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Congratulations to...

Our recent ECR awardees

Dr Ali Lalbakhsh from the School of Engineering and Dr Chi Yhun Lo from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation for being selected as state finalists for Fresh Science. Fresh Science is a national competition helping early career researchers find, and then share, their stories of discovery.

Dr Noushin Nasiri from the School of Engineering for being named as a finalist in the 2021 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian-Australians Award.

Our ECR Highly Commended finalists for:
2021 Research Excellence Awards - Excellence in Early Career Research

- Dr Rohan Best, Macquarie Business School
- Dr Emlyn Dodd, Faculty of Arts
- Associate Professor Daniel Ghezelbash, Faculty of Arts

2021 Vice Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Early Career Award:

- Dr Helen Siuki, Macquarie Business School
- Dr Joel Fuller, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences
- Dr Wesley Robertson, Faculty of Arts
- Dr Zhu Sun, Faculty of Science and Engineering

Save the date: The winners will be announced live at the Academic Staff Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 30 November 3.00pm – 4.30pm.
Our ECRs in the press

Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah from the School of Social Sciences for contributing an article to *The Conversation* on growing up Muslim after 9/11 and for being interviewed about the ongoing impacts of 9/11 on attitudes towards Islam by *702 ABC Sydney* and *The Quicky – MamaMia Podcast*.

Dr Catherine Bishop from the Centre for Workforce Futures for contributing an article to *The Conversation* on hidden women of history and for being interviewed about 19th century female entrepreneurs on *702 ABC Sydney*.

Dr Jasmine Fardouly from the Department of Psychology for providing comment about the impact of Instagram on teenage girls' body image in *The Australian*.

Dr Cynthia Isley from the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences for co-authoring an article in *The Conversation* and for being interviewed about the composition of household dust and the DustSafe program on *6PR 882 News Talk*, *702 ABC Sydney*, *105.7 ABC Darwin*, *666 ABC Canberra*, *720 ABC Perth* and *ABC News Radio*.

Dr Sung-Ae Lee from the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature for providing comment about the new Korean series Squid Game in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Dr Noushin Nasiri from the School of Engineering for being featured in *ABC News* regarding being named as a finalist in the 2021 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian-Australians Award.

Dr Vanessa Pirotta from the Department of Biological Sciences for being interviewed about whale watching on *ABC Northern Tasmania*, whale feeding behaviour on *702 ABC Sydney* and *2GB Radio*, and about a whale carcass washing up on a beach on *891 ABC Adelaide*.

Dr Vince Polito from the Department of Cognitive Science for being interviewed by *The News Daily* about his new study looking at the effects of microdosing on cognitive performance. This story was originally published on *The Lighthouse*.

Dr Helen Wolfenden from the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature for being interviewed about how journalists find stories by *2SER - Real Radio 107.3 FM*.

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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Spotlight On…Dr Madelyne Bisby and Dr Amelia Scott, hosts of The Science of Therapy Podcast

Dr Madelyne Bisby and Dr Amelia Scott from the School of Psychological Sciences are two ECRs bridging the knowledge gap between clinical research and clinical practice through their self-produced podcast The Science of Therapy.

Their first season wrapped up at the end of July with over 2,000 downloads and an overall star rating of 4.8. With plans in the works for a second season, due to launch in the new year, the ECR Network team caught up with Madelyne and Amelia to chat about their experience producing their podcast.

What is your podcast about and how did it come about?

Madelyne: It’s called The Science of Therapy, and every episode we have a different academic on to talk about their research. It’s clinically relevant and goes through different clinical presentations, like obsessive compulsive disorder and hoarding, but also different processes of change in therapy, like rumination.

The idea behind the podcast was that we saw a gap between what clinicians are really able to engage with when they're practicing in terms of evidence-based practice and the difficulties for us as academics to actually get our information out there to people on the ground.

Amelia: Psychology is one of those disciplines where there is a big implementation gap for the everyday clinician: they don't actually have any way of accessing journal articles which is our [academics] key currency of research dissemination and the time to learn about new presentations or new types of treatments is pretty slim.

Most clinicians for their continuing professional development, which is something that we’re required to do, might go to training workshops. However, these are often run many years in a row by particular clinicians and there's a real lag between what researchers and researcher clinicians are doing and what practicing clinicians can learn and take away from that.

Since listening to something like the podcast actually counts as a certain type of continuing professional development, we thought the podcast would address “many birds one stone”.

What has been the most rewarding aspect of producing your podcast?

