Hello readers!

Welcome to the new look Research EDGE, the Graduate Research Centre’s newsletter for UniSA research degree students and staff!

We value the contribution of students and staff to UniSA’s research, and wish to recognise your achievements during this exciting time in your lives.

Your feedback and ideas for content would be greatly appreciated. This newsletter is a living record of your experiences as a research degree student or staff member.

Prof Phil Weinstein
Dean of Graduate Studies

Joyner Scholarship in Medicine success

A UniSA first! UniSA student Yan Liu has been chosen over Adelaide and Flinders University applicants for the Joyner Scholarship in Medicine. Her research topic is ‘Sensation of breathlessness: cross sectional and longitudinal comparison of four instruments’ and she is supervised by A/Prof Marie Williams.

When Millie Hay (MH) Joyner died in 1993 she provided for a number of educational scholarships. The M F and M H Joyner Scholarship in Medicine encourages postgraduate and other advanced research in medicine.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents, have obtained first class honours or equivalent, and be commencing a Doctor of Philosophy or Medicine in an appropriate medical discipline.

The scholarship is valued at 10% above the Australian Postgraduate Award rate. Tenure is 3 years with a possible 6-month extension. This is a great achievement. Congratulations to Yan from the Graduate Research Centre!

Bellberry Scholarship awardee

Elizabeth (Liz) Buckley is the recipient of the 2011 Bellberry Scholarship. This scholarship is funded by Bellberry Ltd for a student pursuing a research topic in medical and health ethics.

Liz on studying at UniSA:

‘UniSA takes its responsibility to students very seriously and does everything possible to ensure a good outcome for both the student and the University.

Working towards a PhD is giving me the opportunity to not only learn new techniques and methodologies but to also learn, first hand, the process and complexities of planning, conducting and executing a program of research.

The Bellberry Scholarship has provided me with the freedom to pursue this opportunity in the knowledge that the impact on my family will be kept to a minimum. After the completion of my PhD, I hope to continue to develop a research career in cancer epidemiology.’

Pictured below left: (L to R) Prof Sakkie Pretorius (DVC & VP: Research & Innovation), Fraser Bell (Chair Bellberry Ltd), Liz Buckley, Prof David Roder (supervisor)

Pictured below right: Bellberry Scholarship luncheon guests
Journal awards Visual Arts student

Visual Arts research degree student Cherie Redwood was awarded the International Award for Excellence in the arts by The International Journal of the Arts In Society on 31 December 2011 for her paper ‘The handed self: reaching toward individuation’.

The award includes formal acknowledgement in a short presentation and free registration at the Arts in Society Conference at Liverpool John Moores University, UK, in July 2012.

The award was selected by the editors ‘from the ten highest-ranked papers emerging from the referee process’.

Cherie’s co-supervisors are Andrew Hill and Greg Donovan.

International scholarship opportunity

Applications for the Maurice de Rohan International Scholarship are due 15 April. The scholarship is valued at up to $15,000 plus a travel grant of $2,500 to cover airfares for travel to the UK or USA. Australian citizens studying for a doctoral degree at UniSA are eligible to apply.

2011 recipient Danielle Hanisch (pictured) spent 5 months at the University of Warwick in the UK. Opportunities included accessing resources and researchers; teaching; participating in a writing-up group; presenting and receiving feedback on her research; attending other research presentations and networking functions; and participating in research exchange evenings.

She also met several international experts in her field. They provided networking opportunities, mentoring, reference material, research inspiration, intellectual discussion, ongoing support, and links to potential future professional development opportunities.

Danielle on this opportunity:

‘This scholarship was a great opportunity for me to build ongoing international partnerships with experts to bring an international perspective to their work as well as to my own. It has provided sound inspiration and confidence in the tasks of completing my thesis, submitting more articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals, and presenting my work at additional conferences.’

Other successful applicants

More information (eligibility and how to apply)

Completion and fee-relief scholarships

Are you in the final stages of writing your thesis?

You may be eligible for a UniSA Completion Scholarship, which will enable you to spend uninterrupted time (up to 6 months) to complete your thesis.

More information (eligibility and how to apply)

If you are a domestic student, you may be eligible for a fee-relief scholarship, available for 3, 4, 5 or 6 months to students who have exceeded the funding period for their candidature.

More information (eligibility and how to apply)

Closing dates: 15 March

Research and teaching – dynamic duo

Prof Sakkie Pretorius (DVC & VP: Research & Innovation):

‘Teaching inspires research; they are a dynamic duo. We are in the game of education and there are three important functions that universities fulfill – to teach, to research and, through those, to serve the wider community.’

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I am truly grateful for all the opportunities provided to me through UniSA and the Maurice De Rohan Scholarship.

Danielle Hanisch, 2011 recipient

Upcoming events – keep your diary free!

QPR 2012: Quality in Postgraduate Research Conference

17–19 April

QPR is a major international conference focused on research on doctoral education. It brings together educational researchers, postgraduate students, supervisors, academic developers, policy makers and postgraduate administrators. The theme for 2012 is Narratives of transition: perspectives of research leaders, educators & postgraduates. More information and to register

Induction Program for new research degree students

The Induction Program begins with a one-day event Wednesday 4 April. The sessions are Orientation and Responsible research. More information and to register

Ethics Hypothetical

On Monday 26 March, the Division of Business will hold a ‘Research integrity and ethics: challenges for researchers’ Hypothetical for staff and students within the division. The panel will focus on student life and ethical and research integrity issues that could occur during the year. Enquiries about this event to: michelle.trimboli@unisa.edu.au

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Mystery banner photo (page 1): Prof Phil Weinstein going to great depths to recruit – or has he changed his research field to leafy seadragons?