From the Dean of Graduate Studies

As everything from tourism to economics goes global, it becomes ever more important for research training to also include opportunities to cement collaborations across the globe that pull together the best of the best – and at UniSA we try hard to create such opportunities for PhD students. To this end, we offer research degree International Travel Grants: Student Mobility. Thanks to the generosity of the de Rohan family and the scholarship they provide, we also have a very attractive – but competitive – opportunity to travel and stay overseas for a longer period, collaborating on research with international partners. Such internationalisation opportunities are invaluable, as described by our most recent winner, Lauren Frensham, below.

Prof Phil Weinstein

Maurice de Rohan travel experience

Lauren Frensham was awarded the Maurice de Rohan International Scholarship for 2012. Her thesis is titled ‘An online lifestyle intervention for cancer survivors living in South Australia’. She used the $10,800 funding to visit centres of excellence in the field: the Duke Center for Cancer Survivorship at Duke University in North Carolina and the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Louisiana.

At Duke University in the Cancer Survivorship laboratory, Lauren sought the advice of Dr Lee Jones and his team on specific issues such as recruitment of cancer survivors, risk management, and appropriate exercise prescription. She also gained first-hand experience by joining several ongoing clinical trials testing different modalities of exercise across multiple cancer populations.

At Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Dr Catrine Tudor-Locke taught her much on the measurement and promotion of walking behaviours applied broadly across the lifespan and health conditions.

Lauren encourages others to apply for the Maurice de Rohan International Scholarship as it gave her PhD an international perspective. She was able to network and work closely alongside leading researchers. She is now incorporating aspects of the world’s best practice into her own intervention study, thereby translating optimal outcomes for cancer survivors in Australia. Since Lauren’s visit to Duke University, Dr Lee Jones visited Australia for the first time and was hosted by UniSA. Lauren has also fostered a cross-institutional publication, co-authoring a paper with researchers from Pennington Biomedical Research Centre.

Lauren would like to thank her supervisors, Associate Professors Jim Dollman and Gaynor Parfitt, who strongly supported her throughout her scholarship application. She would also like to thank the Graduate Research Centre for this learning and travel opportunity which will add significantly to her research outcomes.

Applications close 15 April (see page 2).
2013 ACSPRI Winter Program

The Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Inc (ACSPRI) is a not-for-profit organisation offering short courses in research methods, predominantly for staff and research degree students at its member institutions. These courses are suitable for a wide range of researchers, cover a host of qualitative and quantitative research and analysis techniques of various levels, and include training in a number of research-related software (eg SPSS, AMOS, Mplus, Nvivo, StatA, R).

Twenty-four 5 day courses are on offer across 3 weeks in Sydney and Perth: 24 June–5 July at the University of Technology Sydney and 15–19 July at the University of Western Australia.

UniSA staff and students are eligible for considerable discounts (including early bird before 8 May).

Program information, a list of courses, prices, FAQs and the booking system

Science Excellence Awards

The Science Excellence Awards recognise and reward outstanding scientific endeavour, including its application in industry and the advancement of science and mathematics education, in South Australia. Nominations close 24 May.

Scholarship opportunities

Maurice de Rohan International Scholarship

Australian citizens studying for a doctoral degree at UniSA are eligible to apply. The scholarship is valued at up to $15,000 plus a travel grant of $2,500 to cover airfares for travel to the United Kingdom or United States of America. Applications close 15 April.

More information and how to apply

Mawson Lakes Fellowship Program (MLFP)

The MLFP provides assistance to early career researchers and Australian and Japanese students undertaking honours, masters or doctoral studies by coursework or research in a relevant discipline in the areas of urban development, planning, urban design and environmental management to study overseas for up to six months in Japan or Australia.

This scholarship provides South Australian recipients with a grant of $18,600 (2013 rate only).

Applications close any time.

More information and how to apply

Australian Biological Resources Study

Student Travel Bursary Program

The Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) offers grants of up to $1,000 to honours, masters and PhD students in Australian institutions to travel to national or international conferences or workshops relevant to their research program in taxonomy or systematics and ABRS Research Priorities.

Applications close 26 April.

More information and how to apply

Endeavour Awards

Applications are now open for the Endeavour Awards, the Australian Government’s competitive, merit-based scholarships for Australian applicants (‘outgoing’). Applications close 30 June.

More information and how to apply

Australia to America Educational Fellowships

The American Australian Association offers individual fellowships of up to US$40,000 each year in its Australia to USA Program to Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia at masters, PhD or postdoctoral level.

Applications close 15 April.

More information and how to apply

Congratulations to...

Eric Agorham (pictured) from the Ian Wark Research Institute, who was presented with a Young Author Award at the International Mineral Processing Congress (IMPC) held in New Delhi, India.

Eric’s work is in the area of fine and coarse mineral flotation. His paper examining the implications of gold mineralogy on its floatation recovery in a typical porphyry copper-gold ore is set to benefit copper-gold mines.

The Young Author Award was presented to the best 10 authors (students and researchers under the age of 35) of papers submitted at the Congress.

My Wellbeing

We care about your wellbeing and understand that you will be better prepared for learning when you feel as healthy and happy as possible.

UniSA views your wellbeing as a key part of a positive learning experience and we provide you with a wide range of resources, activities and services to help.

More information (includes tips)

Upcoming events – keep your diary free!

Induction Program for new students

Mon 15 April and Thurs 18 April

These sessions are compulsory for all commencing students. External students can view the online resources.

More information (program and registration)

Research Professional Online Training

Fri 26 April

8:30am–9:30am ACST

More information about Research Professional

Register for training

Prestigious Scholarships Information Seminar

Tues 14 May, 9–11.30am

Information about the Rhodes, Fulbright, Cambridge Australia and General Sir John Monash scholarship programs for high-achieving students.

More information about these scholarships

Register for this event