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- Dr Emma Gleadhill and Dr Jarrod Hore for being recipients of the 2020 Publication Subsidy Scheme from Australian Academy of the Humanities

Our ECRs in the press

- Dr Muhammad Atif from the Department of Accounting and Corporate Governance for his research paper on the relationship between female directors and renewable energy consumption being featured in Forbes magazine.
- Dr Matthew Bailey from the Department of Modern History, Politics and International Relations for being featured in Straits Times regarding the challenges facing retail tenants and landlords. This article was originally published on The Lighthouse.
- Dr Andrew Burridge from the Department of Geography and Planning for being featured on Mamamia’s The Quicky Podcast regarding the state border closures during COVID-19. This story was originally published on The Lighthouse.
- Dr Amy Cain from the Department of Molecular Sciences for her feature in Hospital and Healthcare regarding her research designing a broad-spectrum antibiotic that has been shown to be effective against a range of drug-resistant strains of bacteria. This story was originally published on The Lighthouse.
- Dr Yeshe Colliver from the School of Education for being interviewed on ABC Radio Perth Drive and ABC Radio NSW Statewide Drive regarding how creating an imaginary and playful scenario can help children accomplish a task and for contributing to the article 'Tinker Bell, Batman, Ben 10… if your kids are in character, they're more likely to help around the house' in The Conversation.
- Dr Sally Howell, MUSEC School Principal for providing comment to the Sydney Morning Herald about the NSW Department of Education stopping training teachers in the Reading Recovery program as it was found to be ineffective.
- Dr Kim Lind from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation for being mentioned in the Daily Telegraph and syndicated publications regarding a study which found people living with dementia in aged care facilities are being unnecessarily sedated with anti-psychotics.
• **Dr Alessandro Ossola** from the Department of Biological Sciences for being featured in *Cosmos Magazine* regarding the importance of urban trees for plant conservation and biodiversity.

• **Dr Vanessa Pirotta** from the Department of Biological Sciences for her interview on *ABC Radio Canberra Breakfast* regarding a humpback whale found in the East Alligator River in the Northern Territory, and for providing comments to the *Hobart Mercury* regarding the mass pilot whale beaching in Tasmania and to *ABC News* regarding a beached whale on Western Cape York.

• **Dr Adam Smith** from the Department of Linguistics for being featured in *Australian Geographic* regarding the inventive language of the COVID-19 crisis. This story was originally published on *The Lighthouse*.

• **Dr Claire Wright** from the Department of Management for providing comment to *The Australian* regarding the increasing proportion of Top 100 company boards made up of people from professional services.

**Congratulations to The Lighthouse**

Last month Macquarie University’s marketing publication *The Lighthouse* was listed as one of the Top 20 *Australian Content Marketing Brands* for 2020 and shortlisted for a *Mumbrella Publish Award* under the Best Response to COVID-19 category.

*The Lighthouse* showcases Macquarie’s world-leading research and researchers to broader audiences with their articles regularly being picked up by mainstream media, and *The Lighthouse team* are especially supportive of MQ ECRs.

Congratulations to *The Lighthouse team* for their amazing success and we wish you all the best for the Mumbrella Award which is to be announced November 3!

~The ECR Network Team
This year, the ECR Network team have put together a suite of career-related events which will occur over two separate weeks: one in October and one in November. All events will be held online however for some workshops there will be limited capacity. Where possible, events will be recorded and made available through the ECR Website. October workshops and registration links are listed below. Full details can be found on our website: https://tinyurl.com/mq-ecr-careers2020.

**ECR Careers Part 1: Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October**

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<td>Mon 19</td>
<td>10:30am – 12:00pm</td>
<td><strong>AltAc: Academics out of Academia</strong>&lt;br&gt;In this panel session, you will hear the experiences of academics who no longer work in a traditional academic role.</td>
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<td>Tues 20</td>
<td>11:30am – 1:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Career (re)Planning: Starting with YOU</strong>&lt;br&gt;During this interactive workshop, you will explore personal attributes that will help you identify your “ideal” job whether it is in academia or not.</td>
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<td>Thu 22</td>
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<td><strong>Looking beyond the company website: Developing business research skills</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Research Librarian team covers practical research business skills that will help you to search MQ Library’s commercial databases for company and industry information</td>
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- information that may give you a competitive edge when looking for collaborators or a career change.

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<th>Fri 23</th>
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<td>The Corporate Engagement team will lead an interactive workshop on networking – whether it is for when talking to peers or potential employers – discussing tips and tricks, and creating a space to practice your pitch.</td>
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Workshops

Introducing our “Past Events” page on the ECR Website

Timing can be a tricky thing. Especially when scheduling events. And whilst the ECR Network team try to schedule events at times when most ECRs may be available to attend, we know that sometimes the timing of our events may not suit yours.

