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**A/Prof Daniel Ghezelbash** from MQ Law School for being selected as one of ABC’s Top 5 Under 40 in the Humanities

**Dr Jon Burt** from Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature, **Dr Jacqueline Dalziell** from the Department of Philosophy, and **Dr Jennifer McLaren** and **Dr Janet Wade** from the Department of History and Archaeology for being awarded travelling fellowships from the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

Congratulations to all our ECRs who were awarded an ECR Enabling Scheme award: **Dr Sophia Aharonovich**, **Dr Ali Amrollahi**, **Dr Piers Bayl-Smith**, **Dr Madelyne Bisby**, **Dr Zhara Borghei**, **Dr Lindsey Brett**, **Dr Jon Burtt**, **Dr Leonardo Callegaro**, **Dr Jinhyun Cho**, **Dr Danielle Colenbrander**, **Dr Paul Crosby**, **Dr Benjamin Davies**, **Dr Francesca Dominello**, **Dr Jing Fang**, **Dr Jenn Fifita**, **Dr Emilie Francis-Auton**, **Dr Marika Franklin**, **Dr Rachael Gunn**, **Dr Sijia Guo**, **Dr Rae-Anne Hardie**, **Dr Roger Huang**, **Dr Ronny Ibrahim**, **Dr Chrissy Imai**, **Dr Hazel Jenkins**, **Dr Alireza Jolfaei**, **Dr Danielle Kent**, **Dr Anna Konopka**, **Dr Mitchell McEwan**, **Dr Sonam Parakh**, **Dr Thanh Phan**, **Dr Syed Rahman**, **Dr Jo Rey**, **Dr Natalie Roberts**, **Dr Rimante Ronto**, **Dr Mitchell Sarkies**, **Dr Lucie Semenc**, **Dr Roneel Sharan**, **Dr Alex Simpson**, **Dr Adam Smith**, **Dr Andrea Smith**, **Dr Paul Strutt**, **Dr Seyedfoad Taghizadeh**, **Dr Diana Tan**, **Dr Hanna Torsh**, **Dr Madhi Vesal**, **Dr Katherine Wongtrakul-Kish**, **Dr Colin Zhang**, **Dr Houying Zhu**, and **Dr Nan Zou**.

Our ECRs in the press

**Dr Emma Burns** from the School of Education for contributing an article in *The Conversation* on the benefits of goal setting for students.

**Dr Jasmine Fardouly** from the Department of Psychology for providing comment to *MamaMia!* and *The Herald Sun* about body positivity trends on social media.

**Dr Terri Farrelly** with Professor Bronwyn Carlson, and Madi Day from the Department of Indigenous Studies for being featured in the *National Indigenous Times* regarding a new report examining the importance of self-determination in family violence healing programs.

**Dr Kirstin Mills** from the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature for being interviewed by *702 ABC Sydney* about the Victorian-era TV shows streaming now. This story was originally published on The Lighthouse.

**Dr Vanessa Pirotta** from the Department of Biological Sciences for providing comment to *The Sydney Morning Herald* about a Southern Right Whale in Wallis Lake and for providing comment to *Australian Geographic* about humpback whale bubble net feeding behaviour.

**Dr Vince Polito** from the Department of Cognitive Science for being interviewed by *702 ABC Sydney* about his new study looking at the effects of microdosing on cognitive performance. This story was originally published on The Lighthouse.
Dr Joyce Siette from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation was featured in *Your Life Choices* and *Australian Senior* regarding the mental health benefits of group excursions for older adults. This story was originally published on *The Lighthouse*.

Dr Sarah White from the Department of Biomedical Sciences for contributing an article to *Insight Plus* about the importance of doctor-patient communication.

*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!*

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**Research Strategy 2025 released – accelerating world-leading research performance with our outstanding Macquarie researchers**

Macquarie is building its reputation as a world-leading, research-intensive university. To accelerate our research performance, we need:

- top-performing staff
- outstanding HDR candidates
- world-leading research concentrations
- expanding research investment
- collaborators of the highest quality
- best-practice systems and processes
- leading-edge infrastructure.

