

## From the Associate Dean (Research)



### Update #2, 2025

#### Faculty Research Integrity Advisor

The UoA Research Integrity Officer Dr Elizabeth Visser is seeking volunteers from the Business School to take up the role of Research Integrity Adviser (RIA). This role is crucial in upholding the highest standards of research integrity and supporting our community in navigating ethical research practices. RIAs are the first point of contact to provide guidance about research-related dilemmas as well as concerns about potential breaches of the [UoA Research Integrity Policy](#). They will not be involved in investigating concerns or allegations but can guide researchers who have queries about aspects of Good Research Practice, contribute to developing guidelines and training material, etc. This service role is distinct from the Ethics Adviser role. Early career through to late career researchers are welcome to apply to be part of this network as advisers.

The terms of reference for the RIA role, including the time commitment and outline of expectations, are outlined on the [ResearchHub](#) from where an expression of interest can be submitted, after a discussion with the respective HoD. (This link also refers to a 2023 survey of RIAs in Australia, according to which the most pressing issues advisers were asked to offer advice on include authorship, collaboration challenges, and questionable research practices.)

Interested researchers can also contact Elizabeth directly at [researchintegrity@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:researchintegrity@auckland.ac.nz)

#### RSNZ Marsden round 2025

In the most recent Marsden round, researchers from the Business School submitted seven applications. Five were standard proposals (two from ECON, one from MIB, one from A&F, one from PROP) and two fast-start proposals (from ECON and MIB). I wish our applicants all the best with their proposal submissions.

#### From the MCR Taskforce

The Mid-Career Researchers (MCR) Taskforce is pleased to announce its 1<sup>st</sup> seminar in the MCR 2025 seminar series. It is titled "Managing Work-Life Challenges for MCRs". Our panellists Dr Billie Lythberg, Dr Fred Ng, Assoc Prof Lina El-Jahel, and Prof Mike Lee will share their insights on and strategies for navigating the unique challenges MCRs face.

Please see the time and venue details below.

#### Business School Research in Numbers 2004-2024

A research analytics team from the Business School (Prof Ilan Oshri, Dr Shohil Kishori, Assoc Prof William Cheung, and myself) have been working over several months to trace and capture research publications and publishing trends, with a focus on journal articles and (co-)authored books, over a 20-year period. The highlights of that work are now presented in a brochure that can be accessed [here](#). The team will be presenting some of the key findings at the upcoming Faculty meeting in May.

#### Reminder: A\* Accelerator Programme 2025

As announced in ADR Update #1, in 2025 we will again run the t\*Accelerator Programme which is designed to support academics in the School who are motivated to reach the highest level of journal publication in their field. We invite applications from interested researchers across all Disciplinary Areas (DAs). A preliminary conversation with the respective DA Lead is encouraged. Applications should be sent by COB 21 March to [Prof Peter Boxall](#), who will lead the programme. The programme will commence in April. Applications should describe your A\* project in up to 1,000 words, including:

- A description of the research question or objectives, the intended theory, model or framework (for theoretical and empirical papers) and the methods and data (for empirical papers). Projects intended to result in a literature review article are also welcome.
- A description of the importance or envisaged contribution of the paper.
- Potential challenges and a brief description of the kind of support you would find most helpful to overcome them.

- Arrangements with any current co-authors or identification of co-authors with whom you would like to collaborate.
- The targeted journal or journals: ranked A\* by the Australian Business Deans' Council (ABDC) or ranked 4 or 4\* in the Chartered Association of Business Schools' (CABS) Academic Journal Guide or recognised as of the highest standing in a discipline not included in ABDC or CABS lists.

Participants will form a cohort that will participate in key planning and support meetings throughout the year. This is a programme requiring substantial work and dedication. Any questions can be directed to Peter Boxall or me.

#### **ABDC Journal Quality List review**

The Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) Journal Quality List (JQL) will undergo a full review in 2025. Expert panels are in the process of being established. Their task will be to discuss applications for and consider:

- change of rankings of currently listed journals;
- inclusion of new relevant journals, including business education, interdisciplinary, and practitioner journals;
- exclusion of non-relevant or low-quality journals;
- exclusion of likely predatory or overly aggressive journals;
- changes to the fields of research of listed journals;
- journal name changes.

A call for submissions is expected in April. Applicants will need to have a formal institutional affiliation with an Australian or New Zealand university.

#### **Upcoming research events and deadlines**

17 March: [HRC Health Delivery Research Project Grant EOJ](#). Up to \$1.4 million for 3 years.

2 April, 10.00 am-12.00 pm: Seminar organised by the MCR Taskforce. Room 260-223.

3 April, 9.30 am-12.30 pm: Webinar: Making Sense of the Treaty in a Research Context with Christine Herzog part 1. Register [here](#).

7 April: [Spencer Foundation Small Research Grants on Education Program](#), up to \$86k for 60 months.

8 April: [Royal Society of NZ Catalyst Leaders Grants](#), range of award values of time-frames.

8 April: [Royal Society of NZ Catalyst Seeding Grants](#), \$80k for 2 years.

9 April: [HRC Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare](#), up to \$700k for 2 years.

10 April, 9.30 am-12.30 pm: Webinar: Putting the Treaty into Practice in a Research Context with Christine Herzog Part2. Register [here](#).

22 April: [Wellcome Trust Climate Impact Awards](#), up to \$4.4 million for 3 years

29 April, 9.30 am-12 pm: Webinar: Kawa Whakaruruhau/Cultural Safety. Register [here](#).

#### **Worth paying attention to**

“Open access repositories are integral to open research practices and the democratisation of knowledge. A google scholar search will often link those without access to published versions to a version made available by a repository. However, they have a critical blind spot: their frequent failure to effectively show corrections and retractions issued by journals.” Full text of LSE blog by Frédérique Bordignon can be found [here](#).

Take care,  
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