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Update #1, 2024

Hi all,

Research leadership roles in 2024

In 2024, Assoc Prof Lina Al-Jahel (A&F) will serve as Assistant Dean (Research), and Assoc Prof Ryan Greenaway-McGrevy (ECON) will continue in his role as Assistant Dean (PBRF). There are a few changes to the membership of the [Faculty Research Committee](#) (FRC) and the [Early Career Researcher Committee](#) (ECRC), the latter of which will be chaired by Dr Sylvia Gao (MKTG).

I appreciate the work by the two committees' members in 2023 and welcome our new members. Special thanks to Assoc Prof Yuri Seo (MKTG) for his service in the Assistant Dean (Research) role and Dr Mahdi Mahmoudzadeh (ISOM), for his leadership of the ECRC.

Prof Emeritus Rod Brodie will lead the A* Accelerator Programme. The Mid-career Taskforce will include Drs Lisa Callagher (MIB), Diandian Ma (A&F), Shahper Richter (MKTG), and Alan Toy (COMLAW).

Assoc Prof Chris Nicoll (COMLAW) and Dr Rick Starr (MKTG) will continue to serve on the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee.

Internal funding available via the FRC in 2024

Throughout this year, there will be an open call for funding through the FRC for the following four initiatives:

- Editing support for journal (re)submissions
- Research Assistant support (up to 50 hours)
- Open Access support (for publishing in journals not covered in the OA Agreements the UoA has signed)
- Visiting Scholar Programme (for guest scholars' visits of at least 1 month duration with us)

It has been agreed that all requests for this kind of funding should come through the faculty, not through departments. The application forms can be found [here](#). Once the form is completed, please send it to [Juan Rodriguez](#). For approved applications, please submit any invoices as soon as the service has been completed.

Please remember that timesheets for payment should be submitted monthly; this will help with the forecast and efficient utilisation of our available funds. Like in the past, researchers with positive balances in either a Research Development Account or a Personal Research Account will be expected to use the funds in these accounts before applying for funding under the above categories.

Other funding opportunities – Research Professional

Research Professional provides researchers in all disciplines with up-to-date coverage of the latest developments on funding agencies, government departments, newsworthy people, and funding opportunities and trends globally. This research funding solution includes funding opportunities that are not advertised by the UoA, but UoA researchers are eligible to apply. It has a large database which can be tailored to suit researchers' needs and interests. For additional UoA information about accessing the site please use the following [link](#) or contact the faculty Research Services team if you wish to apply.

Social Sciences Research Network

SSRN helps disseminate research across the social sciences. It enables scholars to post preliminary research and gain early recognition for their ideas prior to peer-reviewed publication. Assoc Prof William Cheung (PROP) is our new SSRN Academic Lead and Editor. SSRN currently lists 1,277 research papers and/or abstracts with their DOI on the [UABS Research Paper Series](#). These contributions have attracted 75,797 downloads and 517,632 abstract views to date, highlighting the global reach and influence of our academic community. If you have recent working papers, accepted or published research work (journal articles, chapters, conference papers, reports) and would like to have them uploaded to SSRN, please email the respective link to ssrnuabs@auckland.ac.nz and the team will upload on your behalf. Lastly, in case you missed our latest SSRN e-Journal, it is available [here](#). All Disciplinary Areas are invited to forward links of their recent group- or topic-based published research to ssrnuabs@auckland.ac.nz to be formatted as an e-Journal and disseminated worldwide by SSRN.

Research visibility and impact

The updated version of our Visible Research Expertise flyer is attached to this Update; printed copies are available in the Research Services office (4136). The flyer contains tips and reminders of easy steps to make our work easier to find. Also, the [help pages for Discovery Profiles and Research Outputs](#) in the [ResearchHub](#) have had a revamp. Help is available [here](#).

In December, Sage Publishing launched a web-based tool that assists researchers in demonstrating their impact or influence on policy. [Sage Policy Profiles](#) scans a database of 10.2 million policy documents to show researchers where and when their papers have been cited.

Some of the latest UABS research work can be found [on the UoA external-facing home for news and opinions](#) in form of translated articles or opinion pieces. If you think that your research findings and/or impact can be translated into an article or a feature on this site, you can reach out to our Media Advisor [Sophie Boladeras](#) who can also guide you through the maze of other media outlets.

Successes to celebrate

Congratulations to Drs (Ferry) Farkhondeh Hassan Doust and Valery Pavlov (both from ISOM) for their recent respective success in the Health Research Council funding round. Each received a Health Delivery Research Activation Grant for approx. \$30,000. Ferry's research project is "AI Chatbots Interventions in Healthcare from Pacific People's Perspective"; Valery's research project is "Preventive Care for Geriatric Patients".

Performance-Based Research Fund

We have put together a flyer that briefly describes the PBRF process. The e-version is attached to this Update, and printed copies are available from the Research Services team.

Background:

Over the past two and a half years, the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) has employed a Sector Reference Group of academics to oversee the redesign of the PBRF Quality Evaluation process. This process is now nearing completion. The TEC has released the final version of guidelines for Tertiary Education Organisations participating in the 2026 Quality Evaluation and for the assessment process. The latter is particularly useful for understanding how panellists will evaluate the evidence portfolios. In 2024, the TEC will be releasing guidelines that will help us structure our evidence portfolios in the lead up to the 2026 evaluation.

Upcoming research events and deadlines

21 Feb: [NZ-China Tripartite Partnership Fund](#) - \$30,000 to encourage the development of strategic relationships between NZ and China.

21 Feb: Webinar: Making sense of Impact (hosted by IPEN). More information is available [here](#).

5 Mar: AI in Research – Interactive 1-day Training Workshop in collaboration with AUT (for registered participants only)

18 Mar: [HRC Health Delivery Grants and Project EOI's](#) - \$20k to \$1.4 million for up to 3 years.

26 Mar: [Wellcome Trust – Climate Impact Awards](#) – up to \$4.9 million for 3 years.

29 Mar: [Turning the World Poll into Action](#) – up to \$508k

9 Apr: [Catalyst Seeding and Leaders Grants from RSNZ](#) to support strategic networking opportunities - \$150k for up to 3 years.

Did you know?

The Business School has 247 academic staff members: 64 in MIB, 54 in A&F, 35 in ISOM, 31 in ECON, 23 in MKTG, 16 in COMLAW, 14 in GSM, and 10 in PROP.

[The Perplexing Puzzle of the Top 2% Scientists List](#) by Akira Abduh

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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](#).