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From the Associate Dean (Research)



Update #9, 2024

Business School Visiting Scholars Programme

As promised in ADR Update #8, I am attaching the documents related to this Programme – guidelines, application form, and report template. The Faculty Research Committee (FRC) will be looking forward to receiving applications. The first upcoming deadline is 1 March 2025 for visits intended to take place in 2025. The 1 September 2025 deadline is for applications that plan for visits to take place in the first half of 2026.

Research Development Fund 2025: Applications, process, and results

24 RDF applications were submitted this year – six from MIB, five from Economics and ISOM (each), three from A&F and Marketing (each), and two from Property – with total amount of funds requested \$348,623. The FRC had max \$180,000 available to allocate. Like in the previous few years, the latest call focused on promoting disciplinary research, bearing in mind the UoA has designated funds for transdisciplinary projects.

All FRC members and a representative of the DVCR office scored each application individually, using a rubric published in the RDF call. The scores were aggregated to form a basis of the discussions at a dedicated RDF meeting. Following a formal recommendation and approval process, 12 applications were funded, totalling \$163,600. (In 2024, 20 applications were submitted totaling \$320,000 requested funds; the allocated amount was \$161,803.)

The FRC acknowledges the work invested in crafting the applications. We congratulate all colleagues who were successful in this round and wish them success in conducting their RDF projects in 2025.

From the MCR Taskforce

The Mid-Career Researchers (MCR) Taskforce is working on the 2025 events schedule. Integrating feedback on what we have done in 2024, MCRs in our faculty can expect fewer, more interactive workshops planned for 12 March, 24 July, and 13 November next year. Topics, times and room details will be sent via meeting invites. Plus, we are always willing to cooperate with visiting academics on practical sessions covering MCR-related matters.

Here we offer three suggestions for materials to refresh your reading, watching and listening lists:

- Boland and Baker offer a practical chapter on mid-career sabbatical planning to support productivity and wellbeing. You can find it in the [2024 edited book 'A Toolkit for Mid-career Academics. Cultivating Career Advancement.](#)
- [Episode 182 on the Scholar's Voice](#) podcast explores avoiding or moving out of a 'mid-career slump' through writing strategies with Cathy Mazak, host of *Academic Writing Amplified*.
- *Nature* offers a curated career guide that covers several key topics, titled [Resources for mid-career scientists](#). The curation includes podcasts and articles covering topics that matter to scientists and social scientists alike.

ABDC JQL revision

The Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) is currently analysing whether and how the ABDC Journal Quality List (JQL) is used across business schools in Australia and New Zealand, whether the coverage of the list is appropriate, and what improvements should be made. A major review of the JQL is on the horizon. The expectation is that there will soon be a call for expressions of interest for Panel Chairs and Panel Members. Submissions and panels' work is likely to be time-tabled for up till mid-2025, and a revised ABDC JQL will probably be available in late 2025.

The last major review of the List took place in 2019. In 2022, a partial review focused on the inclusion of new journals, the removal of low quality and predatory journals, and updates to the Australian and New Zealand Research Classification codes.

LLMs' use in academic writing

Researchers from a group of prestigious universities have devised guidelines for using large language models (LLMs) in academic writing: <https://www.researchinformation.info/news/ethical-framework-to-guide-use-of-ai-in-research/>. The article 'Guidelines for ethical use and acknowledgement of LLMs in academic writing' is published in [Nature Machine Intelligence](#).

Upcoming research events

4 December 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Information session – Prevention of espionage, foreign interference and non-compliance with export controls. 503-020 - 85 Park Road, Grafton Campus.

5 December: Research Engagement workshop aimed at equipping researchers across career stages with frameworks and practical tools to maximise research impact. Guest speaker: Dr Wade Kelly, Deakin University. [Register here](#)

9 December 10:30 am – 11:30 am: Information session – Prevention of espionage, foreign interference and non-compliance with export controls. 105-012 - 22 Princes Street, City Campus.

This is the last ADR Update for this year.

Take good care and enjoy the break when you get to it!

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