



BUSINESS SCHOOL

From the Acting Associate Dean (Research)



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Kia ora tātou,

This is the final newsletter for 2022 and my last as acting associate dean. Snejina Michailova will resume her roles as associate dean research and associate dean PBRF in January following her research and study leave. I have learned a lot in the past six months and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about colleagues' research, research in other faculties, and the university's research operations. I want to thank Meagan Barclay, Juan Camilo Rodriguez and Christiane Rupp for their help in guiding an inexperienced associate dean!

Celebrating UABS research

Errata: In the last Update (#7), we mentioned seven UABS researchers whose names feature in the World's Top 2% of Scientists/Researchers in 2022. Since then, we became aware that Charl de Villiers is also on the list. Apologies for having missed your name, Charl, and big congratulations to you, too.

Congratulations to Rod Brodie for being one of five UoA [Highly Cited Researchers in 2022](#). Since 2001, the Highly Cited Researchers™ list has identified global research scientists and social scientists who have demonstrated exceptional influence – reflected through their publication of multiple papers frequently cited by their peers during the last decade. Of the world's scientists and social scientists, Highly Cited Researchers™ genuinely are one in 1,000.

Congratulations to William Cheung for being awarded the 2022 UoA Early Career Research Excellence Award for his research into neighbourhood walkability, amenity, and the resulting impacts on well-being and the housing market. More information on William's research is available [here](#).

Congratulations to Kiri Dell for having been awarded a Marsden Fast-Start grant to analyse Māori well-being in relation to efforts to normalise Te Reo and how Māori interact with Te Reo revitalisation policies and negotiate their experiences. You can read about Kiri's research [here](#).

The UoA 2022 Celebrating Research Excellence Awards saw the inaugural Research Impact Awards launch, acknowledging research that profoundly impacts communities far beyond the University. The Research Impact Awards recognise the social, environmental, economic, health and cultural impact of research and creative practice beyond the University.

More good news: Open Access Research

On 23 November 2022, MBIE announced the new [Open Research Policy](#) that comes into effect from 1 January 2023. In short, it requires all peer-reviewed articles and conference proceedings arising from research projects fully or partially funded through processes administered by MBIE to be made open access either immediately on publication or at the end of a publisher embargo period of up to 12 months. The NZ Herald published [a good summary of the new policy](#).

Faculty Research Committee

The FRC held its last meeting of the year on 29 November. The agenda included: Introducing Meagan Barclay, our new Research Services Manager; Mid-career researcher development programme update (Rod Brodie); approving conditional RDF applications; and updates from the Early Career Researchers Committee and three FRC task forces.

From the Early Career Researchers' Committee's desk

The Early Career Researchers' Committee (ECRC) would like to thank all ECRs for contributing to the Business School this year and, in particular, everyone who participated in our events. A big thank you to everyone who has offered their valuable time to ECRs, such as the facilitators of the Vision Mātauranga workshop and the annual ECR Symposium. This year also saw some new activities that the ECRC organised, including the inaugural cross-institutional ECR conference held at AUT and the ECR writing retreat last weekend, 4-5 December. This is a short reflection of one of the participants: "The writing retreat run by Helen Sword was an absolute delight to attend. As academics, although we are trained in our own discipline, we rarely get an opportunity to be coached on academic writing. I really loved the workshops that were most insightful and the individual feedback sessions that were very valuable. Vaughan Park was a splendid location by the beach and engaging with Helen and the other participants was a truly wonderful experience. Hopefully, the ECRC can continue to run this retreat annually."

SSRN

The UABS Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN) Research Paper Series currently lists 1,331 papers or abstracts with a DOI reference. It is a Papers Series that has global reach and shows statistics such as number of downloads by country, top downloaded papers, and top cited papers. It can also be subscribed for free by anyone worldwide [here](#). The latest UABS Research Paper Series eJournal, distributed on 29 November, is the second issue with a collection of recent papers published by researchers of the Department of Accounting and Finance. All UABS eJournals are kept on the SSRN webpage [here](#).

Summer Research Scholarships

The Faculty welcomes the latest cohort of Summer Students, with 15 Summer Research Scholarships being awarded to B&E students this year. Students start their 10-week research projects in early December.

Dialog on ethics application and approval processes

Continuing the conversation on obtaining ethics clearance for conducting studies involving human participants, a new training session for faculty and research students took place on 29 November. The session, facilitated by [Gabrielle Peko](#) (ISOM) and [Simona Fabrizi](#) (Economics), featured guest speakers [Laura Armstrong](#) (Centre for eResearch), focusing on the research data management plan; [Misty Edmonds](#) (Iwi United Engaged Ltd.), who talked about Māori consultation and engagement; and [Colleen Altagracia](#) (ORSI) who tackled issues around the ethics application process. The event was well attended, and there was a good discussion around the points raised by the guest speakers and the audience. For those who missed the live event, the recording will be uploaded [here](#) soon and the slides are already available on that page.

