From the Dean of Graduate Studies

Ah! Research driven international travel – it doesn’t get better than that! Annmarie Reid knows the feeling, and describes some of the fun she had below. And yes, I think every researcher, from research degree student to DVCR, enjoys the brain-refreshing experience of data collection, research collaboration, and touring overseas. What is less well recognised is how critical this actually is career-wise. Invariably, students and early career researchers who make good international links early benefit from those links later. Ideas, publications, citations, joint supervision, international research grants and promotions all stand to benefit indirectly with time. So the message is clear to take what travel opportunities you can, enjoy them, and do good research; but keep half an eye on career development as you go, so you get the maximum possible out of the occasion. Best wishes and safe travels.

Prof Phil Weinstein

Travel award experience in England

In 2012, Annmarie Reid was awarded a Graduate Research Centre Travel Award of $5,000. She used the award money to finance four weeks of research in north-east England. Her thesis title is ‘Memories from the mantelpiece, talks from the tool-box: family artefacts in oral histories of English migration to Australia, with a focus on the communities of England’s north east in the post-war period’. Her trip focused on data collection, including:

- tracing the origin and history of significant objects and artefacts discussed in the oral history interviews which make up the main body of her thesis
- spending time at the Regional Resource Centre and the Regional Museums Store of the Tyne and Wear Museums, based at the Beamish Open Air Museum site in County Durham
- living in and travelling throughout the communities her research participants left behind – writing about, photographing and mapping them as they exist now.

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Annmarie thanks the Graduate Research Centre for this travel opportunity which has added significantly to her research outcomes.

Below left: Annmarie visits Easington Colliery – one of the places her research participants left behind. Below right: Section of a hooky mat at the Beamish Open Air Museum Resource Centre and Storage Facility in County Durham.
Science Excellence Awards SA
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.
The four main award categories include:
PhD Research Excellence
There are three awards:
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Life and Environmental Sciences
- Physical Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering
These awards recognise recent PhD graduates (or a candidate having submitted for the award) with outstanding early-career achievement in their field and strong potential to contribute to industry or enterprises in the state.
In 2012 Dr Stephanie Reuter Lange and Dr Christopher Raymond (past students) won this award. See the August 2012 issue for details.
Nominations close 24 May.
More information and key dates

Three Minute Thesis Competition
The date and location for the national competition are 18 October at the University of Western Sydney. Find out about the 3MT®
It’s never too early to start planning your participation. On-campus workshops will be held May–June to help you prepare your entry.

Scholarship opportunities
Fee-relief Scholarship (UniSA)
Fee-relief scholarships are available for 3–6 months to candidates who have exceeded the funding period for their candidature (domestic students only). Applications close 15 March.
More information and how to apply

Completion Scholarship (UniSA)
Completion Scholarships enable research degree students in the final stages of writing their thesis to spend uninterrupted time (up to six months) to complete the thesis. Applications close 15 March.
More information and how to apply

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

Zero Waste SA Pam Keating Memorial Scholarship
Here’s a $10,000 opportunity to make your design and sustainability dreams a reality (Masters degree students only). Applications close 31 March.
More information and how to apply

Congratulations to...
Dr Adam Loch (Business School) who was awarded the Ian Davey Research Thesis Prize for his thesis titled ‘Irrigator trade behaviour in southern Murray-Darling Basin allocation water markets.’
More information about the prize (includes past awardees)

Rachel Wong, School of Health Sciences (PhD candidate) who was awarded for Best Student Oral Presentation at the Nutrition Society of Australia 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Kate Christ, Centre for Accounting, Governance and Sustainability (PhD scholar), who was awarded a Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation PhD Scholarship valued at $29,153 for her project.

SA-NT DataLink service
Supporting health, social and economic research, education and policy in South Australia and the Northern Territory.
SA-NT DataLink creates linkages between data relating to individuals across multiple datasets and captured across many sectors. This data can be supplied to a researcher in a completely de-identified format.
More information (go to the ‘For researchers’ tab for information about applying for access to this data)

More web tips for students
The Research Education Support Activities (RESA) website (QR code pictured) has a new left menu. Once in the site, click on the left-menu heading that reflects your stage of candidature – Commencing your degree, Continuing your degree or Completing your degree.
Choose the milestone or skill you wish to develop. On-campus workshops, online materials (including the e-Grad School) and the Research Degree Graduate Qualities are integrated in one location so you can see the big picture. Provide feedback or make suggestions for improvements.

Upcoming events – keep your diary free!
Research Education Support Activities
Commencing students:
Social sciences, humanities and business
Sciences, health sciences, engineering and technology
English for research writing

Continuing to completing students:
Social sciences, humanities and business
Sciences, health sciences, engineering and technology
English for research writing

University-wide calendar
March events (including Hawke Research Institute events)

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