

RESEARCH SERVICES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

July 2024

Colleagues,

In Q2 we had the great pleasure of announcing the awarding of over \$270,000 of funding for research projects led by our Early Career Researchers. I look forward to seeing the results of their research. Thanks to all the Academic and Professional colleagues who supported this process.

Another highlight on the ECR front was the awarding, to Dr Heather Neilly, of a highly prestigious ARC Early Career Industry Fellowship. A huge achievement for Heather but also for the Competitive Grants Support Program (CGSP) and I thank the members of the Expert Review Panel for their invaluable mentoring assistance. We have recently relaunched the CGSP with an added focus on ARC Linkage Projects.

Dr Ashley Olson, who sits on the ECR Network steering committee, attended a Research Workshop, hosted by the PVC (Research), Professor Remco Polman, in June. After some scene setting by Professor Andrew Reeves, Research Executive and Research Committee members discussed the recommendations of the Research Strategy Review. The review commentary around the structure of Research Centres going forward will be considered as part of the renewal of the Federation University Research Strategy, being led by the PVC.

My Research Funding team and colleagues in Research Finance, submitted the Annual Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC). We reported \$8.2m of research income for 2023, up from \$6.95m in 2022. The funding pipeline for 2024 is healthy and it looks as though we'll be reporting somewhere between \$9-\$10m of income. This indicates continued strong growth in our research performance. The academic impact of our research continues to be evident through the high quality of our research outputs with 69% of journal articles appearing in Q1 journals, well above our Strategic target of 60%.

Operationally we have some important initiatives. We have recently asked a group of researchers to test an online and streamlined version of our Funding Expression of Interest form. We have already released a Word version of the new streamlined form, which we hope will allow more timely linking of opportunities with support.

We are very close to linking Research Integrity training to staff Workday profiles. This initiative will allow us to track completions and requirements for refresher training and, along with our recently launched Research Integrity Advisors Network, build a stronger culture of research integrity and good practice.

Finally, a new Research Data Management procedure will shortly be circulated for comment, and we are working closely with the Library, ITS and the Chief Digital Architect's Office to develop an online RDM portal which will provide staff with resources and tips on storing research data, but also a tool to enable them to produce a Data Management Plan for use with an ethics or funding application.



Dr Mark Potter
Director, Research & Innovation

Internal Grants Scheme (IGS) - 2024 Early Career Researcher (ECR) Seed Funding

The ECR Seed Funding program aims to provide Early Career Researchers (and mid-career researchers with career interruption) an opportunity to develop the skills in building research teams, writing grant proposals, undertaking funded research and successfully delivering research outcomes.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this program earlier this year, including applicants and the review panel. A total of \$273,700 was awarded to 34 projects.

We look forward to hearing about, and informing our research community of, project outcomes in the coming months!

Applicants, please head to the [Researcher Development website](#), for the Final Report template.

Competitive Grants Support Program (CGSP)

Research Services relaunched Competitive Grant Support Program (CGSP) in June 2024. The CGSP will provide guidance and assistance to researchers planning to submit an ARC grant application this year or next year. The program also welcomes researchers who are curious to learn more about the ARC grants. Program workshops will run from July to September.

To get calendar invites for the program workshops and sessions, please email researcher.development@federation.edu.au.

Dr Emma Lee Keynote Speaker at 2024 ARMS Conference

Professor Emma Lee, Professor at the National Centre for Reconciliation, Truth, and Justice has been programmed as the keynote speaker at the ARMS Conference in Darwin this September. The conference theme “Global and Local Research Partnerships for a Sustainable Future” will provide an opportunity to explore dynamic approaches to managing global research partnerships, developing robust relationships between researchers, and fostering strong connections among skilled research management professionals to navigate diverse requirements and meet increasing expectations in a sustainable way.

Professor Lee will bring her expert knowledge and experience in Indigenous rights, constitutional reform, and brokering commercial contracts to the conference, providing research management professionals an opportunity to gain greater understanding around the development of ethical and sustainable research partnerships. Professor Lee spoke about the upcoming ARMS conference as an exciting opportunity to highlight Federation University’s success in protecting Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property in recent contract agreements and says “our rights to Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property means that we can benefit from our own knowledges, rather than assigning those rights to funders and partners. The conference is a time to share the potential of increasing Indigenous research capacity for ethical care through research management.”



Early Career Researchers Network

In February 2024, the Federation University Early Career Researcher Network was launched by the Chair of the Research Executive Committee. The ECR Network aims to provide ECRs opportunities to share knowledge, access support and expand networks.

A steering committee, comprised of ECR representation from STEM and HASS disciplines, all campus locations, and with gender and ethnic diversity, was elected to coordinate network activities.

Current steering committee members are:

- Jacob Dye– Institute of Health and Wellbeing
- Riki Lindsay – Institute of Education, Arts and Community
- Ashley Olson – Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability
- Anju Sreeram – Institute of Health and Wellbeing
- Sheikh Alif – Collaborative Evaluation and Research Centre
- Emma Siesmaa – Institute of Health and Wellbeing

If you are an Early Career Researcher at the university, and would like become part of the ECR network, please [register your expressions of interest](#).

For more information, please contact the Researcher Development team at researcher.development@federation.edu.au.

News from the Ethics Team

Application due dates

Please note that application due dates have changed to Wednesday this year. All dates, as well as other information and handy tips, can be found on our website:

[Human research ethics](#) for research using human data or;

[Animal research ethics](#) for research or teaching with animals.

