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Our recent award winners

Dr Jasmine Fardouly and Dr Miriam Forbes from the Department of Psychology for being named two of The Australian’s Research 2020 magazine’s rising stars

Dr Rachael Gallagher (former ECR Faculty rep for FSE) from the Department of Biological Studies for winning the NSW Premier’s Early Career Researcher of the Year Award.

Our ARC Discovery Early Career Research Award Winners
- Dr Pierrick Bourrat (Faculty of Arts)
- Dr Regina Fabry (Faculty of Arts)
- Dr Ana Tanasoca (Faculty of Arts)
- Dr Monika Zalnieriute (Faculty of Arts)
- Dr Xuyun Zhang (Faculty of Science and Engineering)

Our ECR Showcase Finalists – we look forward to hearing about your research on November 19th
- Dr Sophia Aharonovich: Faculty of Arts, History and Archaeology
- Dr Emma Burns: Faculty of Arts, School of Education
- Dr Xu Daozhi: Faculty of Arts, Department of English
- Dr Hasnain Zaheer: Macquarie Business School, Department of Marketing
- Dr Colin Zhang: Macquarie Business School, Department of Actuarial Studies and Business Analytics
- Dr Le (Lyla) Zhang: Macquarie Business School, Department of Economics
- Dr Magdalena Przybyla: Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, Department of Biomedical Sciences
- Dr Annika van Hummel: Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, Department of Biomedical Sciences
- Dr Kathleen Yin: Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, Department of Biomedical Sciences
- Dr Cynthia Isley: Faculty of Science and Engineering, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Dr Noushin Nasiri: Faculty of Science and Engineering, School of Engineering
- Dr Katherine Wongtrakul-Kish: Faculty of Science and Engineering, Department of Molecular Sciences
Our ECRs in the press

Dr Simon Clulow from the Department of Biological Sciences was featured on ABC Radio Pacific Beat regarding the deadly Chytrid fungus which has decimated hundreds of frog species around the world except PNG which has implemented a frog saving program to stay ahead of the fungus.

Dr Roger Huang from the Department of Security Studies and Criminology was quoted on Vice regarding youth protests in Thailand.

Dr Hana Krskova from the Department of Marketing was featured in Education Review regarding the importance of discipline for school students’ academic performance. This story was originally published on The Lighthouse.

A study by Dr Kimberly Lind and Dr Magda Raban from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation on constipation in aged care residents was featured in The Sydney Morning Herald.

Dr Alessandro Ossola from the Department of Biological Science for his interview with Nature Index on different career paths to succeed after a PhD.

Dr Vanessa Pirotta from the Department of Biological Sciences for her interviews with ABC Radio Sydney Drive about sea snakes and with ABC Radio South East NSW Breakfast regarding a sighting of an unusual-looking humpback whale, and for her feature on ABC Online regarding a sighting of a humpback whale with an overbite.

Save the Date: ECR Showcase 2020

Nov 19, 11:30am – 2pm

The ECR showcase is a new endeavour – developed by ECRs for ECRs - to exhibit the depth and breadth of early career research to the wider Macquarie University community. We are less than a couple of weeks away from the inaugural event where our twelve finalists will have the opportunity to showcase their research.

To ensure the event is COVID-19 safe, the ECR Showcase Committee have, with MQ Events Team, coordinated a hybrid live/online event. The finalists will present their research face-to-face to a small audience of judges and committee members which will be broadcast live via Zoom.

Keep an eye out in your inboxes for your invitation to attend the livestream webinar and cheer on your fellow ECRs.
ECR Planning Day 2020

Last month the ECR Network Advisory Group along with department ECR representatives, faculty research managers, and associate deans research met for the ECR Networks annual planning day. And in true 2020 style, for the first time we held the event virtually.

