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Dr Tom Baudinette from the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature provided comment to an article in *GQ Japan* on the spread of Japanese queer popular culture across Asia.

Dr June Buchanan from the Department of Marketing was mentioned in the *Geelong Advertiser* regarding poker machines being used for money laundering.

Dr Alexandra Carthey from the Department of Biological Sciences was featured in *The Guardian* regarding flatpack homes to help native wildlife recover when their habitat has been destroyed.

Dr Jasmine Fardouly from the Department of Psychology provided comment to *Mamamia* and *Forbes* about the body image impacts of unrealistic image editing and social media filters.

Dr Jennifer Hunt from the Department of Security Studies and Criminology was interviewed by *ABC NewsRadio* regarding the Biden Administration.

Dr Georgia McWhinney from the Department of Security Studies and Criminology contributed an article to *The Conversation* on how Anzacs treated lice.

Dr Nousin Nasiri from the School of Engineering was featured on *Channel 9 News* regarding her invention of a UV-sensing watch to warn people when they have exceeded safe sun exposure. This story was originally published on *The Lighthouse*.

Dr Alessandro Ossola from the Department of Biological Sciences provided comment to *ABC News* about preventing birds flying into buildings.

Dr Vanessa Pirotta from the Department of Biological Sciences provided comment to *ABC News, ABC Canberra* and *Daily Mail* about the white whale Migaloo, was interviewed on *ABC Radio Sydney Drive* on humpback whales and was featured in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *ABC Radio Sydney* regarding a proposal for removing humpback whales from the threatened species list.

Dr Chris Reid from the Department of Biological Sciences contributed the article 'Bridges, highways, scaffolds: how the amazing engineering of army ants can make us smarter creators' to *The Conversation* and was featured on *ABC Radio Sydney Afternoons* and in *New Atlas* and *Daily Mail* regarding his research on army ants.

Dr John Selby from the Department of Accounting and Corporate Governance was featured in *CSO Online* regarding issues facing the cyber insurance industry.

Dr Rebecca Sheehan from the School of Social Sciences provided comment to the *Sydney Morning Herald* about the government's plan to crack down on workplace sexual harassment.

Dr Bianca De Wit from the Department of Cognitive Science was featured on *ABC Evening News* regarding a trial using mouth guards to monitor concussions in AFL.

*Are you an ECR who has recently been in the press? Or maybe you know an ECR who has recently featured in the press. If so, let us know at ecrsupport@mq.edu.au so we can celebrate your (or their) success in the next ECR newsletter!*
2021 Academic Staff Awards

This year Macquarie will acknowledge the important connection between research and learning and teaching by celebrating the Research Excellence Awards and the Vice Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Awards under the one banner of the Academic Staff Awards.

These awards recognise the important contributions our staff are making to learning, teaching and student success and to world-leading research and world-changing impact.

ECRs are encouraged to apply for these awards, in particular the awards dedicated to ECRs. Be part of celebrating Macquarie’s excellence in research and learning and teaching – Apply now!

**Macquarie University Early Career Researcher of the Year Award**

Due Jun 4

*Recipient of the 2019 MQ ECR of the Year Award: Dr Katrina Hutchison, Faculty of Arts (seen with VC Bruce Downton, left) and Dr Bingyang Shi, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences.*

The Macquarie University Early Career Researcher of the Year Award acknowledges outstanding performance in research by an early career researcher (in both HASS and STEMM based disciplines) who is within five years post-completion (formal award) of their PhD or MPhil degree. For applicants whose work has been realised over a period longer than 5 years from PhD award due to career disruption (pregnancy; major illness; or carer responsibilities), the applicant must address this in the entry documentation citing the circumstances of career disruption and demonstrating that the applicant has completed the work within a period of no more than 5 years FTE (full time equivalent) research activity.

The Research Excellence Awards are now open, applications close at 11:59 pm on 4 June 2021, so start your application now! Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Questions related to the Research Excellence Awards guidelines and application process should be directed to dvcr.researchexcellence@mq.edu.au.

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Vice-Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Awards
Due Jul 9

Recipient of the 2020 Vice-Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching, Early Career Award, Dr Rimante Ronto (centre), Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Early Career Award recognises staff for their quality teaching and support of learning and the impact they have on influencing, motivating and inspiring students to learn. The Early Career category is for staff with no more than 5 years’ teaching experience in higher education institution(s).

Applications for this award must address at least two of the following criteria:

- Designing and implementing transformative learning that motivates, supports, guides, and inspires students
- Implementing scholarly approaches to learning and teaching
- Designing and implementing student-centred formative and summative assessment tasks that are aligned with student learning outcomes and provide appropriate and timely feedback to inform learning
- Contributing to the enhancement of learning and teaching at the unit and/or course level, including creating engaging learning environments and assisting students from equity and other demographic subgroup categories.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Awards are now open, applications close at 11:59 pm on 9 July 2021 so start your application now! Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Questions related to the Vice-Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Awards guidelines and application process should be directed to LToperations@mq.edu.au.

