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BUSINESS SCHOOL

From the Associate Dean (Research)



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Business School Research Excellence Awards 2024

Earlier this month, we celebrated the recipients of these awards at a faculty event. Here they are again:

- Early Career Research Excellence: Dr Selena Sheng, Energy Centre
- Mid-Career Research Excellence: Dr Lisa Callagher, Dept of Management and International Business; Assoc Prof Edward Yiu, Dept of Property
- Research Engagement and Relevance: Assoc Prof Gehan Gunasekara, Dept of Commercial Law
- Doctoral Research Supervision: Assoc Prof Karen Fernandez, Dept of Marketing
- Research Leadership: Prof Ilan Oshri, Dept of Information Systems and Operations Management
- Sustained Research Excellence: Prof Charl de Villiers, Dept of Accounting and Finance

Increasing research impact through the media

If you have recent or forthcoming research that you believe has news value and could be of interest to a wider audience, please feel free to share it [here](#). Our media adviser will connect with you to discuss opportunities for amplifying your research's impact through targeted media outreach. With this initiative, we want to ensure our research is getting 'out there' faster.

From the Early Career Researchers Committee

We will hold our 7th annual Early Career Researcher (ECR) Symposium 16 September. This year the focus will be on establishing a scholarly identity and navigating the transition from being an Early- to becoming a Mid-Career Researcher. It will also highlight the contributions of some of our Research Centres and Research Beacons. Lunch will be provided, and ECRs will be able to network. Please keep an eye out for the forthcoming invitation.

We are also excited to share updates on our expanding community of postdoctoral researchers and research fellows. Currently, there are 12 postdocs and research fellows in Economics, Management and International Business, Commercial Law, the New Zealand Asia Institute, the Energy Centre, and the Aotearoa Centre for Leadership and Governance.

U21 Mid-Career Researcher Programme 2024

The upcoming [U21 Mid-Career Researcher Programme: Reset, Re-imagine, Reframe](#), which will take place from 23 October to 20 November 2024 is open for nominations and self-nominations. This is the 3rd iteration of the programme specifically designed for mid-career researchers (MCRs) at the level of Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor (or equivalent) across all disciplines. Dr Lisa Callagher (Dept of MIB) participated in the programme last year.

This is an opportunity for MCRs to refocus and reset, enhancing their skills and mindsets to thrive within a creative and collaborative research culture. The programme will cover a range of themes, including:

- Mindset for success
- Courage to fail
- Trusting yourself – confidence and conviction, balanced with humility
- Collaboration – including influencing and building consensus
- Partnership building – including leveraging networks and relationship management

The time commitment includes one hour asynchronous and one hour synchronous session per week for the duration of the programme. Upon completion and a reflection exercise, participating MCRs will receive a digital micro-credential.

Candidates should send their nomination or self-nominations including academic CV and a cover letter regarding the motivation of attending this programme via email to Dr Addison Pan (addison.pan@auckland.ac.nz), International Networks Manager, by **4 October**. Dr Meagan Barclay (m.barclay@auckland.ac.nz) would be happy to review and provide feedback before nominations and self-nominations are sent to the International Office if the entire application is received by 27 September.

Research Development Fund 2025 – Contestable funding round

This is a reminder that applications to the Research Development Fund (RDF) contestable round for projects starting in 2025 are due soon. The completed applications need to be sent to the respective Disciplinary Area (DA) Lead for assessment by latest 2 September, 5pm. Either the applicant or the DA Lead should email the assessed and signed application form to Juan Camilo Rodriguez j.rodriquez@auckland.ac.nz by 9 September, 5pm.

Key points of the scheme:

- The RDF is an internal university fund with objectives aligned with the principles of [Taumata Teitei](#).
- We have currently allocated \$180,000 for this contestable call.
- We are inviting applications for funding of 1-year projects with budgets of up to \$20,000.

- Project accounts will be active from 1 January 2025 and the funds must be utilised by latest, 31 December 2025.
- Applications for workload relief and teaching buyout will not be considered.
- To access the open round information and submission forms please click [here](#)

REDCap will be useful for colleagues who plan to use participant surveys in their RDF (or other research) projects and who wish to keep data within Aotearoa New Zealand. This is a University-approved web-based research data capture tool for building and managing surveys and databases. Like Qualtrics, it can be used to send participant surveys. REDCap meets ethics, privacy and sovereignty requirements as it can be used to collect personally identifiable information and data is stored on-campus at the University. Training opportunities are aimed at research staff and postgraduate students, details and registration are below.

Our SSRN Research Paper Series

A special issue of the Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition 2023 on SSRN eJournal has just been published; you can access it [here](#) (SSRN account log-in required). This edition showcases articles by colleagues who have participated in the The Aotearoa Business and Economics Research Translation Competition. This Competition involves all eight business schools across New Zealand and challenges participants to condense intricate research findings into concise, engaging articles of just 750 words. The articles highlight the practical relevance of the research and enhance its impact by making it understandable to a broader audience, including policymakers and the general public.

Cassyni

The UABS seminar series platform Cassyni enables us to showcase our academic work on the global stage, enables us to engage with other researchers across campus, geographies and time zones, increases discoverability through EndNote and other product integrations, and boosts impact with citable DOIs and indexing in major research databases. Seminars on Cassyni are now counted as a citation of the referenced paper. It also is a repository of our seminars, can grow communities with discussions that continue beyond the end of a live seminar, and attract more citations in Altmetric. It makes our seminars, recordings, and post-seminar discussions available globally, allowing researchers from around the world to contribute to our community. It is a good tool to convene global research networks supporting grants, consortia, for publishing video versions of our journal articles and supporting PhD training. If you are interested in starting a seminar series, please talk to our [Cassyni guru Edward Yiu](#).

Update from the University Ethics Team

The Ethics Team under the new leadership of Dana Wensley as Head of Research Ethics has shifted in focus to concentrate on delivering an ethics service that focuses on the interactions with researchers. The team is adopting a “proportionate ethical oversight” response to applications which focuses on high-risk applications and creates a more steam-lined experience for low-risk ones. The aim is to formalise this in 2025 with significant changes to pathways, Ethics RM forms and the way decisions are made to create a more “on demand” service. More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming research events and deadlines

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

30 August: Research Impact for Public Good, register [here](#)

3 September: REDCap 101, register [here](#)

5 September: 2025 MBIE Endeavour Support Package: Government Insights Workshop, register [here](#)

13 September: Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund workshop, register [here](#)

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

26 September, REDCap 201: Creating surveys and forms, register [here](#)

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

22 October: REDCap 301: Dashboards and smart variables, register [here](#)

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

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