Maquarie’s refreshed strategic research framework, *Research Strategy 2025: World-leading research; World-changing impact* builds on the achievements of the original *Strategic Research Framework: 2015-2024*. Continuing to chart an exciting course for our research, *Research Strategy 2025* is aimed at accelerating and propelling our research performance to even greater heights while recognising the changed context we are operating within. The successes achieved at the halfway point of the *Strategic Research Framework*, are testament to the commitment and excellence of our researchers, HDR candidates, and research and research training support staff.

The Early Career Researcher (ECR) Network is now 800+ members strong with dedicated resources at department, school, faculty and central levels providing events, workshops and presentations to enable career development and networking. This successful model is currently expanding to support mid-career researchers and their distinct development needs. “Our Early Career Researchers are vital to our long-term success” said DVCR Sakkie Pretorius. “It has never been more important to nurture and develop the outstanding talent we have among our ECRs so that they can achieve their potential as the leading researchers and research leaders of Macquarie’s future”.

“I look forward to working with this next generation of researchers to achieve our 2024 targets with our refreshed focus and framework”.

*View our [Research Strategy 2025](#)*.
**DVCR Weather Report**

**SAVE THE DATE** - The annual DVCR Weather Report will be held on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 – 2pm-3pm. Details of the event will be circulated in due course.

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**Resources for the home-schooling ECR**

With ongoing lockdown, we are aware that many ECRs need to home-school their children while working from home. To help those of you in this situation, we are starting to pull together some resources on home-schooling. Below are some of the resources already available and we will continue to update this list on the [ECR website](#). *If you have any home-schooling resources or tips that you would like to share please send them to ecrsupport@mq.edu.au.*

- The [Carers Hub](#) was established to help ease the friction between career and carer responsibilities, and 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.

- MQ’s [Wellbeing during Covid](#) has a variety of resources including advice on supporting children in remote learning and managing their anxiety.

- The Centre for Emotional Health have provided a [collection of information and expert videos](#) to help you support your child's mental health during COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

- For those who missed out on the discussion we recently hosted on home-schooling, you can watch the recording on the [ECR Website](#).

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**Academic publishers allow updating your names on author lists**

From [*Nature Career News*, Jul 21](#)

In an effort to expand inclusivity for transgender researchers, publishers, including Springer Nature, Elsevier, Wiley and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, have adopted policies that allow rapid and discreet author name changes to be made on digital editions of published works. “This was a safety issue, a personal-equity issue and a labour issue,” says informatics researcher Theresa Jean Tanenbaum. Search engines and other indexes might need time to reflect the change, and PDF documents can complicate the issue when they are considered the historical article of record.
Researcher Development Opportunities

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*

Quantum Hackathon, Macquarie University Incubator
Aug 24 - 27

The power of quantum technology has the potential to supercharge every industry. Join the four-day online Quantum Hackathon and discover how you can unlock solutions in your field using quantum technologies. We’re looking for participants from engineering, medicine and business to science, health and agriculture to bring your unique industry problems and forge teams to discover applications using quantum technologies.

During the four-day hackathon you will:

- Pitch your idea to a panel of judges for a chance to win a share in $8,000 in cash prizes
- Find applications for existing quantum technologies in your field
- Network with participants across three interstate universities
- Form multi-disciplinary teams
- Access industry mentors and guest speakers

Open to all students and staff.
For more information and to register: https://ventures.uq.edu.au/quantum-hackathon

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Preparing for Academic Promotions Interviews
Sep 2, 1-2:30pm

Have you applied for a promotion to Level B or Level C? Then now is the time to start thinking about the interview process. This panel session will help ECRs prepare for academic promotions interviews by sharing information about how the interview process works, what panellists are looking for and what you can do to prepare for a successful interview. A panel of experienced promotions panellists from each faculty will give an overview of the process and share their perspectives on stumbling blocks and opportunities to shine.

If you wish to attend, please register at myRDC. If you cannot attend the live event, a recording of the panel session will be posted on the ECR website afterwards.

