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Our latest DECRA Recipients:
- Dr Benjamin Ashton, Department of Biological Sciences
- Dr Eliane Deschrijver, School of Psychological Sciences
- Associate Professor Daniel Ghezelbash, School of Law
- Dr Marnie Graham, School of Social Sciences
- Dr Solene Hameau, Department of Cognitive Science
- Dr Raheel Hashmi, School of Engineering
- Dr Douglas McConnell, Department of Philosophy
- Dr Haoran Ren, Department of Physics and Astronomy
- Dr Claire Wright, Department of Management

Our latest NHRMC Investigator Recipients:
- Dr Kate Churruca, Australian Institute of Health Innovation
- Dr Carly Johnco, School of Psychological Sciences
- Dr Jenny Lee, Macquarie Medical School
- Dr Mitchell Sarkies, Australian Institute of Health Innovation
- Dr Anne Zou, Macquarie Medical School

Our ECRs in the press

Dr Tom Baudinette from the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature for providing comment to iD - Vice about the burgeoning Filipino music scene.

Dr Alexandra Carthey from the Department of Biological Sciences for contributing to an article in The Conversation on bushfires and animals unaware of the dangers.

Dr Rachael Gunn from the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature for being featured in ABC News regarding breakdancing at the 2024.

Dr Vanessa Pirotta from the Department of Biological Sciences for being interviewed on 702 ABC Sydney about the elusive blue whale, and for providing comment to ABC News about sightings of Migaloo the white whale.

Dr Keith Rathbone from the Department of History and Archaeology for being interviewed by 702 ABC Sydney about the 1936 Olympics.

Dr Sarah White from the Department of Biomedical Sciences for contributing an article to Insight Plus about agenda setting in doctor-patient interactions.
Dr Tayyaba Zafar from Australian Astronomical Optics for contributing an article in *Space Australia* on the new TAIPAN instrument which can measure the spectra from not only the stars in our Galaxy but the light of quasars beyond.

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!

**ECR Showcase 2021**

**Applications due Oct 1**

The ECR network is currently seeking applications from Early Career Researchers across Macquarie University who would like the opportunity to showcase their research to colleagues, research services staff and the broader academic community at an **online event to be held on 25th November 2021**.

**What does it involve?**

The ECR Showcase, now in its second year, places a spotlight on the innovative and impactful research conducted by ECRs across our university. Selected researchers will give a five-minute online presentation (with a maximum of five slides). The ability to ‘pitch’ your research in a short time frame is a valuable skill and those selected to present will be invited to attend a media and communication strategy workshop (scheduled for early November) as part of their involvement in the Showcase. Prizes will be awarded for the best overall presentation (Judge’s Choice and People’s Choice Awards), as well as the presentation with most impact outside of academia (Impact Award).

**How do I apply?**

To apply, simply go to the [online form](#), provide a 100-word summary of your research and fill in a few details about yourself and your topic. Eligibility and selection guidelines are detailed below. The submission deadline is **1st October 5PM**. The online form can be found here: [LINK](#)

**Eligibility and Selection Guidelines**

The 2021 ECR Showcase aims to promote leading examples of research excellence from among Macquarie University’s diverse cohort of Early Career Researchers. Submissions will be evaluated according to applicants’ ability to succinctly demonstrate how their research addresses five key selection criteria: alignment, innovation, engagement, impact and opportunity.

**Eligibility**

• Open to all staff –including casual lecturing staff and tutors who have completed their PhDs, and  
• ECR Status (5 years post-PhD, excluding career interruptions)

**Selection Criteria**

• Alignment with Macquarie’s five [Future-shaping Research Priorities](#)  
• Demonstrated innovation with regards to theory, method or application of research  
• Potential for engagement with academic, community and industry stakeholders  
• Impact in addressing real-world challenges, delivering benefits and gaining media attention  
• Research opportunity and performance evidence
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Advice to my ECR-self online panel session

**Part of the ECR Network's Explore ~ Consider ~ Redefine: A suite of career events for ECRs***

Oct 25, 10am – 11:30am

Wouldn't it be great if you could travel back in time and share what you know now with your younger or less experienced self? Have you ever reached an important phase in your career and thought "if only I knew when I was starting out what I know now"? While time travel still remains in the realm of science fiction (or with Hermione if you're a Harry Potter fan), the ECR Network is providing the next best thing.

Four mid-career researchers will share their advice on navigating the early career research stage. They will discuss their career journeys, how they responded to the challenges they faced as an ECR, how they made the most of the opportunities presented, and share what they wished they had known when they were ECRs.

