From the ADR’s Desk

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On behalf of the Faculty I would like to welcome all new staff and higher degree research students to the Faculty of Education in 2011. This is the inaugural research newsletter for 2011 which is designed to keep staff and students abreast of what is happening in the world of research, both internally and externally to the Faculty of Education at ACU. If you have any feedback or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me through assocdeaned.research@acu.edu.au

Research Week 2011

Planning is well underway for the Faculty of Education Research Week scheduled to take place 3-7 October 2011. Activities will be planned on our five campuses with events targeting HDR students, prospective students, staff and community and research partners. The purpose of Research Week is to profile the current research activities of our staff and students, to provide opportunities for prospective students to find out more about what ACU Faculty of Education can offer them, to thank our research partners and to encourage and network with community members and organizations around research. The Executive Dean and the Associate Dean Research will be in attendance on all campuses for the special cocktail event to celebrate our research achievements and forge new research partnerships.

The research week is scheduled for 4th - 7th October, with cocktail evenings scheduled for:

- Mon 3rd October - Ballarat
- Tues 4th October – Strathfield
- Wed 5th October – Canberra
- Thursday 6th October – Brisbane
- Friday 7th October – Melbourne

The research week will bring together a range of activities and events targeting current and prospective HDR students, current academic staff, research partners, community representatives and the general public. Events will be planned and conducted on each campus and web-enhanced activities will be an important feature for those unable to access one of our campuses.
Each School within the Faculty is currently making plans for local events in addition to some of the Faculty-wide initiatives that will take place. We will keep you informed of developments.

**Publication Data**

We are currently processing all HERDC submissions for A1, B1, C1 and E1 categories, please be reminded that the final date for submission into the Office of the Associate Dean Research is no later than 31st March 2011. All information to assist with submissions can be located on Research Services website: http://www.acu.edu.au/162004

Publication submissions are required for staff and students that have published in these categories, if no submissions are made, a nil return form must be completed.

**ACU Industry Research Incentive Scheme**

The internal grant, Industry Research Incentive Scheme, has been activated with a closing date of 29 April 2011. The purpose of ACU IRIS is to provide seed funding for individual or groups of researchers to initiate collaborative links with Industry and Community Partners and to support high quality research projects that require up to a maximum of ACU $5,000 cash contribution to undertake a pilot or exploratory study. To be eligible for ACU IRIS funding to develop collaborative research links, applicants and Industry and Community Partners must intend to apply for an ARC Linkage Award under one of the next year’s rounds of the ARC Linkage Program. For more information on this granting scheme including the guidelines and application form, please access the following link: http://www.acu.edu.au/305015

**Research and Publication Resources**

These are now available for staff on our Sharepoint page. Resources include the research plan templates and publication plan templates (with examples) and an informative DVD. The following link to these resources is: http://sharepoint.acu.edu.au/Faculty/Education/research/Research%20Workshop/Forms/AllItems.aspx

**Seminars & Workshops**

The faculty have secured the following bookings for holding workshops to take place in 2011.

- **Mon 6 Jun 11am-2pm AEDST** (Publishing with your HDR students)
- **Mon 4 Jul 11am–2pm AEDST** (Getting published)
- **Wed 28 Sep 11am–2pm AEDST** (Publishing from your teaching)
- **Wed 23 Nov 11am–pm AEDST** (Journal selection)

It is anticipated that these workshops will run for an hour and the commencement time will be confirmed with the presenters and topics and further updates will follow.

**Website**

We are in the process of redesigning and updating our Faculty Research website, please bear with us during the process. If there is anything specific that you would like to be included, please contact Belinda Megson

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HDR Student Presentations

A reminder to supervisors and their HDR students of the requirement to complete an annual presentation after Confirmation of Candidature. It is imperative that students make arrangements with their supervisors in the first instance. Please be reminded that a panel is required for presentations therefore bookings need to be made in advance to ensure availability.

For doctoral students, in order to confirm your higher degree candidature, you are required within 12 months of full-time candidature (or equivalent part-time) to present a formal thesis proposal seminar to a probationary review panel.

For Masters by Research student, in order to confirm your higher degree candidature, you are required to present a formal thesis proposal seminar to a probationary review panel within the first 6 to 9 months of full-time candidature (or equivalent part-time).

Supervisors can access the national research colloquia schedule to view times that have been booked in advance, this document is available at: http://sharepoint.acu.edu.au/Faculty/Education/research/default.aspx To confirm bookings please email Ms Shelly Reynolds.

National Presentations scheduled via video conference:

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<td>4.00-5.30</td>
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<td>EdD - Confirmation of Candidature</td>
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<td>Carolyn Broadent</td>
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Congratulations
Our congratulations go to the following students and their supervisors who have recently been advised that their thesis has passed. You have made a significant contribution to your field of expertise and it is a tremendous achievement to have reached completion. We look forward to your graduation to celebrate your success.

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ProSPER.Net-Scopus Young Scientist Award Open Now

The ProSPER.Net-Scopus Young Scientist Award in Sustainable Development is given annually to young scientists or researchers, based in the Asia-Pacific region, who have made significant contributions in the area of Sustainable Development.

For 2011, awards will be given in each of three areas:

- ICT for Sustainable Development
- Biodiversity & Natural Resource Management
- Science & Technology with a Focus on Poverty Eradication

Eligibility and Application Process
The award is open to those engaged in graduate education and research activities that emphasize sustainable development in any of the above three areas. Candidates are expected to be employed at institutions of higher education in the Asia-Pacific region (excluding USA and Canada), and should have completed their PhD degree between 1 July 2008 and 1 July 2011.

Deadlines
Nominations and applications are open starting 01 March 2011 and will close at midnight GMT on 30 April 2011.

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