Madelyne Bisby: The clinicians that we have spoken to that listen to the podcast have found it really helpful, and it's been really nice to hear how they've found implementing some of the practical recommendations that our podcast guests have given! I think that's probably been the most rewarding part of it, seeing that it's actually having an impact on how people are practicing.
**Amelia Scott:** Also on our website, when clinicians want to log listening to the episode as evidence for their continuing professional development, we have a little box that encourages them to write a very brief reflection – what did I learn and how might that have influenced my practice. We then get that data and that's another way that we've been able to see people be like “Oh, when I work with these people, I might think more about issue A, B and C” so it's that's been really rewarding as well.

*What has been your biggest learning curve or hurdle in producing the podcast?*

**Madelyne:** Getting over imposter syndrome! For me, practicalities aside (e.g., audio engineering was a new thing), realizing that I am the person that should be saying this type of thing or producing this type of podcast, and being able to come out and say actually I do know what I'm doing, and this is the type of stuff that I think would be really helpful, that has been the biggest hurdle.

**Amelia:** Similar to Maddy, the concept of really putting ourselves out there [was a big hurdle]. We were always thinking that we would simply be the mechanism or the vehicle to sell our guests, but we realised that it's about us being ourselves and maybe being funny and asking interesting questions that is really what is going to determine how successful [the podcast] is. And I remember us having a conversation after getting some feedback about someone telling us “you guys need to sell yourself more” and I was like “do we have to do this kind of thing?”

**Madelyne:** Yes, I used to edit out all my laughter because [I thought] people don't need to hear that!

**Amelia:** Yes, we've slowly been more inclusive with the kind of little jokes and the asides that we put in that we used to try and keep it clean and professional.

*What are your future plans for the podcast?*

**Madelyne:** We're going to amp up promotion. We are also going to spread our wings a little bit, in that we will be getting people on to talk about things that we’re not necessarily super familiar with. Compared to the content of Season 1, where I would say that we are a bit more across [the research] and were more aware of what guests would say in response to our questions, we’re trying to become a bit more diversified – like focussing on different therapy modalities, supervision, things that are less familiar to us.

**Amelia:** We've also, for season 1, leveraged a lot of people who we are familiar with or are in our direct networks, especially Maddy's. Now I think we're going to start approaching some heavy hitters internationally. We've got a list of real therapy superstars and will be reaching out to them.

I think, you know, even though we probably could have been bold in the first season and emailed these big names, we both feel comfortable having the foundation of a whole season of great episodes. Now, people might look at our website and our previous guests and go “Oh, this is quite a legitimate operation. I'll take part”. So more diverse and even higher up the superstar ranks in season 2.
Lastly, any tips for other ECRs thinking about trying to establish a podcast?

**Amelia:** Find someone like-minded. I think it only happened because the two of us were keen and interested in it and kept each other accountable.

**Madelyne:** We delegated! I was in charge of the audio production and Amelia was in charge of the website, promotion, and graphic design. I think having delegated tasks and knowing that we had to be accountable to ourselves, but also to someone else, was really helpful.

I guess I would also say that don't let [the foreignness] of [the project] be daunting, because it started becoming one of the things I would look forward to in my week even though it was something completely outside of what I was doing before.

The first season of The Science of Therapy is available on iTunes, Spotify and all good podcast streaming apps. Season 2 is scheduled to release in 2022.

Have you got a story you wish to share and celebrate with the ECR Community – email ecrsupport@mq.edu.au and let us know.

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**New Research Data Management Policy and Framework**

Macquarie University has released a new Research Data Management (RDM) framework which includes a Policy suite outlining a comprehensive set of expected data management practices across the research data lifecycle.

The RDM Framework will assist all researchers in improving the integrity, impact, efficiency, and transparency of their research and in meeting compliance requirements.

Procedural changes resulting from the RDM Policy are being implemented prospectively (not retrospectively) by researcher cohort, starting with a pilot group of ARC grant recipients, followed by researchers applying for approval by a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). Rollout to further cohorts will continue in 2022.

The changes to research data practice at Macquarie are supported by online resources and tools including:

- a new portal in FoRA, to lodge or receive advice on a Data Management Plan (DMP)
- a self-directed online course called RDMOnline that provides foundational training on the principles of good research data management
- a LibGuide that gives an overview of best approaches for collecting, storing and disseminating research data at Macquarie.

Visit the RDM Framework page for a summary of changes as well as links to additional resources. More information, including a short video introducing the Framework, is also available in the Policy notice in This Week.

Anyone interested in attending DMP workshops planned for later this year may reach out to the Digitally Enabled Research team by sending an email to: eresearch@mq.edu.au with “DMP Training” in the subject line.
Feedback on Library Services

The Library is currently running a survey about their services and would appreciate the feedback from all their partners around the University. Please take the time to fill out the survey – you might even win a prize.

Research Integrity – tell us what you REALLY think

Survey closes Oct 28

The Research Integrity Office would like to invite you, as a Macquarie staff member engaging in or supporting research, to participate in the National Survey on Research Integrity conducted by Springer Nature and the Australian Academy of Science.

