



BUSINESS SCHOOL

From the Acting Associate Dean (Research)



## Update #7, 2022

Kia ora tātou,

Congratulations to our World's Top 2% Scientists/Researchers in 2022 (for both career-long and single-year 2021 impact): Peter Boxall, Roderick Brodie, Gordon W Cheung, Snejina Michailova, and Michael Myers, as well as to Ananish Chaudhuri and Yuri Seo (for single year 2021 impact). The ranking is based on the bibliometric information in the Scopus database. It includes more than 190,000 researchers, with 22 scientific fields and 176 subfields taken into account. More information can be found [here](#).

Meagan Barclay joined the faculty on 31 October as our Research Services Manager (RSM). Meagan succeeds Jonathan Harvey, who moved to the Faculty of Education and Social Work in August. The RSM leads the planning and delivery of the faculty's pre-award and post-award grant and research support services. Meagan was previously the research operations manager for the Eisdell Moore Centre in the FMHS department of Audiology. Meagan will learn about the faculty and its research capabilities over the next few months. Please introduce yourself and welcome her to the faculty. I also like to thank Juan Camilo Rodriguez for keeping our research services running smoothly in the interim and Christiane Rupp for helping to fill the gaps while the RSM position was unfilled.

### Research Development Fund outcomes

The faculty's Research Development Fund (RDF) applications for 2023 were discussed at a meeting on 20 September. The Committee's recommendations were subsequently approved by the Dean and Associate DVC Research. Letters were then sent to the applicants, informing them of the outcome. Of 15 applications, 12 were recommended for funding. Three of those recommended were conditional on further information. This round supported disciplinary research to a maximum of \$20,000 and sought to support early and mid-career researchers. Nine principal investigators were early-career researchers, and five were mid-career researchers. The Committee's discussion resulted in several suggestions for improving applications:

- Make sure the application is written so that it can be understood by researchers who are experts in the field.
- The contribution of the research and its potential impact, both scholarly and practical, should be communicated early in the application.
- Publications are an outcome of the research process and are a way to communicate research results to other researchers; they are not an end in themselves. Position the research to emphasise its significance and potential impact, not its potential for publication in particular journals. Relatedly, emphasise the problem the research helps to solve rather than its publication potential. Additionally, the publication strategy needs a rationale and should be realistic. Several applications promised numerous publications in highly ranked journals, often within unrealistic timeframes, given the length of both research and publication cycles.
- RDF is intended to support research to a level where seeking external funding is feasible. Thus, it is important to demonstrate a developmental path for the research to scale and identify realistic future funding options.

- Read the instructions and form carefully. Many applications included incorrect information or requested funding for expenditures that were not eligible. An example is the FTE allocated to the research project. For those with a 40/40/20 workload allocation, this should be less than 40%. Ten of the 15 applications included FTEs that summed up to more than 40% or had another anomaly. Similarly, several applications sought funds for expenditures that are not eligible (e.g., international conference travel or professional memberships) or that the faculty already funds in another way.
- Many of the applications appeared rushed. The Committee recommends completing applications early and getting feedback from colleagues to help improve them.

### **Faculty Research Committee**

The FRC recently hosted two events. On 25 October, the Translation and External Impact task force organised the panel discussion “Sharing research via the media”, which provided an opportunity to discuss potential risks and benefits for researchers to collaborate with the media. The panel included four UABS researchers who have been active in the media and two media experts. The event was well attended in person and is the first FRC event to be streamed live. The recording is available on the [FRC seminar series page](#).

The second event, “Building transdisciplinary collaborations to address sustainability challenges”, organised by the FRC Research Collaborations task force and Ngā Ara Whetū (the University Centre for Climate, Biodiversity and Society), was held on 26 October. The event was a platform for researchers and industry representatives to share their experiences conducting transdisciplinary research and explore opportunities for collaboration. One takeaway was that transdisciplinary projects require more time and effort to build meaningful relationships precisely because they bring together diverse views. The abstract and programme of the symposium are available on the [FRC seminar series page](#).

### **Early Career Researchers’ Committee**

The ECRC has organised a writing retreat that will take place on 3 and 4 December (including an overnight stay) at the [Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat Centre](#). The retreat focuses on advancing research and improving ECRs’ writing skills. To achieve the former, there will be ample opportunity for participants to progress their research. And to achieve the latter, the internationally recognised academic writing expert [Prof Helen Sword](#) will join the retreat for a writing workshop and to coach participants in small groups. Spaces are limited, but there are a few spaces left, so if you are an ECR and have not registered your interest yet, please do so [here](#). The ECRC would also like to draw ECRs’ attention to the European Research Days 2022 – Australia & New Zealand. In particular, the session on 10 November focuses on early and mid-career researchers. ECRs can register for the session [here](#).

### **Year-end**

As November begins, time is growing short for research expenditures against FRDF grants, departmental RDF allocations, and other research funds in 2022. The deadline for purchases, submitting invoices for payment, and casual employee timesheets is [16 December](#). After that date, expenditures may not be processed in time to be charged to the 2022 budget.