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Focus On…Caring for Carers

Though but only one letter difference, the difference between having a career and being a carer appear quite distinct. Yet when these worlds collide, as often does for many of us, managing the balance of both becomes a job within itself.

“At Macquarie University, we don’t see that being a parent or a carer and having a great career are mutually exclusive.”

Macquarie University is committed to helping employees manage the balance between career and carer responsibilities and established the Carers Hub to help ease the friction between career and carer.

The Carers Hub directs MQ staff to relevant documentation (such as leave entitlement) and highlights the range of internal and external resources and support available (such as flexible work options). Whether you are (or will be) raising a family or caring for a loved one, we recommend that you browse the Carers Hub page.

For those of you raising a family, the ECR Network is planning a panel session on “research and family matters” for Session 2 and are looking for ECRs to help run breakout discussions pertaining to different age groups and/or family structures. If you are interested in contributing to these panel discussions please email us at ecrsupport@mq.edu.au.

Researcher Development Opportunities

MQ Workshops

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

- Building Research Capabilities - Survey Research workshop, May 28, 3-5pm
- Building Teaching Capabilities - Part II Case Studies, Jun 4, 3-5pm
- Crafting and effective ARC Discovery Project rejoinder, Jun 11 12-1:30pm
- Building your professional online profile, Jul 22, 10-11:30am
- Strengthening Personal Resilience, Aug 20, 1-3:30pm (register through Workday)
- Pure training for new staff, Oct 13 10-11:30am
- Strengthening Personal Resilience, Aug 20, 9:30am-12pm (register through Workday)
External Workshops
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><strong>GrantEd “Accelerate Your Success” Grant Funding Guides</strong>&lt;br&gt;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><strong>Media and communications training</strong>&lt;br&gt;Science in Public is running its media and communication masterclass in Sydney and online. During the masterclass you will meet journalists, gain confidence in talking to the press, and practice being interviewed. You’ll learn how to plan your communication, find the story in your research and how to communicate it so that it delivers impact and reaches the audiences that are important to you.</td>
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Reboot STEMM
Participation EOI due May 28<br>Event held Jun 22

Imagine a STEMM sector where our careers are rewarded based on more inclusive, fair and productive outcomes. Join the conversation and contribute your ideas in this highly interactive event to reboot our sector.

The Australian Academy of Science is inviting early- and mid-career researchers (EMCRs) in Australia to join Reboot STEMM, a half-day virtual think tank on Tuesday 22nd June to help reboot the sector by co-designing a strategy to lead to a more inclusive and diverse way of defining, recognising and rewarding “success”. For more information see the Reboot STEMM webpage.

The ABC's Top 5 Media Residency Program for Arts, Science, and Humanities
Applications due June 1

ABC's Top 5 residency program provides an in-house, intensive two-week media experience based at ABC RN in Sydney. The program is designed to nurture the communication skills and media awareness of our emerging thinkers — to help them share their knowledge and expertise with audiences seeking credible material and informed debate.

There are three residency streams: Arts, Science, and Humanities.

The successful researchers experience two weeks 'in residence' at ABC Ultimo Sydney, working alongside some of the country’s best journalists and broadcasters, training in media communication and developing content for different ABC platforms.
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 Projects**
  - Round 2: **Jul 19** (MQ submission date), Aug 16 (ARC submission date)
  - Round 3: **Nov 18** (MQ submission date), Dec 16 (ARC submission date)
- **ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award**, **Aug 11** (MQ EOI deadline), Oct 13 (MQ submission date), Nov 17 (ARC submission date)
- **ARC Future Fellowships**, **Sep 15** (MQ EOI deadline), Nov 3 (MQ submission date), Dec 8 (ARC submission date)
- **NHMRC Development Grant**, open Apr 21, **May 19** (MQ submission date), Jun 16 NHMRC submission date)
- **MQ Research Fellowship EOI**, **May 5** (FoA deadline), **May 19** (MQBS and FSE faculty deadline), **May 26** (EOI submission date)
- **MQ Fellowship for Indigenous Researchers**
- **MQ Carer Conference Support Scheme**
- **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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scientist Award

Research Services compliance deadline: 18 May 2021
Funder closing date: 1 June 2021

The Australian Academy of Science’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scientists Award recognises research in the physical and biological sciences, allowing interdisciplinary and sociocultural research that could straddle the social sciences and humanities, by outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander PhD students and early- and mid-career scientists. It aims to support their research and/or the expansion and growth of their research networks and international knowledge exchange through visits to relevant international centres of research. Awards will be for up to $20,000, with additional support provided to attend the Academy’s Annual Science at the Shine Dome event.
The Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Award
Research Services compliance deadline: 18 May 2021
Funder closing date: 1 June 2021

The Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Award is an annual award to assist early-stage PhD students or early career researchers (<5 FTE years postdoc) with their research.