This is a great opportunity for us to understand your views on research integrity. As the University embarks on a 5-year Research Integrity Education, Training and Awareness Strategy, your valuable input and observations will help inform its planning and development. We want to learn more about the needs of researchers and areas for greatest improvement.

Please be assured that survey responses are strictly confidential and anonymous, and results will only be analysed in aggregate. The overall findings are expected to be publicly communicated later this year by Springer Nature, with institutional findings explored soon after.

Go here to take the survey (10 to 15 minutes):

Contact research.integrity@mq.edu.au if you have any questions.

Researcher Development Opportunities

ECR Careers: Explore~Consider~Redefine

The ECR Network team are, once again, putting together a suite of career-related events in October (see below for full details). All events will be held online and, where possible, will be recorded and made available on the ECR website.
AltAc: Academics out of Academia
Oct 18, 1:30-2:30pm

What do you do with a PhD besides academia? Lots apparently. So much so, that it now has its own acronym: “AltAc” for “Alternative Academic”. But what are those AltAc careers? And how does one transition into one?

To glean some insight into these questions, we thought it best to learn from the “professionals” and have put together a panel of... AltAcs... AltAc-ers ... academics who have taken themselves out of academia:

- Dr Annemarie Nadort – Scientific Officer, NSW Police Force
- Dr Andrew Dunstall – Graduate Research Development Advisor & Experience Coordinator, MQ Graduate Research Academy
- Hossai Gul – Implementation Manager, NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation

This panel will showcase their diverse AltAc career pathways by discussing what they do, how they use their PhD/research skills, and what was involved in transitioning away from traditional academia.

To attend, please register via myRDC. This session will be delivered via Zoom (link will be emailed to registrants the day before the event).

Advice to my ECR-self online panel session
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 that 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.
Absorbing Career Shocks: a discussion on career sustainability and career adaptability
Oct 28, 1:30-2:30 pm

Does a “worked happily ever after” still exist? Not surprisingly the current pandemic has jolted us out of our comfort zones and has led us to discover that career paths do not follow a linear roadmap. Career shocks, “disruptive and extraordinary event[s] that [are], at least to some degree, caused by factors outside the focal individual's control and that triggers a deliberate thought process concerning one's career”, can have profound effects on our career trajectory and sustainability.

So, what exactly does research tell us about how we can respond to career shocks? In our final ECR Careers event, career scholars Professor Julia Richardson (Curtin University) and MQBS ECR Representative Dr Laramie Tolentino will take us on a deep-dive discussion on career adaptability and will offer some principles that can help ECRs rebuild confidence to navigate the non-linear roadmap that is our career.

To attend, please register via myRDC. This session will be delivered via Zoom (link will be emailed to registrants the day before the event) and a pre-event poll will be circulated beforehand for you to send through your suggested topics and/or questions ahead of the event.

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

- Australia's Foreign Relations Act Q&A Session, Oct 12, 11am-12pm
- Pure training for new staff, Oct 13, 10-11:30am
- ARC information webinar for DECRA and Future Fellowship candidates, Oct 19, 12-1pm
- Developing your Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence for the Discovery Projects Scheme, Nov 12, 12-1:30pm
- Developing your Project Description for the Discovery Project Scheme, Nov 18, 12-1:30pm
- Building your Discovery Project Budget, Nov 24, 12-1:30pm

Australian Academy of Science EMCR Forum Executive Committee Member EOI
EOI Due Oct 20, 11:59 PM AEDT

The Australian Academy of Science EMCR Forum is currently accepting expressions of interest from EMCRs to join the Executive Committee in 2022.

They are looking for four new Executive Members who can bring enthusiasm, dedication, skills and fresh ideas to the EMCR Forum.
All EMCRs with less than 15 years’ experience working in science since PhD award (career interruptions will be taken into consideration) are eligible to apply, but preference may be given to those who represent regional locations, fields of expertise, diversity attributes and career levels that are underrepresented or not currently represented on the Forum Executive.

For this round, the EMCR Forum Executive strongly encourages applications from EMCRs who:
- Work in industry, government, CSIRO and other non-traditional research backgrounds
- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Work in regional areas
- Identify as non-binary or gender non-conforming

The Forum Executive has a strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and will select new members in accordance with these principles.

To apply, complete the EOI form to introduce yourself and how describe you would like to contribute to the Executive.

Conversations in Space
EOI Due Oct 24 11:59 PM AEDT

Conversations in Space aims to build the foundation of an annual mentoring program that will support the space sector to be stronger, more diverse and inclusive, and better prepared to tackle the challenges of the future.