Over 30 ECR representatives and ECR Network Team members joined over Zoom to discuss how the faculty and department ECR representatives made the best of a very trying year and how the ECR Network can best support MQ ECRs in 2021. Topics discussed included:

- Building citizenship and leadership opportunities for ECRs
- Increasing engagement across faculties at ECR events
- Supporting ECR career development
- Schedule for 2021

The ECR Network Team are now starting to put together next year’s program based on these discussions. If anyone from the wider ECR Community have any thoughts or suggestions on these topics or others, feel free to email the ECR Network Team or talk to your faculty and department ECR representatives.

Other MQ Development Opportunities

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

- Building your Professional Profile, Nov 12
- Qualitative Research for Social Impact, Nov 12
- Mindfulness meditation session (on campus) - Walking practice, Nov 17
- MQ Professional Staff with a PhD: Dr. Natalie Spence, Nov 17
- Strategic Use of LinkedIn - Professor Elizabeth Sheedy, Nov 18
- Active Data Management on CloudStor, Nov 18
- Mindfulness meditation session (online) - Releasing tension and softening, Nov 23
- PURE Training for New Staff, Nov 24
- Building Teaching Capabilities – Use of Case Studies (part 1), Nov 27
- Freewriting for academics, Dec 7

Mindfulness meditation sessions

Facilitator: Dr Michelle Jamieson, HDR Learning Advisor, Arts

Mindfulness meditation is a practice of focusing the mind on our present moment experience. By opening to the breath and sensations, we learn to be where we are and with what is. These sessions are open to any university staff or students interested in
meditation (beginners welcome). There are opportunities for Q&A at the end of each session.

Walking meditation - Tuesday 17th November, 12-1pm
Where: Meet at the front entrance of The Chancellery building

Releasing tension and softening - Monday 23rd November, 1-2pm
Zoom: https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/2459803591

**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>November</td>
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<td>By popular demand, Helen Sword is running her 30 Day &quot;Writing with Pleasure&quot; Challenge for the month of November 2020. Sign up to receive a daily email and video link to keep you on track -- or, if you miss a day, to remind you that it's okay not to be perfect all the time!</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. Registration is now open</td>
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<td><strong>DAY 1 - MONDAY 23 Nov 2020 - WELLBEING</strong></td>
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<td>• Please put your mask on first: Self-care as self healing</td>
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<td>• Live-taping of 'On the Reg': a semi-regular podcast about academic working lives</td>
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<td><strong>DAY 2 - TUESDAY 24 Nov 2020 - COLLEGIALITY</strong></td>
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<td>• Building cross-sector networks and online collegiality</td>
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<td>• Missed collegiality: Making space for community</td>
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<td><strong>DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 25 Nov 2020 - FACING DISRUPTION</strong></td>
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<td>• So, you’re graduating your PhD in a pandemic. What next?</td>
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<td>• Voices from the outside: Careers beyond academia</td>
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<td><strong>DAY 4 - THURSDAY 26 Nov 2020 - TAKING BACK CONTROL</strong></td>
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<td>• Rich academic, poor academic? Side hustles and start ups</td>
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<td>• Let’s talk boundaries, habits and self-care: Staying focused and motivated with your writing</td>
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**Fireside Chats** (which will take place at the end of each #Whisperfest day)
- MONDAY - *Let’s talk about perfectionism, imposter syndrome, and burnout*
- TUESDAY - *The future of universities*
- WEDNESDAY - *#circleofniceness: the origin story*
- THURSDAY - *Why academia shouldn’t be a competition*

