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From the Associate Dean (Research)



Hi all,

University of Auckland Research Prizes and Awards

The [University of Auckland prizes and awards](#) are a suite of medals and accolades which recognise exceptional research achievements across career stages. The awards aim to encourage and support excellence in our research community. The University is now calling for applications as follows:

Applications for the [Early Career Research Excellence awards](#) and for the [Research Excellence Medals](#) must be submitted to [Juan Rodriguez](#) by 16 June 2023. If there is more than one application for each category, a committee will assess these and make their nominations to the University for final consideration.

Applications for the [Research Impact Awards](#) must be submitted to the [Central University](#) by 13 July 2023.

Results will be released in late August 2023 and announced at the Celebrating Research Excellence Event later in the year. All guidelines and application forms are available via the respective links above. The 2023 forms take a narrative approach to researchers' achievements and a standard academic CV is no longer required. An explanation of the narrative approach and templates/exemplars are available on [ResearchHub](#).

Open Access publishing – Publishing agreements

Earlier ADR Updates have highlighted the benefits of publishing Open Access and pointed to the Read and Publish Agreements that allow University of Auckland researchers to publish their work Open Access without incurring processing charges. We have recently received further analysis of the agreements, which I have attached to this Update.

PBRF Update: Changes to the Evidence Portfolio for the 2026 Quality Evaluation round

The so-called Sector Reference Group (SRG) has been tasked by the Tertiary Education Commission to provide recommendations on the design of the PBRF quality evaluation process. The SRG is due to make its final recommendations in July this year, but [it has already released "in-principle" decisions](#), so we can see how PBRF-Quality Evaluation 2026 is different from previous rounds.

One of the more significant changes relates to the former "research outputs" component of the evidence portfolio (EP). This has been renamed "Examples or Research Excellence" (ERE), and the structure of this component altered to recognise collaboration, engagement, and impact. Researchers will be able to nominate up to three research outputs (ROs) as EREs. Each RO is accompanied by a contextualising narrative and up to three supplementary items that relate to the nominated output. The supplementary items can be either additional research outputs or research activities, which include (but are not limited to) items like research funding, prizes, and invitations to present research. Thus, one of the significant changes to the EP is that items that were previously eligible for the "research contributions" component of the EP in previous rounds will now be counted as part of the new ERE section.

We will continue to communicate other key changes in the months ahead. To learn more about the in-principle decisions on the EP, click [here](#).

MBIE Endeavour 2024

Kick-off session

UniServices will host this session on 7 June, 9.30am - 12pm in OGGB; Rm 260-051.

Contributors will be Max Kennedy and Rebecca Adams. Max Kennedy was the Director for Contestable Investments at MBIE for 5½ years and is now available to help researchers build on their awareness about MBIE Endeavour and use that knowledge to take their proposals to the next level. Rebecca Adams (Director of Government Relations, Auckland UniServices) will give an overview and practical advice on research areas that align with the current Government priorities for the MBIE Endeavour Fund.

This session aims to help researchers understand how the Endeavour fund plans to meet the grand challenges we face to make life better for New Zealanders, and how research can be better positioned to address issues at the centre of government policy and strategy. A level of familiarity with this fund is needed for this session – pre-reading and overview videos are available on [ResearchHub](#). You can register for this session [here](#).

Planning MBIE Endeavour Funding applications for impact

Research Impact Manager Dr Faith Welch will host two sessions:

Online webinar, 20 June, 10 - 11 am: Practical advice on how to plan an MBIE Endeavour funding application to achieve maximum impact, how to articulate the benefits of the planned research, and how to develop an implementation plan to ensure those benefits occur. You can register for this session [here](#).

Workshop, City Campus, 26 July, 9.30am - 12 pm: Walking through the process of planning an MBIE Endeavour application to achieve maximum impact. By the end of the session, participants will have a first draft of an implementation plan and detail to add to other impact sections of the proposal. This session has limited capacity and is targeted at researchers applying for the 2024 Endeavour round. Please submit your interest in attending this session to [Juan Rodriguez](#).

Workshop series to build capability in responsiveness to Māori in research

This 2-part online workshop series is being conducted by Christine Herzog, who has decades of experience as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi educator. She has facilitated more than a thousand Treaty-related workshops for central and local government departments, community groups, and the general public.

Part 1: 18 May, 9.30am - 12.30pm: *Making Sense of the Treaty in a Research Context*. This seminar offers a brief overview of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as it relates to research, with a focus on why it was written, what it says, what went wrong, and where are we today. You can register for Part 1 [here](#).

Part 2: 25 May, 9.30am - 12.30pm: *Putting the Treaty into Practice in a Research Context*. This seminar explores application of the main Treaty concepts to the major stages of research (choosing the topic, literature review, research design, analysis, and dissemination). You can register for Part 2 [here](#).

Tahua Rangahau | Research Budget Tool is now live

Tahua Rangahau is an online budgeting tool that will replace the current excel budget templates currently supporting research and consulting project budgets. It was designed to streamline the budget preparation process, make it easier and more secure to exchange and collaborate on budgets, and reduce

errors. It also allows researchers to take the lead on budget development if they wish.

A brief overview of the tool can be viewed in this [3-minute video](#). More details and learning resources are available on [ResearchHub](#). We encourage researchers to continue to engage with our Research Services team for now, as the tool cannot be used yet for budgets in foreign currency, consulting projects, and contract variations.

Take care and best regards,

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This email is intended to keep staff of the University of Auckland Business School informed about research news, seminars, panel discussions and grant applications. You can view previous editions of the ADR Update from 2021 on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).