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Dr Anam Bilgrami from the Macquarie University Centre for the Health Economy was interviewed by *HR Director Magazine* about paid parental leave and mental health outcomes.

Dr Lindsey Brett and Natasha Pocovi from the Department of Health Professions contributed an article to *Australian Ageing Agenda* on the need for a funding too to cover allied health.

Dr Paul Crosby and Dr Andrew Evans from the Department of Economics were featured in *The Australian* regarding their study of the 'hot' and 'cold' hands phenomenon in golf. This story was originally published on *The Lighthouse*.

Dr Connor Gervais from the Department of Biological Sciences was featured in the *Tasmanian Times* and on *Ultra106Five* radio regarding how marine species are moving due to global warming.

Dr Oliver Griffith from the Department of Biological Sciences contributed an article to *The Conversation* on motherhood across the animal kingdom.

Dr Cynthia Isley from Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences was featured in *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Daily Mail* with regards to her research on lead contamination in backyard soil.

Dr Mei-fen Kuo from the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature was featured on *ABC Chinese* regarding attitudes of the Australian Taiwanese community towards the situation in the Taiwan Strait.

Dr Yi Li from the Department of Marketing contributed an article to *The Conversation* on the confusion consumers face when food products are labelled “light”.

Dr Maciej Maselko from the Department of Biological Sciences was featured in *True Blue* magazine regarding genetically engineering fruit flies with possible applications to mosquitos to prevent disease. This story was originally published on *The Lighthouse*.

Dr Vanessa Pirotta from the Department of Biological Sciences was interviewed by *ABC Sydney Breakfast* about whale spotting, contributed an article to *The Conversation’s Curious Kids* series and was interviewed by *ABC Brisbane* about the bodily functions of whales, and provided comment to *The Fraser Coast Beacon* on possible sightings of Migaloo the white whale.

Dr Kathleen Yin from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation was featured in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *ABC NewsRadio* regarding the mental health benefits for players of the game 'Pokemon GO' during lockdown. This story was originally published on *The Lighthouse*.

*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!*
Researcher Development Opportunities

Building your professional online profile
Jul 22, 10-11:30am

What can ALTMETRICS demonstrate to others about your work and should you have an ORCID? Wondering how to navigate TWITTER in the academic world and whether to engage? Who's doing it well? Attend this zoom session for an overview and begin developing your professional online presence. Presented by two of our specialist Research Librarians.

To attend please register through myRDC.

Managing Up: Effective Communications for ECRs
Aug 26, 10:30-11:30am

To borrow a phrase, “no researcher is an island”. So effective communication is a key component to establishing and maintaining the vital relationships that can help or hinder your academic progress.

In this online workshop Ashwin Singh (Psychologist from Student Wellbeing) will discuss how you can work towards developing healthy, positive relationships which provide mutual benefit.

Topics covered include:
• Identifying your own communication strengths and weaknesses
• Recognising the communication styles of other academics, supervisors, and managers
• Developing skills in understanding the power dynamics at play and explore ways to deal with challenges you face

This workshop will also promote the development of skills to deal with challenging aspects of communication such as expressing yourself assertively, repairing communication breakdowns, conflict resolution, and giving and seeking constructive criticism.

Please register at myRDC if you wish to attend.

*Given the sensitive nature of the topic and to allow participants to talk freely, we will not be recording this event. However, a take-away sheet covering the general points will be made available on the ECR Website after the event*

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

- Crafting and effective ARC Discovery Project rejoinder, Jun 11, 12-1:30pm
- Introduction to the ARC DECRA, Jul 21, 12-1:30pm
- Strengthening Personal Resilience, Aug 20, 1-3:30pm (register through Workday)
- Developing your Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence for the DECRA Scheme, Sep 15, 12-1:30pm
- Developing your DECRA Project Description, Sep 22, 12-1:30pm
- Building your DECRA Budget, Sep 29, 12-1:30pm
- Writing the Statement by the Administering Organisation for the DECRA Scheme, Oct 6, 12-1:30pm
- Pure training for new staff, Oct 13 10-11:30am

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>GrantEd “Accelerate Your Success” Grant Funding Guides</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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**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 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.

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**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.

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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).

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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.

- 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
- NSW Premier’s Prizes for Science & Engineering, Jun 21
  - NSW ECR of the Year Biological Sciences (<35 years of age or <5 years postdoc)
  - NSW ECR of the Year Physical Sciences (<35 years of age or <5 years postdoc)
- Fresh Science 2021 (<5 FTE years postdoc), July 29

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.

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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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