Developing Research Opportunities for Women Conference

On the 13th and 14th of July, Research and Development with the Women in Leadership Program ran a conference for women Researchers at the Hamilton campus of RMIT. This was an informative program that allowed for networking with women from a diverse range of areas within RMIT. The program covered a mix of sessions on policy issues vital to research in the current climate.

Presentations about the Hamilton Campus were also interesting as they broadened participants horizons to include our regional interests. The Hamilton Campus is very new and is still in the process of being set up in a building that used to be a Veterinary Hospital. The RMIT staff and students involved in the Hamilton Campus work closely with the local community. For example, landscape design students have spoken with the community to discuss the design of the gardens surrounding the buildings. Given the growing interest in regional Australia, the Hamilton campus represents an exciting opportunity for RMIT to extend their partnerships. There is a strong interest in building a research presence at Hamilton, one of the reasons why Hamilton was chosen as the location for this conference.

Among the discussions on policy issues, Janine Lay from R&D Bundoora presented sessions on the White Paper and the implications for researchers at RMIT. This included the development of RMIT’s Research Management Plan, how research income is calculated, where RMIT stands in relation to other universities and the changes the White Paper may make to these calculations. Anne Badenhorst gave a presentation on that ever difficult problem of attracting funds for research.

So how did this conference help develop research opportunities for women? Firstly it provided RMIT women with crucial information on the tertiary sector environment and what that means for RMIT researchers. Second it allowed for networking with women throughout RMIT. Third, it helped to put issues in perspective, while clearly indicating how individual researchers are involved in these issues.
Further, through the stories of the Hamilton Campus and its surrounding community, it helped to provide hope in achieving goals despite adversities such as distance, and finally it provided feedback and discussion from one section of the RMIT research community for the policies, procedures and practices within RMIT to help the Women in Leadership Program and Research and Development identify further issues for their attention.

Report by Liz Merlot

For further information on the papers presented please contact Liz Merlot from the RDU. Further, if you are interested in researching regional issues could you also please contact Liz.

Faculty Publication Awards

Congratulations to the following people in RMIT Business who received Faculty Publication Awards since the last Business Research News. To all those with Faculty Publication Awards don't forget to cash it in.

C - Articles in Refereed Journals

B - Book Chapter

The Launch of our seminar list

In the last month the RDU has launched an email based seminar list as a joint initiative with the Innovation Leader in E-commerce. Seminars are a relatively informal way of sharing information about research and its related activities. They allow people to canvass the latest research occurring in the university system, to keep up to date with policies and technical aspects of producing research, and to network with other researchers, crucial in the current research environment of increasing pressure for collaboration. Most of the schools within RMIT Business and many other Universities run seminars, which are generally open to any interested persons to attend. However there has been some concern expressed that it can be difficult to find out what seminars are on. Consequently the seminar list was created to provide a consolidated information point for the faculty on these research seminars. A call for interest was made through the general staff and research student email lists for people interested in receiving information on research seminars. A strong response has been received. Thank-you to all of those who have responded to date.

If you are interested in receiving this information about seminars please email Liz Merlot on liz.merlot@rmit.edu.au and request that your email be added to the list.

Call for Working Papers

The Research Development Unit would like to print another run of working papers in September. If you have a potential working paper sitting on your desk please submit it to us by the 31st of August so that we can get your research out there. If you are not sure what working papers actually are the RDU has a brief brochure we can send you.
RMIT Business Working Papers for July are now available.

Electronic copies are on the RDU website at www.bf.rmit.edu.au/RDU/staffinfo/wkg_paper.html. Hard copies available on request from the RDU.

Did you know?
Affiliation is an important aspect in proving that a publication was produced by a staff member or student of RMIT. The easiest way to 'prove' affiliation is for the article, book, book chapter or published conference proceedings to have a by-line which names the University. Other alternatives are statements made in footnotes. For example some staff have written in their footnotes 'Associate Professor ( ) is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Business at RMIT University'. The second part to affiliation is to 'prove' that the author is a member of staff or enrolled as a student. This is usually quite straightforward as the University maintains records of these details.

Upcoming Conferences and Lectures

14th Australian International Education Conference
This annual conference provides a forum for information on the political, economic, marketing, technological and social issues which impact on the international education industry. Emphasis will be placed on insights that focus on innovative and appropriate strategies for operating in newly emerging markets. Issues addressed in the keynote presentations will include offshore and onshore delivery options, student support and e-education. The conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from the 8 to 11 August 2000. There are sponsorship and exhibition opportunities for institutions at the conference. Contact information can be obtained from the RDU.

