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

DOT POINT NEWS

- SA Science Excellence Awards
And the winners are... Dr Christopher Raymond and Dr Stephanie Reuter Lange won the PhD Excellence Awards for their categories. Dr Drew Evans (Mawson Institute) won the People’s Choice Award. Congratulations! August issue for more details (page 1)

- Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) Final
Thursday 6 September, 2–4pm, Bradley Forum, Hawke Building. Don’t miss it! More information

- 11th Postgraduate Research Colloquium (BUE)
Thurs 20 September, Bradley Forum, Hawke Building. More information

- Library on-campus workshops
Check the Research Education Support Activities calendar

- Emergency details
Please make sure you update your emergency contact details under the ‘my Personal Details’ tab in the student portal

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

From the Dean of Graduate Studies

As UniSA moves steadily up the rankings (23rd in the world for universities under 50 years old!), the research training environment available to students improves continuously as well. The most recent improvement is the fantastic opportunity afforded by the introduction of ‘Dual Award PhDs’, whereby UniSA partners with another institution to provide a research opportunity that capitalises on complementary strengths.

First cab off the rank will be a partnership with the University of Copenhagen, one of the very few universities from a non-English speaking country that has broken into the top 50 in the world. We thank Bjørn (below) for blazing the trail for us, because without the research degree students these collaborations simply would not happen.

May many more follow in his footsteps – please spread the word to your friends and colleagues!

Prof Phil Weinstein

Introducing Bjørn

UniSA’s dual degree ‘guinea pig’

The first dual degree research degree student, Bjørn Dueholm, has just arrived at UniSA to undertake an ecological study on the hemiparasitic plant Santalum spicatum (Australian sandalwood) and its effects on the host Acacia.

Bjørn comes from Copenhagen, Denmark, and is an offspring of the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) and the University of Copenhagen (KU), where he has been working with plant biotechnology.

His supervisors are Dr Sofia Orre-Gordon at UniSA, and – since the dual degree is in cooperation with KU – Prof Birger Lindberg Møller and A/Prof Björn Hamberger on the other side of the world.

Part of the study must be spent in Denmark and part in Australia. Bjørn will attend two world congresses hosted by the International Parasitic Plant Society during the study.

Bjørn has previously been to Australia (more specifically, nine years ago on a Work and Travel Visa), and finds it absolutely great to be back. ‘I hope I will have time to revisit some of the places I travelled to nine years ago, and naturally also visit some of the places I didn’t see last time; for example, Tasmania and the northern part of Western Australia.’

Bjørn likes outdoor activities and hopes to do an ultra-marathon during his candidature, as well as some climbing and bushwalking in South Australia. ‘My cousin and his family are actually moving to Western Australia next year. I hope to do some running with him, as he is a long-distance runner as well.’

Below left: Bjørn on top of ‘Vor Frelsers Kirke’ (Church of Our Saviour) with Copenhagen in the background

Below right: Glacier walking in Iceland – a two-week trip Bjørn did with his scout group in summer 2009
Northern Business Research Partnerships

Connecting UniSA research with Northern Adelaide

The Northern Business Research Partnerships (NBRP) is a seed funding program aiming to build long-term research partnerships between UniSA staff and research students and organisations in the northern Adelaide region.

Small grant funding ($2k to $10k) is available from the NBRP initiative for small research projects developed jointly with partner organisations, who also need to match the NBRP investment. Each research project is to focus on a specific research question posed by the partnering organisation, and is ultimately expected to deliver economic or social benefit to the northern Adelaide community.

The research projects can be undertaken by UniSA academic staff, or as research student placements (Honours, Masters and PhD). A small number of Northern Business Research Partnership PhD scholarships are also available to help further leverage long-term partnerships where initial placements have been particularly successful.

This is an exciting opportunity for members of the University to establish research relationships with northern partners that can lead to long-term mutual benefit.

To find out more or discuss ideas or opportunities for the Northern Business Research Partnership initiative, please contact Program Leader Lisa McDonald in Strategic Research Partnerships: lisa.mcdonald@unisa.edu.au

Industry Partnership Initiative Fund

Do you know someone in industry who might be eligible for nomination?

This initiative supports a full-time industry employee to do a research degree at UniSA as at least 75% of their job.

UniSA has established the Industry Partnership Initiative (IPI) Fund to support industry partners and their employees, who will undertake a PhD as part of their position within the organisation. Under the IPI scheme, the industry supervisor of a PhD student would be provided with a fund of up to $10,000 per annum for up to three years. This amount is a resource to support the PhD project over and above what would normally be available.

This opportunity is for domestic nominees only. More information (eligibility, criteria and the nomination form)

Scholarship opportunities

Vacation Research Scholarships

High-achieving undergraduate UniSA students are invited to apply. Spend up to 8 weeks doing supervised research (@ $300 per week) between November and February. Applications close 30 September. More information and how to apply

National Library of Australia Summer Scholarships

These scholarships support younger scholars (under 30) undertaking any research which can be supported by the Library’s collections. Applications close 30 September. More information

eResearch SA Summer Scholarship Program

These scholarships are for students currently enrolled in at least their second year of study with a strong academic record to undertake eResearch projects. Scholarships are available for up to 8 weeks and come with a tax-free stipend of $300 per week. Applications close 5 October. More information and how to apply

June Opie Fellowship

For students of high academic achievement who have a severe disability. Applications close 1 October. More information

ATN e-Grad School courses

Upcoming courses

Critical and creative thinking: 5 November–3 December (MORE research methodology). More information and to enrol

Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) Competition: People’s Choice Award

The 3MT™ UniSA Final takes place Thursday 6 September, from 2pm. More information and to register your attendance

Even if you can’t attend, you can view the presentations and vote in the People’s Choice Award by choosing the presentation you think clearly conveys the student’s research.

1. Enter for the chance to win a $50 iTunes gift card.
2. Watch the 3MT™ presentations.
3. Vote for your favourite.

The winner of the People’s Choice Award will receive an iPad generously provided by ProQuest.

Voting opens Monday 9 September and closes Friday 21 September. The People’s Choice Winner and gift card winner will be announced Monday 8 October. Voting survey (includes links to videos)