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Hi all,

#### **Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition 2025**

This year, the Competition (a collaboration among the eight Business Schools in New Zealand) will be coordinated and led by the AUT's Faculty of Business, Economics and Law. Our Business School took the lead in organising this competition in 2019, 2020/2021, and 2023; last year, it was the University of Canterbury Business School.

Entries for this year's competition are now open. All details are available on this [website](#). Submissions will close 31 July 2025, 5 pm. The awards announcement and celebration will take place at AUT 17 October. You can read [here](#) about the previous winners.

#### **ABDC Journal Quality List review 2025**

The step that has now been completed in the review process is the submission of Expressions of Interest (Eoi) to serve on the review panels. The ABDC received 143 Eols, 19 of which were from NZ Business Schools. Out of the 19, six were from our faculty, three from Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Waikato (each), two from the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University (each), and one from Auckland University of Technology, Massey University, and Otago University (each). From our Business School, three Eols were from ISOM, two from A&F, and one from PROP. Prof Julia Kotlarsky (ISOM) has been selected to chair the Information Systems panel. She is the only NZ scholar to chair a panel; the other nine Chairs are from Australian Business Schools.

All information about the review and how to make submissions is available [here](#).

#### **Research ethics**

The Research and Innovation Office has communicated that, "Improvements are underway in the research ethics ecosystem to enhance the researcher experience". For more information, click [here](#). For human ethics, "improvements include a clearer definition of 'low risk' research, updated ethical guidance, and a simpler application process". For all ethics committees, application processing timeframes will be published on the ResearchHub to support research planning. We are told these changes are based on feedback from ethics stakeholders and the 251 responses to the 2024 research ethics survey. One can access the research ethics survey and feedback report [here](#). For enquiries, please contact [Nick Kearns](#), Associate Director, Research Operations, Ethics and Integrity.

#### **From the Mid-Career Researchers' Taskforce**

For many MCRs, the notion of crafting their career can feel like a double-edged sword. The freedom and flexibility can be empowering, but the ambiguity can lead to feeling squeezed by too many competing commitments.

We held our first interactive session exploring this issue: *Managing Work-Life Challenges for Mid-Career Researchers*. Many thanks to the panelists Lina El-Jahel, Mike Lee, Billie Lythberg, and Fred Ng, who shared the following thoughts to consider:

1. What is one small thing you can do to set a boundary between your work and off time? What do you want work and off time to look like?
2. What does it mean to you to 'be productive', and where does the idea come from? The nature of work has changed since the Industrial Revolution!
3. In your current phase of life and career, what would *you* like to prioritise? What priorities might you be holding on to that belonged to a different phase?
4. How much time do you take to think strategically about what to spend your time on at work? Would you want to spend just a bit more time to think strategically about it?

Interested in doing more to craft your career? The Mid-Career Researcher Development Programme is a place to reflect on common MCR challenges, with guiding activities in a supportive space. There are two spaces still available. The format is an off-site intensive from 1-3 September, followed by four workshops on 17 September, 1 October, 15 October, and 29 October, all 2 – 4 pm.

**Predatory publishing**

A new resource on ResearchHub offers advice on predatory journal publishers and conference organisers. It includes guidance on assessing the quality of journals and conferences and the red flags to look out for. This will be particularly useful for early-career researchers and doctoral students who may not be as familiar with the publishing ecosystem in their discipline. You can access the report [here](#).

**Horizon Europe unlocked: Monthly drop-in Q&A**

MBIE is running monthly online drop-in sessions designed to be informal and supportive. One to two set topics will be covered each month; these will be advertised in advance on the MBIE website during the first part of each session. The remaining time is available for Q&A. Sessions will occur on the first Thursday of each month, alternating between 7.30 pm and 1 pm – see below for details on the first session, including a registration link.

**Upcoming research events and deadlines**

1 May, 7.30 pm: 1st Horizon Europe drop-in session. Topic: The 2025 work programme and interpreting calls. Register [here](#) for the monthly series of sessions.

7 May, 3 pm – 4 pm: Research Impact for Public Good webinar: ‘Socially inclusive stakeholder analysis’ with Prof Eric Jensen (Institute for Methods Innovation, University of Illinois). Drawing on [recently published research](#), this session will provide insights for researchers and research professionals wanting to learn more about socially inclusive stakeholder analysis and engagement. [Register here](#).

12 May, 11 am – 12.15 pm: 2025 Tāwhia te Mana Research Fellowships Support Package: Q&A Insights Session. Register [here](#).

15 May, 1 pm – 2 pm: 2025 Royal Society Te Apārangi Marsden Support Package: Q&A Full Proposal Webinar. Register [here](#).

**Did you know?**

*Nature* has released the 25 most-cited articles published in the 21st century. Among the authors is a researcher from our university! Details [here](#).

Take care,  
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