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

- **ARC VS NHMRC Seminar One: Overview of the funding landscape for the ARC and NHMRC**, Aug 12, 12-1:30pm
- **ARC VS NHMRC Seminar Two: Fellowships**, Aug 19, 12-1:30pm
- **Strengthening Personal Resilience**, Aug 20, 1-3:30pm (register through Workday)
- **ARC post-award management information webinar for current investigators**, Aug 23, 1-2pm
- **ARC VS NHMRC Seminar Three: Project Grants**, Aug 26, 12-1:30pm
- **EndNote 20 for Windows**, Aug 31, 2-3:30pm
- **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
- **General ARC information webinar for STEM disciplines with ARC Executive Director Dr Robert Mun**, Oct 7, 2-3pm
- **General ARC information webinar for HASS disciplines with ARC Executive Director Prof Bronwen Neil**, Oct 8, 10-11am
- **Pure training for new staff**, Oct 13, 10-11:30am
- **ARC information webinar for DECRA and Future Fellowship candidates**, Oct 19, 12-1pm
**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>Media and communication masterclasses</strong>&lt;br&gt;Science in Public runs a <a href="#">one-day media and communication masterclass</a>. In this masterclass you will:&lt;br&gt;- Meet journalists and practice being interviewed.&lt;br&gt;- Learn how to plan your communication and what to say to those tricky questions.&lt;br&gt;- 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>
<td>Sep 14, 9am – 5pm</td>
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<td><strong>Science Pathways 2021: Sustainable careers</strong>&lt;br&gt;At <a href="#">Science Pathways 2021: Sustainable careers</a>, the Australian Academy of Science’s EMCR Forum will facilitate thought-provoking and engaging discussions around what EMCRs need for their careers to be sustainable. From discussions around the future of work for researchers in academia, industry, and government, managing work-life responsibilities, looking after our mental health, building a more inclusive STEM sector, and more. You can attend the launch event in person on 25–26 November 2021 at the University of Melbourne, or you can join in online and follow the discussions taking place on 25 November. The launch event will be followed by three online-only events in early December designed for EMCRs to share experiences, network, get inspired, and gain skills from their</td>
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Early-bird registrations close at 5.00 pm AEST, Monday 23 August 2021.

**Writing in Company: weekly co-writing sessions**

*Don’t let the lockdown blues impact your writing.*

The Well Writers’ Collective is a supportive community of creative and academic writers who embrace mind-body tools and techniques as the foundation of a sustainable writing practice. To help with your writing progress, the Well Writers’ Collective are running weekly 2 hours of mindful writing sessions, from August 3rd.

Sessions will open with a brief breath-work exercise and meditation, followed by timed writing and camaraderie.

“An oasis in the middle of the week, our Melbourne attendees benefited immensely from the sessions during lockdown in 2020.”

Bring along whatever you’re working on at the moment. You’ll be surprised how much you get done in this session of calm, focused writing.


**Resting and Relaxing: Weekly mindfulness practice**

Rest and relaxation are crucial to our general health and wellbeing. They’re especially important for regulating our energy levels and emotions during periods of intense work or challenging circumstances. When we feel rested, our problems seem smaller and we’re better resourced to tackle them.

Throughout August (and especially for those in lockdown), Dr Michelle Jamieson be exploring practices specifically designed to lower stress and increase feelings of ease, rest and relaxation: expect flowing qi gong sequences, yoga nidra (body scanning) and practices for releasing mental and physical tension and increasing self-compassion.

Each class includes mindful movement, walking meditation practice and a seated practice, followed by Q&A. For all bookings and enquiries: michelle@michellejamieson.com

**GrantEd “Accelerate Your Success” Grant Funding Guides**

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.

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Career Opportunity

The Chinese University of Hong Kong’s Vice-Chancellor Early Career Professorship Scheme
Applications due Sep 30

The Chinese University of Hong Kong’s flagship “Vice-Chancellor Early Career Professorship Scheme” is looking for outstanding young talent from around the world to join the university as Assistant Professor or Associate Professor. Applicants should be early career academics or researchers, including clinician-scientists, with a PhD or equivalent degree from a reputable institution. Candidates interested in the following four interdisciplinary research areas are especially encouraged to apply, although applications in other fields are also welcome.

- China: Tradition and Modernity
- Information and Automation Technology
- Innovative Biomedicine
- Environment and Sustainability

Please refer to their website for more information on job conditions and application process.

