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From the Associate Dean (Research)



Update #2, 2023

Hi all,

ABDC Journal Quality List

The 2022 Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) Journal Quality List and its accompanying Report are now available on the [ABDC website](#). The 2022 List follows a review that considered the inclusion of new relevant journals, the exclusion of non-relevant and predatory journals, and journal name changes. No rating upgrades or downgrades were made in this review. 23 new journals were included, 22 journals were removed, and three separately listed journal titles were consolidated into one.

Open Access Publishing

A [recently completed analysis](#) of publications by NZ researchers from 2017 to 2021 reveals several insights on Open Access (OA) publications in NZ, including:

- OA publications by NZ researchers in 2020 received 72% more citations, were 4x more likely to generate a media story, and were 10x more likely to be cited in policy than closed publications.
- While 90%, 78% and 70% of outputs from funded research in the UK, USA, and Australia respectively are OA, in NZ this figure is 58%.

The University has [Read and Publish agreements](#) with many publishing houses that allow researchers to publish their work OA without incurring processing charges. We are all encouraged to check whether the journals we target are included in these OA agreements. Corresponding authors should use their staff email address to access the benefits of these agreements; and the 'open access' option must be chosen at the appropriate stage of the process – this could be at the submission or the acceptance stage, depending on the journal.

PBRF

In the beginning of May, the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will provide each of our research active staff with an estimated PBRF Quality Evaluation grade. The estimates are meant to help researchers assess whether they are on track to meet their anticipated PBRF grade. They are confidential and can only be accessed by the Dean, the Associate Dean PBRF, and HoDs. The estimates are computed by a statistical model that uses outcomes from the previous PBRF round to predict grades for the current round. The predictions are based exclusively on a researcher's Scopus profile. The 2026 PBRF timeline is:

- The assessment period for Quality Evaluation 2026 is 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2025
- July 2026: Submission of Evidence Portfolios to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC)
- April 2027: Results released

TEC has released a list of [2026 PBRF Panel Co-Chairs](#) who will work closely with the Moderators and TEC to appoint the first cohort of peer review panel members. The Chairs for Business and Economics (BEC) are:

- Co-Chair Māori: Prof Jarrod Haar (Ngāti Maniapoto and Ngāti Mahuta) is a Dean's Chair and Professor of Management and Māori Business at Massey University.
- Co-Chair: Prof Gail Pacheco is a Professor of Economics and Director of the NZ Work Research Institute at AUT.

QS Rankings by Subject

The 2023 QS World University Rankings by Subject were released on 22 March. The UoA's rank declined in four of the five broad subject areas. The exception is Social Sciences and Management, which improved from 80th equal to 75th equal. Ranks are based on scores relative to other universities. Thus, similar scores can result in very different ranks, depending on the scores of other universities' subject areas. The subject rankings are available [here](#).

Prof Rod McNaughton is the Business School's representative on the UoA Rankings Strategy Implementation Group which leads rankings improvement initiatives outlined in the University Rankings Strategy 2025. Here are Rod's updates from a recent briefing by representatives from QS:

- The QS subject ranking ranks discipline areas using scores calculated from five components, which have different weights for each subject: academic reputation, employer reputation, citations, H-Index, and international research network. The first two are based on surveys; the remaining three are bibliometric measures using Scopus data. B&E's weakest score is employer reputation, accounting for 30% of the score in

Accounting and Finance, Business and Management Studies, and 20% in Economics. Academic reputation accounts for 50% of the score in Accounting and Finance and Business and Management Studies and 40% in Economics. Citations and H-Index determine the remainder. Our disciplines score above the university average on citations and H-Index, with Business and Management Studies achieving a score of 94.2 (out of 100 points) for its H-Index.

- Two changes in the ranking method will affect B&E's subject areas. First, international research networks are not currently included in the score but will be introduced over the next few years. This counts the number of countries we have co-authors in and is a coarse measure of the international diversity of research collaborations. This may change our scores, depending on whether the new measure reduces the weight of reputational measures or the other bibliometric indices. The second change is the introduction of Marketing as a subject area separate from Business and Management Studies. Rapid growth in stand-alone marketing programmes precipitated this, especially in digital marketing and analytics. Only 20 universities are currently ranked in this subject area, but the number will grow in the next few years.

From the Early Career Researchers Committee's desk

Our committee work for 2023 has started with a small change to the committee's structure which will now include a Deputy Chair role and we welcome Dr Sylvia Gao (MKTNG) to this role. We plan to continue our three main annual events: A Vision Mātauranga workshop; a half-day ECR Symposium, and a Writing retreat. Reflecting on our experience from 2022, we plan to make improvements to all three and look forward to sharing details as we finalise our plans. We also intend to develop new initiatives to engage with Postdoctoral Fellows and PhD students.

Updating our Discovery Profiles

It has been a year since the launch and implementation of Discovery Profiles, and we are seeing the benefits of having this online presence, including increased enquiries from potential PhD students and the media. It is important to ensure our profiles are up to date – please put aside some time over the next few weeks to review and update any relevant sections. You can refer to the Discovery Profiles [FAQ pages](#) to proceed with the updates.

Internal funding for editing services and research assistants

A reminder that you can apply for this funding at any time throughout the year. Application forms are available [here](#). Once the form is completed, please send it to [Juan Rodriguez](#).

Horizon Europe

NZ researchers and organisations can now apply to Pillar Two of Horizon Europe, the EU's largest ever research and innovation programme, on equal terms as researchers from the EU. MBIE and EURAXESS recently presented an [excellent overview of the fund](#) including:

- The 6 Research Clusters and "Areas of Intervention" that will enable researchers to position their research
- The Funding and Tenders Portal, which includes the ability to search for relevant "Funding Calls" and for relevant research partners from member states or associated countries
- The Evaluation Criteria, the Evaluation Process and the timeline of Evaluation

Important points to note:

- All work programmes and funding calls for 2023 to 2024 are now available online to support early research planning;
- Partner searches and brokerage events are available;
- MBIE will provide top up of overheads when bids are registered with them.

More information can be found on the [Research Hub](#).

Upcoming deadlines

5 April: [Climate Impact Awards](#) – up to \$4.6 million for 3 years

12 April: [Royal Society of NZ - Catalyst Leaders Fund](#) – various calls

19 April: [Amazon Research Awards - AWS AI: Generative AI](#) – up to \$110,000 for 1 year

17 April: [Rutherford Discovery Fellowships](#) – up to \$160,000 p.a for 5 years

20 April: [Teaching and Learning Research Initiative](#) – up to \$150,000 for up to 3 years

9 May: [Royal Society NZ – James Cook Research Fellowship](#) – up to \$110,000 p.a. for 2 years

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](#).