The Australian Academy of Science invites postgraduate students and early career researchers in Australia to submit an expression of interest to join the Conversations in Space pilot program as mentees. The activities of the pilot will take place online from November 2021 to February 2022, with a three-week break during the Christmas–New Year period.

The pilot is supported by the Theo Murphy Initiative (Australia) and will bring together a diverse group of mentees to take part in engaging discussions and be paired with a mentor from the Australian space sector who will provide insights and advice to support their career development.

To participate, complete the expression of interest form and tell us about you, why you would like to be involved and provide details of a referee. Your referee can be a current or recent employer, manager, supervisor, or team leader.

Mentees must work/study in any of these fields to be eligible: planetary science, radio science, remote sensing and Earth observation, communications technologies, position navigation and timing, robotics and automation, space health and life sciences, space situational awareness, spacecraft technologies, space weather and heliosphere, and STEM education.

Participation in free. There is caring and accessibility support available to facilitate the participation of the selected mentees in the different components of the program.
Australian Academy of the Humanities 52nd Annual Academy Symposium
Nov 15-19

The connected crises of climate change and biodiversity decline pose a multitude of threats to humanity. With the scale of the challenge demanding both the attention and collaborative endeavour of experts across the research sector, the 52nd Annual Symposium will examine the insights and solutions the humanities and arts can bring to these critical issues.

The Symposium will showcase ideas from established and emerging scholars from many disciplines – not only from the field of environmental humanities but also researchers with expertise in ethics, justice, emotions, ethical technology, art and design, cross-cultural analysis and linguistics whose work offers a new lens on the social and cultural dimensions of the climate crisis. Speakers will also consider how the humanities disciplines might need to adapt to be more effective in a volatile world where the category ‘human’ is being re-examined in the context of the Anthropocene and the ‘more-than-human’.

All sessions will be held over Zoom and registration is required to gain access to each separate session.

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.

28th University of Southern Queensland Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher (PGECR) Group research symposium
Nov 26, 9am – 5pm (AEST)

The University of Southern Queensland is hosting a national Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Group Research Symposium and warmly invites all ECRs of all disciplines to attend. Participation is free and this event will be held online on November 26. Registration for attendance is due by 5.00 pm (Queensland time) on Friday, 19 November 2021

Symposium theme: Research and researchers - Mattering, significance and value

Keynote speaker: Professor Bobby Harreveld, Director, Centre for Research in Equity, Advancement of Teaching & Education (CREATE), School of Education and the Arts, CQUniversity, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia.
**Expert Panel:** The afternoon session will conclude with a panel conducted by experienced researchers who will share their thoughts on how to progress meaningful projects through to successful completion.

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**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
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>Nov 25-26 and Dec 2, 8 and 10</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>Writing in Company: weekly co-writing sessions</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. 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. Attendance by donation. Register at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/writing-in-company-online-tickets-163318675555">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/writing-in-company-online-tickets-163318675555</a></td>
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<td>Weekly mindfulness meditation sessions (online)</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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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.

REMINDER: Using Research Professional brings customised research funding opportunities direct to your inbox!

Although the ECR Network does our best to promote ECR-relevant grants and funding opportunities we are unable to be across all the possible opportunities out there. We also know that ECRs do not have hours on end to spend scratching around for research funding opportunities that align with your area of expertise. So to help with this, Research Services has a hot tip for you! By setting up a specific fingerprint in Research Professional, you’ll receive personalised research funding opportunities direct to your inbox every week. No more scratching around or searching endless websites – Research Professional brings the funding opportunities direct to you. To get the most out of this database, first create a login and set up your fingerprint; within 15 minutes you’ll have easy access to research funding opportunities catered to you and your area of expertise.

2022 MedTech Actuator Menzies Fellowships

**Funder closing date: Oct 15**

The MedTech Actuator Menzies Fellowship is designed to expose researchers to the startup ecosystem to unlock the potential of Australia’s world-class research. Two high-potential medical or scientific researchers will each receive a tailored MedTech Actuator experience, mentorship from industry experts, networking opportunities and access to exclusive industry events, as well as a $20,000 stipend.

Initially, Fellows will embark on 6 months of mentorship – working with experts within the MedTech Actuator focusing on both technology and personal development.
During the second 6-month phase, Fellows will take part in a tailored version of our flagship, industry-led accelerator. They’ll learn how to navigate key inflection moments in the commercialisation journey, from developing regulatory and reimbursement strategies to product development, approaching investors and building a team. Importantly, they’ll learn with – and from – other MedTech, HealthTech and BioTech founders from across Asia Pacific.

Please visit the MedTech Actuator website for application form, eligibility criteria, and key dates.

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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 re-establishing 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).***
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.

- Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Award for Basic Science, International Association for the Study of Pain, Oct 20
- Lorne Genome Conference Mid-Career Researcher Award, (<10 years postdoc) Nov 19

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.

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