Dr Helen Wolfenden (Faculty of Arts ECR Network Representative) will facilitate the panel will comprise Dr Emilie Ens (Faculty of Science and Engineering), Dr Edwin Lim (Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences), Dr Michelle Lim (Faculty of Arts) and Dr Ben Wang (Macquarie Business School).

To attend, please register via myRDC. This session will be delivered via Zoom (link will be emailed to registrants the day before the event). A pre-session questionnaire will be circulated closer to the date for participants to pose questions to the panel.

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Call for applications for 71st Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting - Chemistry
Due Sep 28

The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from Australian PhD students and postdoctoral researchers to attend the 71st Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting with Nobel Laureates in the fields of chemistry, to be held on-site from Sunday 26 June to Friday 1 July 2022 (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).

The Lindau Meetings are highly prestigious annual gatherings of around 30 Nobel Laureates and 600 promising young scientists from around the world, to exchange ideas and share experiences. Each year, a small delegation of leading Australian undergraduates, PhD students and post-doctoral researchers is selected to attend the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting and take part in a post-meeting study tour, led by a renowned Australian scientist.
ResBaz Sydney 2021
Nov 23 - 26

ResBaz Sydney is back in 2021 and will be online for the first time.

ResBaz (Research Bazaar), multi-streamed from 23 to 26 November 2021, is a forum for learning, sharing and experiencing cutting edge technologies, methods and techniques in digital research. It is open to researchers and research students from all disciplines as well as research support staff. So be sure to save the date in your calendars.

Check out the ResBaz website for details and keep an eye out for program and registration information, to be made available on the website soon.

Catalysing Australia–Japan Science and Innovation: 4th symposium of the JSPSAAA
Dec 6–7

The annual symposium of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Alumni Association in Australia (JSPSAAA) is back in 2021 and is an opportunity to celebrate the collaborative links between Australia and Japan.

Catalysing Australia–Japan Science and Innovation is the fourth edition of the JSPSAAA annual symposium which will be held on 6–7 December 2021. The event aims to give researchers the opportunity to present collaborative work between Australia and Japan and explore the possibilities that bilateral collaboration can bring to their research.

The event will bring together researchers from diverse backgrounds and fields of research to present their research under the following themes:

- Health
- Advanced materials and manufacturing
- Energy
- Food
- Environment
- Large research infrastructures
- Relationships, institutions and society.

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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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<th>Event</th>
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<td><strong>Science Pathways 2021: Sustainable careers</strong></td>
<td>Nov 25-26 and Dec 2, 8 and 10</td>
<td>$15-$220 depending on days attending</td>
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<td>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 preferred space.</td>
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<td><strong>Writing in Company: weekly co-writing sessions</strong></td>
<td>Every Tuesday 10am-12pm</td>
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<td>Don’t let the lockdown blues impact your writing.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.”</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Weekly mindfulness meditation sessions (online)</strong></td>
<td>Every Thursday 6:30-7:30pm live streamed via Zoom</td>
<td>Regular: $20 single, $150 for a 10 class pass Student: $15 single, $100 for a 10 class pass</td>
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<td>These sessions, run by <a href="#">Dr Michelle Jamieson</a>, are designed to support anyone interested in establishing and maintaining a daily meditation practice. By meeting regularly with a community of meditators and a committed teacher, the classes provide a valuable source of connection and motivation as well as opportunities to deepen your practice. Each session runs for 60 minutes and includes a brief introduction to the practice, mindful movement exercises, a guided meditation, plus an optional 15 minute Q&amp;A. For all bookings and enquiries: <a href="mailto:michelle@michellejamieson.com">michelle@michellejamieson.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>GrantEd “Accelerate Your Success” Grant Funding Guides</strong></td>
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<td><a href="#">The GrantEd Group</a> 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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**Career Opportunity**

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 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)***submission dates to be confirmed
- ARC Future Fellowships, **Sep 15** (MQ EOI deadline), **Nov 3** (MQ submission date), Dec 8 (ARC 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.
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.

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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.

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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.

- **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)
- **Australasian Association for Engineering Education (AAEE) Awards**, **Oct 1**
  - Citations for Outstanding Early Career Contributions to Engineering Education (≤5 years postdoc or teaching experience)
- **NSW Premier's Literary Awards**, **Oct 5**
- **Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Award for Basic Science**, International Association for the Study of Pain, **Oct 20**

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 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 with your suggestions and feedback.

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