Funds remain in our faculty’s 2022 RDF allocation. If your research would benefit from a funding boost, and the expenditure can be made before 9 December, please liaise with your disciplinary lead to gain their endorsement, and then contact me with a short description of the project, your funding request and its rationale. Also, remember that we have specific programmes to help with copy editing and research assistance. The application forms are available on the staff intranet [here](#).

### **Transdisciplinary research collaborations**

[Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund \(TIF\)](#). On 8 and 9 September, ORSI, UniServices, and the Associate Deans Research hosted several transdisciplinary ideation workshops. These were well attended, with researchers from all faculties/LSRIs and career levels in attendance. Some exciting collaborations are emerging from the sessions, and we look forward to receiving interesting applications to this year’s TIF, with submissions due 14 November 2022. Applicants can apply for Small Grants (\$10,000–\$20,000) or Large Grants (\$20,000–\$60,000). Applications for Small Grants should show how their proposed project lays a foundation for growth over time. Applications for Large Grants should show how their proposed project achieves tangible growth toward a sustainable research initiative. For more information about the Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund, please see the ResearchHub page [Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund](#). Additionally, if you are interested in

discovering more about transdisciplinary research, see the 30-minute [Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund Plenary Session video](#), which presents an overview of transdisciplinarity within Waipapa Taumata Rau's strategy, along with examples and reflections on transdisciplinary research from across the University.

[Transdisciplinary panel discussion](#). A 'Research Ideas Worth Funding' panel discussion organised by the Health and Well-being Research Beacon and the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences took place on 28 October. The event brought together researchers from disciplines in the Business School and the Faculties of Engineering, Law, Medical and Health Sciences, and Science to explore opportunities to collaborate on funding applications. More details are available on the [Health and Well-being Research Beacon seminar series page](#).

[Faculty of Engineering Research Ideas Day](#). The Faculty of Engineering invites UABS researchers to participate in their Research ideas Day on 21 November, from 10:30 am to 2 pm. If you wish to take part, please let Christiane Rupp know ([c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz)).

[Liggins Institute Celebration Symposium](#). This event will be held on 22 November, from 8:30 am to 8 pm, at the Liggins Institute in Grafton. The programme includes a public lecture on "The importance of research-intensive universities and why the Institute is leading the way" by Vice-Chancellor Prof Dawn Freshwater. Please contact Christiane Rupp ([c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz)) if you wish to receive the programme and/or the calendar invitation.

#### **SSRN – Social Sciences Research Network**

Our latest SSRN eJournals feature recent papers from the departments of Commercial Law, and Accounting and Finance. All UABS SSRN eJournals are available on the [Business School SSRN Research Papers Series](#) page.

#### **Have you met Simon Crook, the UniServices Business Development Manager**

Simon Crook has been the UniServices Business Development Manager assigned to the Business School for a while and some of you have already met with him. Simon and his team are often aware of opportunities in government and industry that could benefit your work. UniServices can also provide wrap-around support for research outputs, assist with external engagement, commercialisation opportunities, and intellectual property protections among other things. Simon is looking to meet more of the School's researchers and get involved in supporting more of our research. He plans to "knock on doors" to introduce himself and arrange a monthly drop-in session. In the meantime, if you have questions, wish to find out what's on UniService's radar and/or discuss your research ideas, work or plans with Simon, you can contact him at [simon.crook@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:simon.crook@auckland.ac.nz).

#### **Upcoming research events and deadlines**

2 November, 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm: ORSI Research Symposium Hīkina kia Tutuki: Rise to meet the challenge, a showcase of the University's seven flagship Research Centres and celebration of many UoA researchers who are spearheading cutting-edge research that will transform society.

3 November, 5 pm to 7 pm: UoA Celebrating Research Excellence award evening. Deputy VC Research, Prof Jim Metson, will outline how the seven flagship centres will work with communities to develop innovative responses to persistent and urgent challenges facing Aotearoa.

8 November, 9 am to 10 am: Q&A session with Sir Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief, Springer Nature, OGGB5. [Reserve a spot here](#).

14 November, 5 pm: Deadline for application submissions to the Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund (TIF).

14 to 18 November: ResBaz, a Research Bazaar with 45 digital research skills sessions aimed at all researchers across the country organised by academic and professional staff and postgraduate students across the research community. To book a session, visit the [ResBaz site](#).

21 November, 10.30 am to 2 pm: Faculty of Engineering Research Ideas Day. For information, please contact Christiane Rupp ([c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz)).

22 November, 8.30 am – 8 pm: Liggins Institute Celebration Symposium at the Liggins Institute in Grafton. To receive the calendar invitation or more information, please contact Christiane Rupp ([c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.rupp@auckland.ac.nz)).

21 to 25 November: Circular Economy in Business Research Beacon launch. Programme to be distributed soon.

23 November, 9 am – 5 pm: Climate change, insurance, finance and housing, a workshop organised by the Resilience of the Housing Market Research Group. [Reserve a spot here](#).

16 December: Deadline for submitting 2022 invoices and timesheets for payment.

19 and 20 January 2023: Rethinking Organisational Resilience - [23rd International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organisations](#) hosted by UABS.

Hei konā mai,

Rod

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