The Research EDGE
The Graduate Research Centre. Supporting your research.

DOT POINT NEWS

- **Stress less! The GRC is here to help...**
  During ‘Stress Less’ Week 4–8 June the GRC will be on campus to answer your questions and ease your mind.
  Enjoy a BBQ, stress management workshop, massage, free yoga lesson, and more.
  We look forward to seeing you there!
  Visit the Unilife website for more information.

- **Induction resources for new students**
  You can now access these resources. Use the form to show your online participation.

- **Student portal update**
  The student portal is new and improved and tailored to your needs! You will see there is now a ‘my Research’ tab.
  This will show general Resources for your studies as well as resources relevant to your stage of candidature.

- **Three Minute Thesis Competition**
  Want to find out if you can present your thesis topic in just three minutes? Heats in local areas commence in July.
  More information (see also image to the right)

- **Your feedback**
  The Graduate Research Centre invites feedback about The Research EDGE

From the Dean of Graduate Studies

Please join me in welcoming a very special ‘guinea pig’, Lanoi Maloy, who is doing her PhD at UniSA under joint supervision from Victoria University of Wellington. (See the article below for more about Lanoi.)

New Zealand has fewer scholarships than we do, so lots of excellent students miss out on the opportunity to pursue research training.

In an attempt to help these students, Lanoi is piloting a potentially synergistic relationship whereby a New Zealand citizen can enrol at UniSA as a domestic student on a scholarship, but retain a New Zealand co-supervisor. That way, the student has the benefit of different research training environments and supervisors to enrich their experience – and the supervisors and universities also benefit, by capitalising on brain power and research productivity that otherwise might be lost from the system.

Lanoi is working in the School of Education, but we are also attempting to pilot a similar scheme between the University of Otago and our School of Commerce. So if you know of any talented New Zealanders who may benefit from such collaborations, please encourage them to contact us!

*Prof Phil Weinstein*

**Lanoi – in her own words**

By choosing UniSA, I am able to get the ‘best of both worlds’ – broaden my educational experience, receive a scholarship, and benefit from the expertise of academic staff in UniSA’s School of Education whilst still maintaining links with my supervisor at Victoria University of Wellington.

I am working with Dr Paul McDonald at Victoria University of Wellington Management School and Prof Bruce Johnson in the School of Education. My research investigates the educational experiences of women leaders in Kenya.

I find the Research Education Support Activities workshops incredible; the research education advisers are very knowledgeable and helpful. Attending these workshops has improved my academic writing style. They also provide a forum to discuss my research and get to know other students. I particularly enjoyed ‘Communicating your research to the public’ as I learnt many practical skills about how to communicate the main aims of my research in an accessible way.

UniSA Library is excellent at ordering, and sometimes purchasing, journals and books on African leadership – this has made my studies easier.

Coming from New Zealand, I found Adelaide an easy transition as it is easy to get around and very student-friendly. I particularly enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the Magill campus.

On completion of my PhD, I would ideally like to work for the World Bank in their gender and education projects to gain experience in administration, policy making and good governance principles for developing countries.

*Below left: Sherri Lie (UniSA finalist) presenting her thesis in 3 minutes at the University of Western Australia in 2011*
*Below right: Lanoi Maloiy at Magill, her home campus*
Meet our Vacation Research students

High-achieving undergraduate UniSA students can apply for a Vacation Research Scholarship and spend up to 8 weeks doing supervised research (@ $300 per week) between November and February.

This month’s featured student

Amy Reid’s project was ‘An investigation of “community” and its influence on the aspirations of students in Northern Adelaide’. ‘Undertaking a Vacation Research Scholarship was a rewarding and important culmination of the work I had undertaken in my Honours research through my involvement in the UniSA School of Education Aspirations Project. I was able to work as part of an academic research team to learn research skills and observe first-hand how to ethically conduct socially valuable research. I was valued as an early career researcher and encouraged to consider important contemporary issues. The opportunity to be actively involved in a vibrant research culture has been insightful, inspiring and has contributed to the development of my long-term goals to seek higher degree research.’

Amy found Dr Faye McCallum ‘the most excellent model and teacher as we’ve worked on this research together.’

Pictured: Amy Reid presenting the findings of her research at the 1st International Australasian Conference on Enabling Access to Higher Education in December 2011

Scholarship opportunities

Completion and Fee-relief Scholarships

Are you in the final stages of writing your thesis?

A UniSA Completion Scholarship will enable you to spend uninterrupted time (up to six months) to complete it. Applications close 15 August.

Are you a domestic student who has exceeded the funding period for your scholarship?

You may be eligible for a Fee-relief Scholarship. Applications close 15 August.

International Travel Grants

Would you like to gain an international perspective and improve your thesis?

If you are a successful applicant for an International Travel Grant (up to $5,000 towards travel and living expenses), you can undertake research, data collection or work with institutional or industry partners in an overseas location. Applications close 30 June.

2013 Endeavour Awards

Are you a high-achieving international or domestic student?

This Australian Government’s internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program provides opportunities to undertake study, research and professional development.

Applications close 30 June.

Award overview for Australian and international applicants

Publishing your research – don’t lose your rights

Want to gain the edge in publishing your work, managing your rights as an author and handling copyright permissions for your thesis/papers?

Come to this seminar for research degree students and staff writing for publication:

- Learn the top publishing tips from active early career researchers from each division.
- Explore Creative Commons licensing, open access and the benefits of sharing your research via a repository such as the UniSA Research Archive.
- Contribute questions which will drive our panel session – share with researchers, UniSA’s Copyright Officer, and Library repository staff.

Friday 6 July, 9–11.45am
City West Library CS2-04 (entrance level)

Please register: staff and postgraduate students

ATN e-Grad School courses

The e-Grad School offers online access to resources and activities to help you develop career-enhancing research skills and knowledge.

Upcoming courses

- Practice-led research in Creative Arts, Media and Design: 6 August–10 September (MORE research methodology)
- Entrepreneurship, Project management, Leadership and communication. Research commercialisation, Public policy: 3 September–12 October (LEAP employability skills)

More information and to enrol

Upcoming events – keep your diary free!

‘Stress Less’ Week across campuses

Mon–Fri 4–8 June
During ‘Stress Less’ Week the Graduate Research Centre will be on campus to answer your questions and ease your mind. See ‘Dot point news’ (page 1) for details.

Qualitative research in business – a research colloquium

Wed–Thurs 6–7 June
Presented by the Centre for Accounting, Governance and Sustainability in the Bradley Forum, Hawke Building, City West campus. More information

Refworks workshops (Library)

Thurs 14 (City West) and Fri 15 (Mawson Lakes) June
Join ProQuest’s trainers as they show tips on using RefWorks 2.0, the latest version of this popular tool to help you organise your references. Register: staff and students