We encourage you to submit your applications as early as you can before the deadline. This will give the team time to read your application and get back to you if anything is missing prior to Committee review.

Research Integrity training

A reminder to complete Research Integrity training prior to applying for ethics approval. Refer to the [Research Integrity website](#) for more information (navigate to 'Research Integrity training').



Research Integrity

Collaborative research and authorship agreements

Are you about to embark on a collaborative research project? For guidance on collaborative research and authorship, you are strongly encouraged to read the NHMRC guides 'Collaborative research' and 'Authorship' which support the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2018. These guides (and others!) can be found on the [NHMRC website](#).

To help you navigate collaborative projects, two handy tools have been added to the [Federation University Research Integrity website](#) (navigate to 'Guides and FAQs'):

- **Authorship Agreement Template.** This template can be modified to suit the needs of your project and team. It is recommended that you consult with the NHMRC guides (above) prior to amending the agreement template.
- **Authorship Decision Support Tool.** This tool, provided with permission from its creator, Professor Fred Leusch of Griffith University, may be useful in determining authorship and acknowledgements on collaborative projects.

Reporting a research integrity concern

Have you read the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) ('the Code') lately? It's only six pages long and, despite its small size, is riveting reading! Well, maybe that's not necessarily true... nonetheless, it is important that all researchers are very familiar with the Code and understand their responsibilities. If you haven't picked it up in a while, we encourage you to have a look today.

You'll find ['the Code'](#) on the NHMRC website.

As per the Code, suspected breaches of the Code must be reported (Responsibility 29). If you would like to report a potential breach of the Code, please contact the Research Integrity Office via the QR code in this article. You have the option to remain anonymous if you wish.

Alternatively, you can email us at research.integrity@federation.edu.au or call a member of the Research Integrity Office directly. Our details can be found on the ['Contact us'](#) link on the research integrity website

If you would like advice about research integrity, one of our knowledgeable Research Integrity Advisors (RIAs) will be able assist you. Contact details can be found below.

Note, Research Integrity Advisors' role does not extend to assessment or investigation of a potential breach of the Code, these should be reported to the Research Integrity Office.



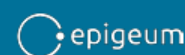
Do you know your local Research Integrity Advisor?

As required by the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) ('the Code'), Federation University has a network of Research Integrity Advisors (RIAs) whose role it is to 'promote responsible conduct of research by providing advice on research practices and researcher responsibilities, as well as advice to those with concerns or complaints about potential breaches of the Code' ([Research Integrity Advisors](#): a guide supporting the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, p. 1). RIAs are collegial folk with research experience, knowledge of the University's policies and governance structure. They cover most Research Centres, Institutes, and campuses. Current RIAs are:

- Alison Ollerenshaw
- Dylan Liu
- Gour Karmakar
- Angela Rintoul
- Michael Barbagallo
- Rakib Shah

If you have any queries about responsible research conduct or have a concern about a potential breach of the Code, you can get in contact with your nearest RIA, or contact the Research Integrity Office.

Have you completed research integrity training?



Epigeum's Research Integrity training will soon be added to Workday profiles. All researchers are expected to complete this training at regular intervals.

This program is identical to the one previously accessed via the Epigeum website, though it may behave a little differently in Workday. If you have any difficulty accessing any of the modules, or if you believe this has been added to your profile in error (for example, if you have completed this training within the past three years), please get in contact with the Research Integrity team via email research.integrity@federation.edu.au

For more information, please see the [Research Integrity website](#).

Find an Expert: updating your profile

Federation University's Find an Expert is a public resource page and displays information about our researchers.

A review of this page and the information it displays will be conducted later in the year, however, Find an Expert currently only interrogates the biography when searching keywords.

Please check your profile: <https://federation.edu.au/research/find-an-expert>, to ensure your biography and other information on your profile are up to date.

If any of the following information on your profile requires updating, please complete the attached [form](#) or send the information to joanne.davis@federation.edu.au.

- **Profile**
 - *Profile not found*: there may be some profiles that may need to be activated.
- **Biography**
 - Your biography may need to be added or updated (Max. 200 words).
- **Other details that can be displayed:**
 - *Social media links (ORCID, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter)* – the link to any/all of these can be displayed
 - *Your contact details (email and/or phone)* – can be hidden or displayed
 - *Availability for: Professional comment, Supervision and/or Examiner* – can be hidden or displayed
- **Field of Research (FoR) code descriptions** can be displayed:
 - *To check and/or update FoR codes*, please refer to the User Guide section of our IRMA support page
 - Located at: [IRMA Support](#) (refer to "User Guide/Researcher Profile/FoR codes: to check and/or update")
 - The FoR code descriptions will be automatically updated from IRMA to your profile.
- **Publications**
 - Should a publication be missing from your profile - you can request to add your missing research outputs to IRMA (which will then be automatically updated from IRMA to your profile)
 - A request can be submitted by completing the "[Request to add a publication](#)" form.

If you have any questions/queries/feedback in regards to your Find an Expert profile, please contact Joanne Davis, joanne.davis@federation.edu.au.

Suggested items

The next edition of the Research Services Newsletter will be published in Q3 2024. We welcome your feedback, so please send any suggestions for future newsletter items to director.research@federation.edu.au.

