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advised me! Finally, in March, I too celebrated the exciting achievement of being ‘Dr Monica’. By all reports, I smiled throughout the graduation ceremony. A highlight was ‘Dr Behrend 2’ – my 92-year-old mum as the ‘old’ Dr Behrend toasting the ‘new’ Dr Behrend!

My research was driven by my passion for teaching academic writing to students for whom English is an additional language (EAL). I was curious about how EAL computing students in Hong Kong used online tools to learn to write course assignments. This quest became so much more than I envisioned when I started, taking me into fascinating new ways of thinking, and eventually leading to my thesis ‘Mediating second language assignment writing through online resources: sociocultural influences on design and use’. Regular fortnightly deep discussions with my supervisor and mentor, Dr Jenny Barnett, shaped the whole experience. Sometimes we agonised about no data, mused over surprising findings, or excitedly worked with theoretical insights.

Apart from passion and a brilliant supervisor, what advice do I have? Seek ‘helpers’ in the research degree quest! My helpers were people I met in RESA workshops, EAS forums and autumn schools, School of Education reading and writing groups, the TESOL researchers group and conferences. An academic from another university even project-managed me to completion!

Would I do it again? Yes! My next step is to publish from the thesis and extend the research to research writing!
**Prestigious scholarships seminar**

**Tues 14 May, 9–11.15am**
Bradley Forum, Level 5, Hawke Building, City West campus

Are you a UniSA high-achieving student looking to do a research degree?

This seminar highlights high achiever scholarships available (Cambridge Australia, Rhodes and the General Sir John Monash), identifies the countries where you could study, and gives you advice on how to apply. No matter what your year level, this event is for you! The earlier you start thinking about your career path, the stronger your scholarship application will be.

Please contact Wendy Bowes (wendy.bowes@unisa.edu.au or 8302 5880) in the Graduate Research Centre if you require further information about the event.

Register now to reserve a seat

**Fulbright Scholarship** information session: for details please refer to ‘Upcoming events’ on this page.

**Three Minute Thesis workshops**

Research degree students who participate in the annual 3MT™ competition must present their research in just three minutes, using one PowerPoint slide.

This takes skill, and the RESA program is offering three preparation sessions (1 May, 13 May and 6 June) to maximise your chances of success in the Uni-wide final. The winner of the Uni-wide final will compete nationally at the University of Western Sydney (18 October).

Find out more and register for these workshops

**EndNote and RefWorks (Library)**

Update to the new edition Harvard referencing guide UniSA with expanded examples.

EndNote users can access the PDF and get the matching updated style file from the EndNote research guide (Reference Styles > Harvard-UniSA).

Make sure you have the software update to EndNote X6 for Windows (X6.0.1): select the update from the File Menu > Help drop-down in your EndNote program.

The Mac version of EndNote X6 is available from the EndNote research guide Software tab or from a disc at the Library Service Desk. After installing the base program, you will need to apply two upgrades – first X6.0.1, then X6.0.2.

An EndNote for iPad is available from the iTunes app store at the low price of $0.99 until 31 July.

RefWorks has just released an output style file based on the same specification as the locally recommended Harvard-UniSA style. RefWorks users can get it via the RefWorks menu > Bibliography > Output Style Manager: look for AGPS Press - Style Manual, 6th Edition and add it to Favourites.

RefWorks research guide

**Science Excellence Awards SA**

The Science Excellence Awards SA recognise and reward outstanding scientific endeavour. The PhD Research Excellence Award has three categories: Health and Medical Sciences; Life and Environmental Sciences; and Physical Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering. Nominations close 24 May.

**Young Researcher of the Year Award**

The Australasian Research Management Society and Elsevier are inviting applications for this award. You are eligible if you are doing a research degree concurrently with holding a 0.5 EFT or above position, and engaged in research activities. Applications close 2 June.

Full eligibility and evaluation criteria, and how to apply

**Scholarship opportunities**

**International Travel Grants**

This grant gives you the opportunity to gain an international perspective that enhances your research experience and improves your thesis.

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

**Induction Program – online resources**

Resources are now available for students who were unable to attend the on-campus Induction Program held in April.

This program is compulsory, so if you didn’t attend the face-to-face sessions you will need to view the online resources and submit a form to the Graduate Research Centre. Your online participation will be recorded in your student record.

Online resources for sessions 1, 2 and 3 (and form)

**Upcoming events – keep your diary free!**

**Three Minute Thesis workshops**

Wed 1 May, Mon 13 May and Thurs 6 June
Refer to the article (this page) for more information about participating in this national event.

**Prestigious Scholarships Information Seminar**

Tues 14 May, 9am–12pm
Refer to the article (top left) for more information about this event for high-achieving students.

**Fulbright information presentation**

Fri 24 May, 12–1pm
GK2-16, Gerald Kingston Building, City West campus
RSVP: wendy.bowes@unisa.edu.au
The 2013 Fulbright Scholarship round opens 20 May and closes 12 August.