Transdisciplinary research collaborations

The Faculty of Engineering's Research Ideas Day on 12 November focused on exchanging ideas and skills in Engineering, Business and Economics, including a session by two successful mid-career researchers on their experience and successes with funding for research and commercialisation. The event was well attended and produced a few matches while others are still in the making.

The third 'Research Ideas Worth Funding' event organised by the Health and Well-being Research Beacon was held on 28 October and co-hosted with the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. It consisted of two panel discussions: one on "The future of well-being" and the other on "Infusing cultural intelligence in healthcare" with panellists and moderators from the Faculty of Business & Economics (Rachel Wolfram, Robert MacCulloch) Engineering (Kim Dirks), FMHS (Vanessa Selak, Ruth Teh), Law (Jaime King) and Science (Danielle Lottridge). The sessions contributed to the development of new research projects that the Beacon is pursuing to implement in 2023. Please check out the [workshop recording](#) and subscribe to the [Beacon's seminar series](#). The Beacon Leads acknowledge the support received from UABS and FMHS.

November saw the successful launch of a new research beacon: the [Circular Economy in Business Research Beacon \(CEBUS\)](#). Five events targeted different interest groups, being: (1) a PhD workshop attended by eight PhD students with a research focus on sustainable business and circular economy, (2) an industry breakfast attended by 70 people with fascinating presentations about how to make the circular economy work for New Zealand businesses, (3) a faculty research workshop with 17 participants shaping the research strategy for CEBUS, (4) a meeting with 15 delegates from MBIE for an agenda-setting workshop to discuss where we can collaborate over the coming years, and (5), a boot camp with 19 students from different faculties, including Engineering, Business, Arts and Science to design circular ventures.

Last month, the Resilience of the Housing Market Research Group ran an inaugural workshop on the future of housing in the face of climate change. It attracted stakeholders from local and national government departments, and banking and insurance sectors. The speakers covered various topics, including the risks that climate change poses to Aotearoa's human capital, national climate adaptation legislation, strategies for managed retreat, and resilience of the housing market to insurance and mortgage retreat. One message came through loud and clear – kiwis are attracted to a coastal lifestyle “with more stuff in the wrong places”. The current investment strategy in coastal defences will buy time for current property owners but will compound adaptation costs for future generations. If you are interested in participating in future events, learning more about the workshop presenters or watching some of the presentations, please contact [Olga Filippova](#).

Funding Opportunities coming up in early 2023

Marsden EOI Submissions – External Deadline: 16 February 2023 – A range of support services are available to researchers planning to submit a Marsden EOI in the new year. The very strong advice from previously successful applicants is to make the most of these activities to support you crafting your EOIs. Join the Marsden Insights Panel on 13 December 11 am – 12 pm for a general Q&A session with recent successful applicants from a range of Faculties at UoA. The link to the Zoom session is [here](#).

Lloyds Register Foundation – World Risk Poll 2021 – EOI submission on portal 13 February – This foundation is offering grants of NZ\$500,000 + for research on their World Risk Poll data, including “Perceptions of risk from AI and misuse of personal data” – “Understanding vulnerability in a changing climate” and “Perceptions and experiences of risk in the Covid age”. Read more: [Call for proposals: Turning the 2021 World Risk Poll into action \(2/4\) \(lrfoundation.org.uk\)](#).

Domestic and International funding opportunities - ongoing

The UniServices Funds Advisor Team has compiled this list of funding calls for all of our major research funders. These calls are circulated via email to the faculty/departments and are located for reference in the following [link](#).

University of Auckland internal funding

For information and support on applying for university-sponsored opportunities, strategic initiatives, internal prizes and awards please refer to the following [link](#).

Journal Quality List review

On 30 November the Australian Business Dean's Council (ABDC) circulated draft recommendations for changes to the ABDC Journal Quality List as part of the current review. [The recommendation document](#) outlines substantive decisions regarding the ABDC Journal Quality List as an outcome of the 2022 Review. Substantive decisions are classified as those to remove journals, add new journals, or not to add new journals. Submissions close on 14 December at 11.59 pm AEDT.

Upcoming research events and deadlines – Save the dates

13 December 11 am – 12 pm: [Q&A with Marsden Insights Panel](#)

16 December: Deadline for submitting 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.

Did you know?

UniServices publishes a quarterly “Update on Government and Industry” that is relevant to the research environment. Examples of topics in the most recent Update include funding opportunities (domestic and international), information on the government's new blueprint for agriculture to reduce emissions, the announcement of \$15 million in funding and plans for a new strategy to bolster the aerospace sector, key learnings from the Oceania Summit, and an update in Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways, a multi-year programme focused on the future of New Zealand's research system. You can subscribe to the UniServices Government and Industry Update [via this link](#).

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season!

Hei konā mai,

Rod

This email is intended to keep the University of Auckland Business School staff 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](#).