Meet Susan Christo

UniSA Vice Chancellor and President’s Scholarship recipient 2012

This top-up scholarship is awarded each year to the top seven PhD domestic scholarship recipients at UniSA.

One of Susan Christo’s projective goals is to pursue a research career on the completion of her PhD. To achieve this goal, she knew it was important to participate in national and international conferences to gain further insight into global scientific achievements and expand her professional networking skills. Thanks to this scholarship, she has attended five conferences and presented her research to top Australian immunologists.

Susan met Prof Ian Frazer (details below), built networks with interstate laboratories, and showcased the exciting immunology research being done at UniSA.

She also met Prof Ed Palmer (University of Basel, Switzerland) and plans to apply for a postdoctoral position in his laboratory to fulfill her goal of working overseas. She hopes to present a seminar at his laboratory towards the end of 2013. This visit will also coincide with the International Congress of Immunology meeting in Milan, Italy, where she plans to present a paper. The UniSA Vice Chancellor and President’s Scholarship will enable her to achieve these objectives.

In addition to enabling Susan to purchase biological reagents for the laboratory and software for data analysis, the scholarship has contributed to her co-authoring two journal articles, with another two publications currently in preparation.

Susan thanks UniSA for providing this very generous and prestigious scholarship which has helped to enhance her training as a research scientist.

Below left: Susan (left) meeting Prof Ian Frazer (accredited for the Gardasil Vaccine, as well as Australian of the Year recipient in 2006) at the 2011 Australasian Society for Immunology meeting in Adelaide.

Below right: Susan presenting an accompanying poster to the oral presentation at the 2012 4th Australasian Vaccines and Immunotherapeutic Development meeting in Brisbane.
Congratulations to…

Dr Sherko Kirmanj
…a PhD graduate from the School of Communication, International Studies & Languages, who has had the book Identity and nation in Iraq published (2013). The book addresses the sociopolitical development of Iraq. Sherko’s PhD supervisor was Dr Shamsul Khan.

Sherko (pictured) was a visiting academic at the University in 2012, and gave the presentation ‘Iraq: federalism and the question of ethnic and sectarian conflict’ as part of the Hawke Research Institute Seminar Series. More information

For help with your own publishing, refer to the Library workshop opportunity below.

Publishing your research during and after the PhD

Thurs 18 July, 10am–4pm
GP 1-09, Mawson Lakes campus

A RESA and Library University-wide workshop for research degree students, supervisors and early career researchers

Gain the edge in publishing your research, understand what journal editors want, protect your rights, and handle copyright permissions.

This workshop features a keynote address from SAGE Publications Asia-Pacific Pte Ltd. (Lunch and afternoon tea are supplied courtesy of SAGE.)

Hear from four early career researchers, the University copyright coordinator and Library repository staff.

Contribute your questions to a panel discussion.

It is strongly recommended that you remain at the workshop for the whole day to take full advantage of the breadth of knowledge and experience about publishing that will be presented.

Register: students and staff

Hoping to get your research out there? Check the Library’s Publishing guide

Looking for ‘top 10’ journals to publish in or for well cited articles? See the Library’s Citation and journal metrics guide

Scholarship opportunities

Visit Scholarships & prizes for more opportunities.

International Travel Grants

This grant gives you the opportunity to gain an international perspective that will enhance your research experience and improve your thesis.

The total value of the grant will normally be up to $5,000 towards travel and living expenses. Approximately 20 grants are available, so make sure you apply to be included in the selection process!

Applications close 30 June.
More information and how to apply

Endeavour Awards for Australian students

These Australian Government competitive, merit-based scholarships provide overseas travel opportunities for Australian current students.

Applications close 30 June.
More information and how to apply

UniSA Wellbeing Week

This week-long event visits each Adelaide campus twice per year with a range of activities and prizes to get you focused on your wellbeing. Wellbeing Week (3–6 June) is a great time to socialise with friends, enjoy a free lunch, free massage, play some fun games, or simply chill out with our relaxation sessions. Visit My Wellbeing for tips, resources and more information about this event.

So you have survived the PhD

Videos are now available from this on-campus workshop for completing students (and others thinking about their future career pathways). Speakers included Dr Bryan Coad (Research Fellow Ian Wark Research Institute), A/Prof Sarah Wendt (EAS) and Prof Jennifer McKay (Director: Centre for Comparative Water Policies and Laws). They focused on creative and successful strategies for attaining academic goals and successfully managing time, resources and wellbeing. Access these resources

Upcoming events – keep your diary free!

Unisa Wellbeing Week
3–6 June
Magill, City East, City West, Mawson Lakes

Refer to the article on this page for more details.

Ethics and integrity in research with humans
Tues 25 and Wed 26 June
Napier Building, North Terrace campus, University of Adelaide. More information and to register

Communicating your research to the public
June (various dates)
These workshops (all disciplines) involve follow-up experience in real or simulated settings (community organisations/media). More information and to register

International Travel Grants

Closing date 30 June
Don’t miss out on this great opportunity! Refer to ‘Scholarship opportunities’ on this page for more details.

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Illumination: UniSA’s research degree information evening
Wed 24 July, 3.30–6pm
Shed light on your research career. Consider doing a research degree. More information and to register