

## From the Associate Dean (Research)



### Update #6, 2024

Hi all,

#### 2024 applications for 2025 RDF research projects: Info session

The submission deadline for RDF applications is 2 September. More details and relevant forms are available on the Faculty [intranet](#). The Faculty Research Committee and the Business School Research Services team are arranging an in-person information session on 24 July about this contestable round (details on timing and venue are below). The session will cover issues, such as respecting the submission guidelines, application procedures, crafting a credible application, and budget considerations. To confirm your attendance, please accept the attached calendar invitation. The session will be run by Associate Prof Lina El-Jahel, Assistant Dean (Research); Dr Meagan Barclay, Research Services Manager; and Juan Camilo Rodriguez, Research Programme Manager.

#### Inaugural Ngā Ara Whetū Innovation Scholar

Congratulations to [Dr Jagdeep Singh-Ladhar](#), who has recently been appointed in this role that aims to support emerging leaders at the early stages of their careers and foster their engagement with [Ngā Ara Whetū](#). The position is a collaborative initiative between Ngā Ara Whetū (one of seven University Research Centres) and the Business School.

Jagdeep is a Lecturer in the Department of Commercial Law, and her research interests are rooted in sustainability (her PhD thesis was on water allocation). Recently, she authored a book on water allocation law and policy in New Zealand, drawing comparisons with Australia. Jagdeep has gained valuable experience working with the Ministry for the Environment on recent reforms to the Resource Management Act. We look forward to her engagement with Ngā Ara Whetū in the areas of policy impact and research communication.

#### From the Mid-Career Researchers Taskforce

A few weeks ago, the MCR Taskforce organised an interactive session for MCRs on navigating work-life challenges. The panel (Dr Drew Franklin, Prof Ilan Oshri, Prof Maree Roche, and Prof Christine Woods) interacted with the participants by sharing their own experiences, insights, and strategies for achieving a healthy work-life balance. As this is a re-occurring theme in continuous conversations, the MCR Taskforce has also co-organised with the Department of ISOM and the Early Career Researchers Committee an interactive session with [Prof Allen C Johnston](#) (University of Alabama) on work-life balance challenges and strategies for development and cultivation of networks. This will take place in September (details below).

Our MCR writing retreat will be going ahead, as planned, in August. And Cohort 2 in the MCR Development Programme (one seat is still available) kicks-off its work in September.

#### Research Ethics survey

This UoA [survey](#) is open until 17 July 2024. Our feedback is requested to understand how the ethics journeys can be improved in regard to research ethics information, systems, processes, and training. The survey is short and anonymous and includes multiple-choice questions with optional comments. Doctoral and relevant masters students involved in ethics applications in the past 3-4 years are also welcome to participate. The insights and results will be shared in Q3 2024.

#### Summer Research Scholarships

The Faculty Research Committee approved 24 applications for Summer Scholarships projects. The projects opened for student applications from 1 July. All information about the faculty [projects](#) and how students can apply is available [here](#).

#### Social Sciences Research Network

The [University of Auckland Business School SSRN Research Paper Series](#) subscription has been renewed for three years with the added benefit of a data analytics dashboard and the removal of the cap on numbers of work/abstract/paper uploads and

issues of eJournals. SSRN has also created a [new submission URL](#) portal that promises to be more agile in case you like to submit your own work. If you prefer, the submission can still be done for you by [Cicy Xiaoxi Zhu](#) who assists Assoc Prof [William Cheung](#) with SSRN-related matters. You may want to consult the [submission quick guide](#). If you use the X app, you will soon start seeing UABS papers promoted by SSRN to increase their visibility.

### **Global Research Engagement Fund**

In ADR Update #4 (sent out 7 May) I wrote about the launch of the [Global Research Engagement Fund \(GREF\)](#). As this is relatively new and might have escaped from colleagues' radar, here is the information again:

This new internal funding initiative seeks to support our engagement in major global research programmes and strengthen strategic research partnerships with international collaborators. Two separate award categories are available:

[Networking & Engagement Grants](#) (up to \$10,000): They will be used to establish and develop connections with external partners aligned with strategic international funding initiatives. The aim is to support attending in-person events/meetings considered essential to assist our international research activities whilst also increasing the University visibility amongst international stakeholders.

[Project Planning Grants](#): These grants are available to individual researchers or research teams to support the preparation of proposals for large-scale, strategic international research funding initiatives. Eligible activities might include external workshop facilitation, participation in subject-relevant events to identify potential collaborators, procurement of external bid development support, or hosting proposal writing workshops with visiting collaborators. Two grant levels are offered based on the University's level of involvement in the resulting funding application: up to \$12,000 for participating on a project partner; up to \$25,000 for participating as a project lead.

Beneficiaries must be working towards a pre-identified partnership or funding opportunity that is clearly detailed in their funding application. Funding will be allocated across four cut-off dates this year, the next of which will be 27 September and 29 November. Further information, application templates, and guidance notes can be accessed through [ResearchHub](#). Please direct any questions to [international.research@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:international.research@auckland.ac.nz).

### **(Other) upcoming research events and deadlines**

8 July 11 am – 12 pm: Preparing a submission to the 2024 Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition. Panel discussion + Q&A. Room 4136

11 July, 1 – 4 pm: Transdisciplinary Collaborations session focusing on the upcoming UoA Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund round. You can register [here](#).

12 July: Applications close for the August [Research to Innovation Hatchery](#) organised by the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

24 July, 11 am – 12 pm: RDF information session, room 260-319

31 July, 1 – 2 pm: Business School Book Celebration, Level 4 Social Bridge

31 July, 5 pm: Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition 2024 submissions close

28 to 30 August: Mid-Career Researchers Writing Retreat, Castaways

16 September: Annual Early Career Researchers Symposium, Decima Glenn

18 September: Cohort 2 of the Mid-career Researchers Development Programme starts with a 3-day off-site retreat

24 September, 2 – 4 pm: Work-life balance challenges and strategies for development and cultivation of networks, with Prof Allen C Johnston, University of Alabama, Decima Glenn

25 September, 2.30 – 3.30 pm: Research Impact Competition Prize-giving Ceremony, Decima Glenn

2 – 4 October: Qualitative Paper Development Workshop. [Register your interest here](#).

25 October: Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition 2024 award celebration, Christchurch

### **Did you know?**

According to the London School of Economics and Political Science impact blog dated 4 July 2024, a record high of 10,000 papers were retracted in 2023.

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This Update is intended to keep University of Auckland Business School staff informed about research developments, news, events, and funding opportunities. The Update has been issued since 2018. You can view editions from 2022 onwards on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).