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)
- 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 Acceleration Scheme, October round, Sep 30
- 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.
**Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, DE: Cofund individual fellowships**

*Research Services compliance deadline: Aug 20
Funder closing date: Sep 3*

The [FRIAS COFUND Fellowship Programme](https://example.com) support junior (≤6 years postdoc) and senior (>6 years postdoc) researchers in any discipline in conducting research at the University of Freiburg. The institute for advanced studies unites research in the humanities, social sciences, natural and life sciences, engineering and medicine.

Fellowships of 12 months in the Junior scheme and of 3 – 10 months in the Senior scheme may be applied for. They will allow researchers to conduct their own research projects. Junior fellows receive EUR4,600 per month and senior fellows receive EUR7,000 per month, plus allowances for travel and research expenses.

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**SAAFE Research Internship Program**

*Research Services compliance deadline: Sep 1
Funder closing date: Sep 15*

AINSE, in partnership with ANSTO and the Embassy of France in Australia, are delighted to announce that applications for the 2022 SAAFE Program are now open, in anticipation of the resumption of international travel in 2022.

The [Scholarship AINSE ANSTO French Embassy (SAAFE) Program](https://example.com) is an exciting international exchange opportunity open to Early Career Researchers at the PhD and postdoctoral level. Up to $7,500 AUD is provided to each successful applicant towards supporting travel and/or accommodation expenses in Australia or France.

The SAAFE Program supports Early Career Researchers to expand research and innovation activities with Human Health, Environment and the Nuclear Fuel Cycle, and to initiate sustainable research networks and linkages to support Australia and France in research and innovation.

Eligible applicants must be a PhD student in, or hold a postdoctoral appointment at, a French university or Australian AINSE-member university, OR be enrolled in a PhD in collaboration between French and Australian institutions. The research internship is required to start within a 6 month period after international borders open in 2022.

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The Foundation for High Blood Pressure Research Early Career Research Transition Grants 2022-2023
Research Services compliance deadline: Oct 29
Funder closing date: Nov 12

The Foundation for High Blood Pressure Research is pleased to announce that applications are open for Early Career Research Transition Grants 2022-2023.

These new grants of up to $20,000 each are intended for early career researchers who need help in reestablishing their research as a result of change in physical location, direction of research or a major career interruption. Unless exceptional, disruptions due to the COVID pandemic will not be considered as sole justification for funding.

Please read the Information for Applicants and the Application Form for further details.

The AAUW International Fellowship Program
Research Services compliance deadline: Nov 1
Funder closing date: Nov 15

The American Association of University Women International Fellowship Program provides support for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career. Fellowships are worth between USD 18,000 and USD 30,000 for one year.

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 Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research**, (≤ 5 yrs postdoc) **Aug 31**
- **Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Association’s Awards for Excellence in Innovation**, (≤ 5 yrs postdoc) **Aug 31**
- **Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management Early Career Researcher Award**, (≤ 5 yrs postdoc) **Sep 3**
- **Global Young Academy**, (approximately 7 years from PhD and aged 30-40) **Sep 15**
- **Royal Society of NSW Awards**, **Sep 30**
  - **The Edgeworth David Medal** (≤35 years of age)
  - **The Warren Prize** (engineers and technologists in their early to mid-careers)

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](mailto:MQ) (no more than 50 words) with your [MQ email](mailto:MQ) and, if appropriate, we’ll include it here in the newsletter.

Gendered Transnational Texts and Communities Network

Dr Jyhene Kebsi from Gender Studies has founded and is convening the Gendered Transnational Texts and Communities Network. This network has organized a number of film screenings, creative writing workshops and presentations including

- presentation entitled “Transnational World Petrofiction: The Impact of the Oil Industry on Nigerian Women” by Dr Kesbi (May 7, 2021)
- presentation entitled “State Feminism in Saudi Arabia: Women’s Rights Under Bin Salman” by Dr Kesbi (June 4, 2021)

If you wish to join the network, please send an email to Jyhene Kebsi: jyhene.kebsi@mq.edu.au
## Your ECR Representatives

Do you know the [ECR representatives in your Faculty and Department](https://staff.mq.edu.au/research/resources-and-support/early-career-research-network)?

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 Junqueira 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](mailto:ecrsupport@mq.edu.au) with your suggestions and feedback.

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