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<th>The Well Academic Early Career Writing retreat</th>
<th>Nov 30 – Dec 4</th>
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<td>Join Sydney poet and scholar Dr Willo Drummond, The Mindful Researcher, Dr Michelle Jamieson, and international yoga teacher Lucien Nabbs for a week of writing, mindfulness, and yoga, from the comfort of your own home.</td>
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<td>An investment in this program is an investment in your writing and your well-being. It includes:</td>
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<td>• A daily writing schedule facilitated by Dr Willo Drummond, with research-based discussion sessions geared to foster reflexive and self-compassionate mental habits that encourage creativity and productivity</td>
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<td>• 4 x live mindfulness workshops with ‘The Mindful Researcher’ Dr Michelle Jamieson</td>
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<td>• Live mindfulness meditation sessions that can be replayed and repeated as needed throughout the week.</td>
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<td>• Daily yoga classes uniquely created for the cohort, that can be repeated on demand throughout the week</td>
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<td>• 4 x evening yoga nidra relaxation sessions to promote restorative sleep</td>
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<td>• Ample unstructured private time to write</td>
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<td>• Optional daily zoom co-working sessions to bolster productivity and counter the isolation of the writing life</td>
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<td>• The companionship of a small cohort of like-minded emerging scholars (max 20 participants)</td>
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<td>• Three months' access to all recorded materials to assist you to develop your practice</td>
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<td>• Following the retreat, three months of ongoing support and community with retreat alumni in our private virtual writers' club, to encourage your continued development.</td>
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Responsible Authorship and Peer Review
By the Research Integrity Team

Authorship can be complicated – we know! and conventions in authorship order can differ across disciplines. But clearly conveying the people who have contributed to research in publications is an essential element of research integrity.

Researchers are expected to assign authorship based on significant intellectual or scholarly contribution. The newly released Macquarie University Authorship Standard outlines these expectations and your responsibility to attribute authorship fairly and honestly. This is essential reading for all researchers, especially Early Career Researchers or those that are a part of a large group.

Planning early and often is one way to help avoid issues or misunderstandings when it comes to authorship. The planning form accompanying the Authorship Standard can help guide you in this task.

Also recently released is the Peer Review Standard, providing direction for how to participate in peer review in a way that is fair, rigorous and timely whilst maintaining the confidentiality of the content. Peer Review is a lynchpin of research publishing so upholding these principles helps to increase confidence in research by increasing its veracity and reproducibility.

As an Early Career Researcher, being familiar with the Macquarie Research Code and its supporting procedures and standards will help you meet your responsibilities in applying the principles to your research.

Contact research.integrity@mq.edu.au or a Research Integrity Advisor with questions or concerns about research conduct.

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New policy and toolkit for social media users
By This Week

Social media is an important communication tool and there are many reasons for the University community to be active online – to join discussions, connect with colleagues and grow networks, to name a few.

A new Social Media Toolkit is now available for staff, providing guidance on ongoing account management, content development and social media best practice.

The Toolkit, approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement), also stipulates that any member of the University community wanting to create a new social media account associated with Macquarie is now required to first submit a business case to the Head of Social Media, Group Marketing (socialmedia@mq.edu.au), for prior consideration.
This change is due to the rapid explosion in Macquarie-affiliated social media pages, with close to 500 channels currently in existence, all with varying levels of account management in place. Following wide consultation, the DVC (Engagement) has also recently approved a new Social Media Policy, which specifies the rights and responsibilities of staff when using social media in their capacity as an employee, to safeguard their reputation and that of the University. The new Policy supersedes the previous guidelines.

To keep track of all policy updates, visit the New or Amended Policy Documents webpage.

**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:

- ARC Linkage Round 3 (MQ submission date **November 19**)
- 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.

**Google Research Scholar Program**

MQ submission date **Nov 19**

Google’s Research Scholar program provides unrestricted gifts to support research in computer science and related research areas at institutions around the world, and is focused on funding world-class research conducted by ECR faculty. It is hoped that the program will help develop collaborations with new faculty and encourage the formation of long term relationships.

Funding: USD60,000

Eligibility: Permanent university researchers less than 7 years out of their PhD.
Prizes, Awards, and Competitions

- **Bupa Health Foundation Emerging Health Researcher Award**, closing 11 November 2020
- **Albert Einstein World Award of Science**, closing 27 November 2020
- **José Vasconcelos World Award of Education**, closing 27 November 2020
- **Dr. Margaret Faul Women in Chemistry Award 2021**, closing 11 December 2020
- **The Gruber Genetics Prize**, closing 15 December 2020
- **The Gruber Neuroscience Prize**, closing 15 December 2020
- **The Gruber Cosmology Prize**, closing 15 December 2020

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
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.
Email ecrsupport@mq.edu.au with your suggestions and feedback.

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