesitate to talk to our Research Services team or to colleagues who have utilised these scholarships to progress with their research over the summer months.

Research Impact Competition

Our Office of Research Strategy and Integrity defines research impact as "the contribution that research and creative practice makes to society, the environment and the economy. It encompasses the diverse ways in which the knowledge and outputs generated by research benefit individuals, whānau, communities, organisations, Aotearoa New Zealand, and the world. Research impact is essentially your research making a difference to people's lives."

This year, the Business School will run again a Research Impact Competition. Researchers are invited to submit a case if they wish to participate. The case should be based on a research publication and showcase achievements in line with the above definition of impact. Guidelines, eligibility criteria, and the entry form can be found [here](#). Cases should be submitted to [Juan Camilo Rodriguez](#) by 23 August, 5 pm.

Research integrity and research ethics

Our University is developing a new Research Integrity Promotion Framework to better support us in navigating issues relating to [research integrity and responsible conduct of research](#). Dr Elizabeth Visser as the University's Research Integrity Officer. She will join us at our upcoming Faculty meeting to briefly talk about her role and the new Research Integrity Policy. There is also a process of establishing a network of academic [Research Integrity Advisers](#) who will act as a first point of contact in faculties for advice about research integrity and responsible conduct of research issues.

[Research Ethics Improvement Plan](#): The University Research Ethics team has started work to refresh the research ethics ecosystem, including ethics processes, guidelines, and education materials. The team is led by Dr Dana Wensley who has a PhD in medical law and ethics from King's College, London.

Global Research Engagement Fund

ORSI has announced the launch of the [Global Research Engagement Fund \(GREF\)](#). This new internal funding initiative seeks to support our engagement in major global research programmes and strengthen strategic research partnerships with international collaborators. Two separate award categories are available:

[Networking & Engagement Grants](#) (up to \$10,000): They will be used to establish and develop connections with external partners aligned with strategic international funding initiatives. The aim is to support attending in-person events/meetings considered essential to assist our international research activities whilst also increasing the University visibility amongst international stakeholders.

[Project Planning Grants](#): These grants are available to individual researchers or research teams to support the preparation of proposals for large-scale, strategic international research funding initiatives. Eligible activities might include external workshop facilitation, participation in subject-relevant events to identify potential collaborators, procurement of external bid development support, or hosting proposal writing workshops with visiting collaborators. Two grant levels are offered based on the University's

level of involvement in the resulting funding application: up to \$12,000 for participating on a project partner; up to \$25,000 for participating as a project lead.

Beneficiaries must be working towards a pre-identified partnership or funding opportunity that is clearly detailed in their funding application. Funding will be allocated across four cut-off dates this year, the next of which will be 29 May 2024. Further information, application templates, and guidance notes can be accessed through [ResearchHub](#). Please direct any questions to international.research@auckland.ac.nz.

Faculty Research Excellence Awards: A reminder

We have started receiving nominations and applications for these awards. This is just a reminder that entries will close on May 15 at 5pm. The seven categories are:

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

Forms and further details can be found on the [awards website](#).

PBRF

As communicated earlier, the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) announced the cancellation of the PBRF Quality Evaluation (2026) round. This implies we will not be submitting Evidence Portfolios. PBRF funding will continue to be allocated based on the Quality Evaluation 2018 results; the total PBRF funding (\$315m) remains unchanged.

TEC has established a [University Advisory Group](#) (UAG) which will craft and submit two reports to the Ministry of Education. An interim report (due in August 2024) “will identify key challenges facing the university system and opportunities for the future direction, as well as providing high level principles for university system, including funding, and initial proposals for changes to the PBRF”. A final report (due in February 2025) “will propose levers and policy changes for government and the sector to consider for the future direction of the university system”. The first consultation round is underway; submissions deadline is 31 May. There will be a university submission to UAG, but anyone can submit input following the above link.

Other upcoming research events and deadlines

9 May, 11 am – 12.30 pm, Financial Trading Room: LinkedIn workshop: Creating your personal brand

22 May: [Internet Society Foundation Research Grants](#), up to \$800k for two years

22 May: [Spencer Foundation Large Research Grants on Education](#), \$206k to \$826k for up to five years

25 May: [ACC Workplace Injury Prevention Grants](#), \$50k - \$500k for up to three years

29 May: [Spencer Foundation Racial Equity Grants](#), up to \$120k for up to five years

30 May: Tips on Communicating your Research, online talk. [Register here](#)

4 – 5 July: Applications close for the free [Media SAVVY Workshops for Māori Researchers](#) in Auckland

12 July: Applications close for the August [Researcher Hatchery](#)

31 July, 1 – 2 pm: UABS Book Celebration, Level 4 Social Bridge

28 to 30 August: Mid-Career Researchers Writing Retreat

16 September: Annual Early-career Researchers Symposium, Decima Glenn

25 September, 2:30 – 3:30pm: Research Impact Competition Prize-giving Ceremony, Decima Glenn

Worth noting

Some peer-reviewing seems to suffer from plagiarism. The problem may be more widespread than we think. See [here](#).

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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 2023 onwards on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).