However, there is no need for #FOMO. To minimise the effects of missing out we are endeavouring to provide recordings and/or additional resources for as many of our events as possible. This year, with all events moved online, we have been able to provide a recording of nearly every event the ECR Network have hosted. To access these recordings and additional resources, please visit our “Past Events” webpage: https://staff.mq.edu.au/research/resources-and-support/early-career-research-network/past-ecr-events

And if you have any suggestions or feedback for the website please email us at ecrsupport@mq.edu.au.

Other MQ Development Opportunities

Please see myRDC for a full list of upcoming workshops for research staff and students.

- Building your DECRA Budget, Oct 7
- Writing the Statement by the Administering Organisation for the DECRA Scheme, Oct 13
- MQ Professional Staff with a PhD: Dr Emma Gleadhill, Oct 22
- PURE Drop-in Clinic, Nov 4
- Building your Professional Profile, Nov 12
- PURE Training for New Staff, Nov 24

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External Training Opportunities

The ECR Network has compiled a list of training opportunities offered by external groups. Please note that some of these external events may have a registration fee and it is up to each ECR to decide if the event is worth their time and money. If you know of any other external training opportunities that you want to share with your fellow ECR’s, please forward the details to the ECR Network and we will include the information in the next newsletter.

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<td>GrantEd “Accelerate Your Success” Grant Funding Guides</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>The GrantEd Group provide step-by-step advice about how to write winning applications for the most common ARC and NHMRC grant schemes, including ARC DECRA and NHMRC Investigator grants.</td>
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<td>Stylish Writing Intensive</td>
<td>Nov 7-8</td>
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<td>Join writing expert Helen Sword and an intimate cohort of fellow writers for an immersive weekend of dedicated writing time, guided editing exercises, and one-on-one feedback. The Stylish Writing Intensive is designed to help you sharpen your style, ramp up your productivity, and rekindle your pleasure in writing. This unique global event will run from a Saturday morning to Sunday evening for participants in any time zone. Registration numbers are strictly limited, so book early to secure your place.</td>
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<td>#WhisperFest 2020</td>
<td>Nov 23-26</td>
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<td>In November, The Thesis Whisperer (Inger Mewbern), The Research Whisperer (Tseen Khoo / Jonathan O'Donnell) and Narelle Lemon from Explore and Create Co will be hosting a series of online events: workshops, knowledge sharing opportunities and fireside chats around four themes</td>
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| Monday 23rd of November: Wellbeing  
Tuesday 24th of November: Collegiality  
Wednesday 25th of November: Facing disruption  
Thursday 26th of November: Taking back control | | |
| You can see the schedule and submit expression of interest to attend here. | | |

EOI Australian Academy of Science EMCR Forum 2021 Exec Committee

Due October 19

The Australian Academy of Science EMCR Forum is currently accepting expressions of interest for early-to-mid-career researchers to join the Executive Committee in 2021.
All EMCRs are eligible to apply (those with up to 15 years of experience working in science since PhD award; career interruptions will be taken into consideration). Preference may be given to those who represent regional locations, fields of expertise, diversity attributes and career levels that are underrepresented or not currently represented on the Executive Committee.

If you are interested in finding out more about the EMCR Forum Executive Committee there is an [online information session](#) and Q&A on **October 6 12-1pm**.

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**Funding Opportunities**

_A reminder that all funding applications should be submitted through PURE, well ahead of the funding body deadline, to leave time for approvals by HoD, ADR, and Research Services. Check with your Faculty Research Office to find out about timelines for submission._

Internal and External funding opportunities are listed on the [Fellowships and Grant Opportunities page](#). Current opportunities include:

- MRFF _various opportunities_ (MQ submission date **October 14**)
- ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (MQ submission date **October 21**)
- ARC Future Fellowships (MQ submission date **November 4**)
- ARC Linkage Round 3 (MQ submission date **November 19**)
- NHMRC Clinical Trials and Cohorts Studies Grants (MQ submission date **October 28**)
- NHMRC Partnership Projects (MQ submission date **November 14**)
- MQ Fellowship for Indigenous Researchers
- MQ Co-funding Scheme
- MQ Enterprise Partnerships Scheme
- MQ DVCR Discretionary Fund

The [Research Professional Database](#) is available for Macquarie researchers to search for fellowships, grants and prizes by discipline area.

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**National Geographic Society Early Career Grants**

MQ submission date **Oct 7**

The [National Geographic Early Career Grants](#) are designed to offer less experienced individuals (less than 5 years of professional experience in the field of their project focus) an opportunity to lead a project. Grant projects are to last one calendar year or less. Projects are typically funded for US $5,000 and cannot exceed US $10,000.
Mahindra Humanities Center postdoctoral fellowships
MQ submission date Oct 23

The Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University invites applications for one-year postdoctoral fellowships in connection with the Center’s Andrew W. Mellon Foundation seminar on the topic of migration and the humanities.