Applicants must demonstrate a multi-disciplinary approach to their research work and conduct their research in one or more of the biological sciences relating to one or more of the following disciplines:

- conservation of Australia’s flora and fauna
- ecologically sustainable resource use
- environmental protection
- ecosystem services (either provisioning services, or habitat and supporting services)

The Margaret Middleton Fund for endangered Australian native vertebrate animals
Research Services compliance deadline: 18 May 2021
Funder closing date: 1 June 2021

The Margaret Middleton Fund offers PhD students and early-career researchers (<3 years FTE postdoc) up to $20,000 to support field-based, high-quality ecological research. The objective of the grant is to provide financial support for conservation-based research of Australian ecosystems (including off-shore islands and the continental shelf) that ultimately will lead to tangible outcomes for management. The scope of the research is open to terrestrial, marine and freshwater research on vertebrate animals.

Thomas Davies Research Grant for Marine, Soil and Plant Biology
Research Services compliance deadline: 18 May 2021
Funder closing date: 1 June 2021

The Thomas Davies Research Grant is funded through a generous philanthropic bequest from the estate of the late Thomas Lewis Davies to the Australian Academy of Science. The fund offers annual science grants of up to $20,000 each to early-and mid-career researchers (<15 FTE years postdoc) in the field of marine, soil and plant biology.

Capstone Editing: Early Career Academic Research Grant for Women
Research Services compliance deadline: May 20
Funder closing date: Jun 7

The Capstone Editing Early Career Academic Research Grant for Women provides up to $5,000 for one ECR woman (awarded her PhD within the past 6 FTE years) to assist with the costs associated with a research project of her choosing leading towards a publication.

The grant can be used to cover any costs related to a research project leading to publication, such as conducting a field trip; purchasing books, software or equipment; hiring a translator; travel to
learn new techniques in a lab interstate or overseas; small lab equipment; key reagents to complete a project; performing surveys or interviews; and academic editing, such as for journal articles, manuscripts and conference papers. The grant can also be used to cover expenses that most university funding does not cover, such as childcare.

**International Australian Studies Association ECR publication subsidy scheme**

**Research Services compliance deadline: Jun 16**
Funder closing date: Jun 30

The International Australian Studies Association ECR publication subsidy scheme supports early-career researchers (<5 years postdoc) working in Australian studies in publishing their work on Australian studies.

Applicants must prove that their work would not be published without this subsidy. The subsidy (up to $1,500) will only be granted to books that have not yet been published. Successful applicants must become members of the association upon acceptance of the award.

**Australian-American Fulbright Commission Awards**

**Research Services compliance deadline: Jun 22**
Funder closing date: Jul 6

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission offers Scholarships to Australian citizens across all career stages. Awardees take part in a bi-lateral academic and cultural exchange, pursuing research or study at a U.S. institution.

**Postdoctoral opportunities** are available for who have completed their PhD in the past 5 years or who will have their PhD conferral before the proposed date of departure.

**Humboldt Research Fellowship for postdoctoral and experienced researchers**

Applications accepted throughout the year, funding selection committee meets Mar, Jul, and Nov

The Humboldt Research Fellowship enables postdoctoral (<4 years postdoc) and experienced (<12 years postdoc) researchers to conduct their own research during a 6-24 month stay in collaboration with a host at a German research institution of your choice.

***If you are interested in these schemes, please contact Katharina McGrath (katharina.mcgrath@mq.edu.au) or Tina Stubenrauch (tina.stubenrauch@mq.edu.au).***
Prizes, Awards, and Competitions

Below is a list of currently open academic prizes, awards, and competitions that ECRs may wish to enter. For a full list of external prizes please visit: https://staff.mq.edu.au/research/resources-and-support/prizes,-awards-and-fellowships. If you are interested in applying, please contact your Faculty Research Manager in the first instance.

- The International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences Communications Prizes, May 28
- Michelson Prizes for Human Immunology and Vaccine Research (<35 years of age), Jun 18
- Nature Research Inspiring Science and Innovating Science Awards (<10 FTE years postdoc; identify as a woman), Jun 20
- Fresh Science 2021 (<5 FTE years postdoc), opens in May and closes in June

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 Francesca Dominello
- Dr Matt Withers
- Dr Helen Wolfenden

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

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 Vera Horigue
- Dr Mikolaj Schmidt

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

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