Hi all,

**Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition 2023**

On 13 October we celebrated the winners and runners-up of the 4th Business and Economics Research Translation Competition. It is the 3rd time we run this as a national competition, with the participation of all eight NZ Business Schools. Leslie Falkiner-Rose, long-time journalist and the ABDC Strategic Communications Lead, delivered an excellent keynote on how academics can improve the way they communicate their research and expertise. Eight colleagues were awarded out of 28 entries in four categories; three of them were researchers from our Business School. We claimed both places in the mid-career researcher category: Assoc Prof Yuri Seo (winner) and Dr William Cheung (runner-up). Dr Yat Ming Ooi was the runner-up in the early-career researcher category. Four awards went to AUT colleagues and one to Massey.

Work is now underway with the UABS competition entrants to increase the visibility of their work externally, including liaising with relevant stakeholders, featuring the translated work in the media, and creating short-form video content that can be shared via different channels.

**2023 Open Access Support Fund**

As announced earlier, funding is available to pay Open Access fees for high impact publications. You can request this funding to make open access (OA) not only unconditionally accepted new articles, but also already published ones. We are currently prioritising A* and A publications and will consider lower-ranked publications in November. Before you apply, please check first if the journal is covered by an existing Open Access Publishing Agreement. You need to be the corresponding author (or supervisor of the corresponding author) to qualify for this funding.

**Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund – Deadline 30 October 2023**

If you are planning to apply to this fund, Prof Robert MacCulloch and Dr Meagan Barclay are offering to review your draft applications and provide feedback prior to submission. If you would like to make use of this support, please send your draft application to Dr Meagan Barclay by 23 October. A reminder that the applications require sign-off by the Dean, thus we request these are sent to us by midday Friday 27 October to give the Dean time to review.

**From the Early-Career Researchers Committee**

The Early Career Researchers Committee (ECRC) held its annual symposium in early September, which featured a discussion on the use of AI tools for academic research and a panel discussion on strategic research development and funding. The symposium was a great opportunity for our ECRs from all departments to also catch up and network. If you missed the Academic Job Market workshop the ECRC organised, you can request the slides from the ECRC Chair, Dr Mahdi Mahmoudzadeh (mahdi.mahmoudzadeh@auckland.ac.nz). The ECRC will hold its annual writing retreat November 18-19. Tailored to provide a unique experience in a picturesque setting away from the city, the writing retreat is an opportunity for ECRs to further improve their writing skills. The focus of this year’s retreat is writing response letters for academic journals, enabling ECRs to glean valuable insights and advice from three experienced researchers in our faculty.

**From the Mid-Career Researchers Taskforce**
The Mid-Career Researchers (MCRs) Taskforce is organising an MCR writing retreat, which will take place at Vaughan Park from 30 November to 2 December 2023. If you are an MCR and would like to attend the retreat, please contact Dr Alan Toy (alan.toy@auckland.ac.nz).

MCRs are academics with a research component in their employment agreements who have had at least eight years of research experience after earning their PhD, see themselves as having more than five years of a rewarding research career in front of them, and who identify as MCRs.

Visibility of research and publications

Attached to this Update is the latest version of our ‘Visible research expertise’ flyer. It includes a link to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) keywords that we can use in several of our publications to increase our research visibility.

More recently, the Centre for Climate, Biodiversity & Society Ngā Ara Whetū has released a Quick Guide stressing the importance of the use of SDG keywords as strategic keywords and a powerful tool to amplify the impact of our research. The library guide on Researcher profiles and IDs can help in picking platforms, as well as schedule time and activities to engage effectively online. Another good way to make research accessible and noticeable is by following the University’s Open Access Policy and using the Open Access guide. Here are the links colleagues have found useful: Pathways to Open Access @ UoA and Publishing your research.

Other ways for expanding our online presence and research dissemination are:

- In ORCID and Google Scholar: Populate our profiles with our research outputs.
- In Discovery and Research Outputs: (1) Describe our research interests and teaching activities further in narrative form in our research and teaching tabs via editing your profile. (2) Deposit accepted manuscripts and published versions of journal articles, even if they are published OA, via Ask Us. (3) Add further name variants and locations (i.e., Auckland) to name-based searching.
- Reach out to Te Tumu Herenga | Libraries and Learning Services for more support in raising our research visibility.

The Conversation

On 4 October, the Faculty Research Committee hosted Finlay Macdonald, Senior Editor at The Conversation NZ, who ran an interactive session on how to pitch ideas for The Conversation, what kinds of stories they are looking for, and how academics working with experienced journalists can amplify reliable and evidence-based information. The Conversation ("academic rigour, journalistic flair") is a not-for-profit international media platform that works exclusively with member universities to publish a variety of material, from fast expert responses to news events, to readable accounts of the latest research. Published under a creative commons licence, all Conversation articles are free to be republished by other media, significantly extending their reach and impact. The slides of this session are available here.

Opportunities Spotlight

UniServices has just launched Opportunities Spotlight which will advertise research opportunities that do not come through the usual funding call process (e.g., self-service funding opportunities, research exchanges, opportunities to become part of a panel or committee, etc.). To receive these updates, you can sign up here.

Horizon Europe

Some colleagues are starting to consider Horizon Europe funding, so we want to draw your attention to the following initiatives on offer:

- Register your interest through the internal registration form. This will enable the central support team to offer guidance, direct you to relevant resources, and provide details of events or training sessions.
- Upcoming online training webinars are available to provide detailed insight into crucial steps in the project development process, including effectively identifying funding avenues, collaborative partnerships, and constructing competitive funding proposals. Register for these webinars via the links below:
  - 27 October (9 am NZT): Building your Consortium for a Horizon Europe Project
  - 7 November (4 pm NZT): Developing Your Project Concept for Horizon Europe
  - 20 November (4 pm NZT): An Introduction to Horizon Europe Financial Management

Upcoming events and deadlines

24 October: Turning the World Risk Poll into Action (ongoing round) – $500,000
25 October: application deadline for Frontiers Planet Prize, a prize that recognises exceptional scientists whose work helps navigate and secure humanity’s future in the Anthropocene. Three prizes will be awarded to three International Champions for the best research published between 1 November 2021 and 31 October 2023 addressing our planetary crisis. ORSN can be contacted for application forms and guidelines.
26 October: Amazon Research Awards, $82,000 for 1 year
27 October: HRC 2024 Explorer Grants, $150,000 for research working expenses only for up to 2 years
30 October: Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund, $20,000 – 60,000 for up to 2 years. Submit for Dean’s sign-off by 27 October.
6 November: MBE Smart Ideas Registration Deadline
13 November: MBIE Smart Ideas Concept Proposal Submission Deadline. Up to $1 million for 2 – 3 years.

23 November, 8.30 am – 5 pm, Aotea Centre: Future Workplaces Forum | Digital Workplaces

30 November, 2 pm – 5 pm, room 221: Networking | Business School – Psychology – Computer Science. For information, please contact Christiane Rupp.

30 Nov – 2 Dec: Cultures, Communication, Communities Conference hosted by the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics, UoA, will be held in OGGB. The conference theme is “Re-imagining the City: Legacies, Challenges and Possibilities”.

Take care and best regards,

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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 2021 onwards on the Research section of the Business School internet pages.