Students and Staff

Congratulations to Margarita Breed on passing her PhD on April the 19th 2011.

Web resources for RMIT researchers

Did you know there’s loads of information on the RMIT website just for researchers?

Have a look at the support for academics website, which includes information on:
- Research governance and strategy
- Funding my research
- Managing my research
- Publishing my research
- Supervising my students

Got a research question? Then check out the frequently asked questions for research staff. If you can’t find the answer you’re looking for ask a question via the online form.

The RMIT Library has developed a guide to measuring research impact of publications. This guide informs academic staff, students and research administration how to measure the impact of research publications.

Students

1. Deputy Vice Chancellor’s (Research and Innovation) Postgraduate Research Student International Conference Fund

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor’s (Research and Innovation) Postgraduate Research Student International Conference Fund is open to RMIT Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates. Funding is available to aid the professional development of HDR candidates through participation at internationally recognised conferences or workshops both overseas and in Australia. Funding provided is for expenditure on travel fares, registration fees and accommodation only (excludes food, telephone, and other incidental items).

2011 funding round closing dates

- Round 2
  Conferences in Semester Two 2011 (1 July to 31 December) - Applications open on Wednesday 27 April and close Friday 20 May 2011.

http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/conferencefund
Congratulation to the following students and staff who have papers accepted at National and International conferences in 2011.

Chris Edmonds-Wathan has a paper called “What Comes Before? Understanding Spatial Frame of Reference in Iwaidja”. accepted for the Study Conference of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction on “Mathematics Education and Language Diversity” (ICMI Study 21). It will be in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 16-20 September 2011.


Badrul Isa, Abdul Shukor Hashim, Sumardian Shah Silah and Raiha Shahanaz Redzuan, The implementation of visual art teacher training program in the Faculty of Education University Teknologi MARA (UiTM). Mini conference co-organised by University Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI), April 25, 2011 Bandung Indonesia.

Richard Whylie has been selected to present a paper at the National Marine Educators Association Conference in Boston - 29th of June to the 3rd of July 2011. Richard has also been invited to make a submission to become a member of IUCN’s World Commission on Protected Areas. It’s an invitation only membership and there are only 1400 members worldwide. It’s the largest UN protected areas network and it’s incredibly influential in negotiating environmental protective legislation and global environmental policy between the UN Member Nations.

Beatrice Cheah on her cello recital performance at the Voice of the Children Musical Charity Concert in Malaysia on the 5th of December 2010.

Tim Nikolsky presentation at the Thailand International Jazz Conference in January 2011 at Mahidol University Salaya.

Staff and Supervisors

1. Professor Daine Alcorn DVC (R&I) and Vice President RMIT visited Bundoora West on the 14th April to brief staff on the ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia) http://www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/era process and the RMIT Results.

Here are a few of the main points from the presentation:

1. The Australian government spends $600 million on ARC grants and $600 million on NHMRC grants. ERA was designed to assess if the government was getting “value for dollars spent”.

2. ERA examined the research outputs of research institutes and benchmarked across Australia as well as ranking outputs against international standards.
3. The federal government will tie funding to ERA outcomes in the near future.

4. The FoR code 1303 *Specialist Studies in Education* received a 3 ranking. However, it is interesting to note that only 19% of this score was attributed to Education outputs and 25% to Health Sciences publication outputs.

5. RMIT staff are recommended to publish in (A and B ranked journals), be mindful that conference publications are not predictors of ERA scores regardless of FoR code/s, citations are important, staff are encouraged to continue to populate the RMIT Research Repository and continue to submit publications to the R&I Repository asap, RMIT R&I are working towards increasing the number of staff contributing to ERA.

6. In the future HDR student selection will need to be more aligned to RMIT research strengths.

7. R&I are using the Research Investment Fund to appoint new, strong, active researchers.

8. R&I are developing a new research plan called *Impact Through Innovation. R&I Plan 2011 – 2015* which is a subset of the new RMIT Strategic Policy. The new R&I Plan is on the RMIT web site