Migration plays as critical a role in the moral imagination of the humanities as it does in shaping the activist vision of humanitarianism and human rights. Too often, the humanities are summoned merely as witnesses whose primary aesthetic and moral values lie in their illustrative powers of empathy and evocation. Yet the intellectual formation of the humanities—their very conception of the nature of meaning, knowledge, and morals—is deeply resonant with the displacement of values and the revision of norms that shape narratives of migrant lives.

They welcome applications from scholars in all fields whose work innovatively engages with migration and the humanities. Applicants must have received a doctorate or terminal degree in or after May 2018.

Herbert and Valmae Freilich Early-career researchers small grants
MQ submission date Oct 30

Each year the Herbert and Valmae Freilich Project for the Study of Bigotry may offer three grants known as the Herbert and Valmae Freilich Annual Early Career Research Small Grant. The objective/s of these grants are to assist research into the causes, the histories and the effects of ethnic, cultural, religious and sexual bigotry and animosity, and to explore how such intolerance can be combatted, and co-existence promoted.

The value of each individual grant is not to exceed $5000. Grants may be used to assist research in a number of ways, including, but not limited to travel (archival work, fieldwork); research assistance; conference attendance; administrative assistance; teaching relief; childcare costs.

Applications are open to PhD scholars and those who meet the Australian Research Council’s definition of an early-career researcher. Applicants may be Australian residents working in tertiary institutions, the public or community sector, or undertaking private research. Applicants may be from any discipline.

DAAD Short term research grant stays
MQ submission date Nov 2

DAAD research grants provide foreign young academics and scientists with an opportunity to carry out research or continue their education in Germany. There are funding programmes for various qualification phases and stages in a career. The grants also promote the exchange of experience and networking amongst colleagues.

The primary aim of this programme is to promote research projects within the context of doctoral programmes. **This does not mean the researcher has to be a HDR. They can be a recent postdoc, visiting Germany for the purposes of a specific piece of work on a project. There must be a 'program' of research for them.**
Please contact Katharina McGrath (katharina.mcgrath@mq.edu.au) if you are interested in this scheme.

**The Gerda Henkel Foundation Research Scholarships/Project Grants**

MQ submission date **Nov 10**

The Gerda Henkel Foundation Research Scholarships enable ECR and mid-career scholars to undertake a research project within the historical humanities, particularly within the fields of archaeology, art history, historical Islamic studies, history, history of law, history of science, prehistory and early history. Funds projects anywhere in the world - does not need German involvement or to take place in Germany. See [website](#) for application forms and funding details.

**Prizes, Awards, and Competitions**

- [NSW Premier's Literary Awards](#), Oct 12
- [Australasian Association for Engineering Education (AAEE) Awards](#), Oct 16
- [Michelson Prizes for Human Immunology and Vaccine Research](#), applications for 2021 prizes to open soon

For a full list of external prizes please visit: [https://staff.mq.edu.au/research/resources-and-support/prizes,-awards-and-fellowships](https://staff.mq.edu.au/research/resources-and-support/prizes,-awards-and-fellowships)

**ECR Notice Board**

Keen to reach out to other ECRs across campus? Want to find someone to collaborate with? Explain R to you? Explore Sydney’s best walking tracks? Or just looking to connect with others? The ECR Notice Board is the place to go. Just [send us a brief message](#) (no more than 50 words) with your MQ email and, if appropriate, we’ll include it here in the newsletter.
Your ECR Representatives

Do you know the ECR representatives in your Faculty and Department?

The following ECRs meet every two months as part of the ECR Network Advisory Group, led by Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Integrity and Development), Professor Lesley Hughes, to discuss issues and identify solutions to the challenges specific to ECRs:

- **Faculty of Arts**
  - Dr Tom Baudinette
  - Dr Katrina Hutchison
  - Dr Sarah Powell

- **Macquarie Business School**
  - Dr Laramie Tolentino
  - Dr Han Li
  - Dr Rohan Best

- **Faculty of Medicine, Health, and Human Sciences**
  - Dr Elizabeth Austin
  - Dr Jean (Jinhyun) Cho
  - Dr Marina Junquiera Santiago

- **Faculty of Science and Engineering**
  - Dr Amy Cain
  - Dr Matthew Fernandez
  - Dr Michael Swain

- **Research and Research Training Committee Representatives:**
  - Dr Milena Gandy (Faculty of Medicine, Health, and Human Sciences)
  - Dr Mauricio Marrone (Faculty of Business & Economics)

If you would like something raised with the ECR Network Advisory Group, please contact your Faculty representative.

Let us know what else you’d like to see in this newsletter.
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