Call for Papers: User Interface Conference
The Australasian User Interface Conference is calling for papers for their technology-focused forum for user interface researchers and practitioners. This conference is part of a number being held during Australian Computer Science Week. Papers are invited in a number of formats including original papers, videos and proposals for workshops and tutorials. Topics that have been suggested include: User interface architectures, tools, techniques, and technology, distributed interfaces, including the World Wide Web, and HCI education

Papers are due Friday 1 September. The Conference is being held 29 January to 1 February 2001 at Bond University on the Gold Coast. For further information see their website at www.infenv.csee.uq.edu.au/auic2001.
ATEMA/AAPPA Conference 2000

Research Funding, Scholarships and Fellowships
Further information and application forms for all research funding and scholarships listed are available from:
Research Development Unit
Level 11, Building 108
City Campus
Ext: 55594
email: rdu@bf.rmit.edu.au

IMPORTANT NOTE
All closing dates are external due dates. In most cases internal RMIT closing dates will be one week earlier. It is also advisable that you forward potential applications to the RDU so that where possible the RDU can offer feedback and faculty support.

R&D Website links to External Research Funding
The Research and Development (Bundoora) website contains an alphabetical listing of external research fundings with hyperlinks to the funding bodies where available. It can be found at http://www.rmit.edu.au/departments/rd/selgrants/index.html.

BHP Community Trust Grants
This funding is provided to assist organisations in projects that will provide long term social or economic benefits to Australian society. Current priority is for funding projects in the broad area of Occupational and environmental health. Preference is given for one off grants.
Closing date: 1 August 2000

AAS - Science and Technology Agency Short Term Fellowships in Japan
This award is for foreign specialists to undertake research in the fields of natural and applied science and technology in Japanese government national laboratories for a period of up to six months between 1 July 1999 and 31 March 2000. Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.
Closing date: 2 August 2000

George Alexander Foundation - Grant Program
The sponsor provides grants for public charitable purposes in Australia. Funds, authorities or institutions are invited to apply for support under one of the following areas: Education; Scientific Research (including Medical Research); Health; Social Welfare; Humanities; Environment and Conservation; and small Travel Grants.
Closing date: 1 August 2000
Ian Potter Foundation - Travel and Cultural Trust - Institutional Grants

Funding is provided in the form of small travel grants to assist young members of staff to attend overseas conferences or to pursue studies. Applicants must demonstrate how they the institution will benefit from attendance at a conference or study program. Only conferences with international standing that are outside Australia and New Zealand will be supported.

Closing date: 1 August 2000

Ian Potter Foundation - Grants Program

The sponsor provides funding for public charitable purposes in Australia. Research areas include education, health, social welfare, and environment and conservation. Funding is generally for between $5000 to $20000 for academic projects. There are areas which are not likely to receive support such as conferences held in Australia which do not have international status.

Closing date: 1 August 2000

Academy of Social Sciences/The Netherlands Royal Academy of Arts/Science (KNAW)

The sponsor shares an agreement of scientific and cultural collaboration with the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, to promote scholarly relations between Australian and Dutch scholars. Visits by scholars are for periods of 1-2 weeks.

Closing date: 15 August 2000

William Angliss (Victoria) Charitable Fund Small Grants

The sponsor provides funding in the form of small grants for the following services: services for children and their families, disability, aged care; educational, cultural and religious services, hospital and health services, research and youth welfare.

Closing date: 31 August 2000

Mazda Foundation Grants

Funding is offered to support a broad cross-section of individuals and organisations in Australia through community grants. Grants are offered for projects in areas such as: education, skills training, technology development, the natural environment and international competitiveness.

Closing date: 31 August 2000

ANU - Summer Research Scholarship Program

The sponsor provides an opportunity to undertake a short research project in Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences, Engineering, Medical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Pacific and Asian Studies, Social Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Arts, Economics/Commerce, Mathematics, Music, Visual Arts and other University areas.

Closing date: 31 August 2000

DRDC - Research and Development Grants: Farm Portfolio

The sponsor provides funding for projects from applicants whose research interests are in the area of dairy research, especially those which seek to improve the prosperity and lifestyle of dairy farming. Any individual or organisation is eligible to apply for DRDC funds. Applicants are judged on their potential benefits to the Australian dairy industry and chances of success.

Closing date: 8 August 2000
DRDC - Research and Development Grants: Manufacturing Portfolio

The sponsor provides funding for projects from applicants whose research interests are in the area of dairy research. The manufacturing portfolio is concerned with efficiency, quality and increasing the demand for dairy products. Any individual or organisation is eligible to apply for DRDC funds.

Closing date: 8 August 2000

What's New in the Library

Thank-you to Dr Pat O'Brien from the School of Accounting and Law for donating the following resources.


Working Papers (Internal to RMIT)


Working Papers (External to RMIT)


Greenwood, M.R., 'The importance of stakeholders according to business leaders', Department of Management Working Paper Series, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University, WP 37/00 June 2000.

Tharenou, P., 'Consequences of mentoring on career advancement: Does protege gender make a difference?', Department of Management Working Paper Series, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University, WP 38/00 June 2000.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep staff informed of research activity within RMIT Business and of research opportunities both outside and within the faculty. If you have any contributions (we are always interested in research or researchers for our feature article) that you think would be of interest to the faculty please contact Liz Merlot at the RDU.

The Business Research News is also available for viewing on the RDU’s web site shortly after it has been distributed in paper form. The web site also contains information for research staff and students including the RDU’s library holdings.