

Round 2 ARC Linkage Grant Applications Submitted

The University recently submitted 28 Round 2 Linkage grant applications, of these applications 4 involved staff from the Business Faculty. In addition, each project application receives \$5,000 seed funding from the Faculty. Well done to those staff members in the Faculty who submitted applications and good luck !

Prof. William Martin and Dr. Hepu Deng from the School of Business Information Technology and Ms. Justine Heazlewood from the Department of Electronic Records and Online Access, Public Records Office Victoria. Title of application: Confronting the urban-rural divide in Victoria. The potential contribution of archives and records to communities.

Assoc. Prof. Michael McKenzie and Dr. Amalia Di Iorio from the School of Economics and Finance and Mr. Robert Heaps from Midwine Consulting. Title of application: Liquidity measurement and risk management in the Australian insurance industry.

Dr. Mohini Singh and Mr. Bill Davey from the School of Business Information Technology along with Miss Hava Eski from Mobileworld Operating Pty. Ltd. Title of application: Enhancing mobile commerce with effective applications of mobile technologies.

Prof. Mary Kalantizis from the Faculty of Education, language and Community Service with Prof. Bill Martin from the School of Business Information Technology and Mr. Kerry Stirling from the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta. Title of application: Learning design language: A project to design, test and evaluate a decentralised knowledge management platform for schools.

Seasons Greetings to all
the readers of the
Business Research News



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Research Funding Opportunities



For details regarding other current research funding opportunities please visit the Research & Development Funding website which provides a list of grants, awards, scholarships and fellowships available to staff and students and is updated weekly at: <http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse?SIMID=jg30k3i1c6l>

Also for a listing of scholarships available please visit the Joint Academic Scholarship On-line Network (JASON) website. JASON is an on-line database of scholarship information for postgraduate students. For further information please visit: <http://jason.unimelb.edu.au>

ARC Discovery Projects for Funding Commencing in 2004

The Funding Rules for Discovery Projects for applicants for funding commencing in 2004 have been placed on the ARC website at: <http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/discovery/projects/default.htm>

Priorities

These include reference to the new National Research Priorities announced on 5 December 2002 by the Prime Minister. There are four new National Research Priorities areas - An Environmentally Sustainable Australia, Promoting and Maintaining Good Health, Frontier Technologies for Building and Transforming Australian Industries and Safeguarding Australia. Each Priority has a number of associated Priority Goals, which are listed in Appendix 2 of the Funding Rules document available from the R&D website at <http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse?SIMID=t7lslv6ibr17> or from the ARC website listed above.

In a similar way to last year, applicants will be asked to indicate if their application falls within one of the designated National Research Priorities. You may select a National Research Priority by choosing one or more of the associated Priority Goals.

Instructions and Application Forms

These are available from the R&D website at <http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse?SIMID=t7lslv6ibr17>.

Deadline

All applications must be received internally by R&D by Friday 7 February 2003. (Note: The external deadline is Friday 7 March 2003).

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Research Grants Program

AIATSIS is now calling for applications for the Research Grants Program 2003. All applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of their grant applications in July 2003. Funding for successful applicants will be available from August 2003. The Research Grants Program 2003 will fund research into a wide range of research areas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, such as history (including family and community history), politics, law, public policy, health (social, cultural and environmental aspects), biological sciences, education, linguistics, social anthropology, archaeology and the arts. Within this wide range of research areas, applications in the special emphasis categories of 'Land and Resource Management' and 'Indigenous Organisations, Governance and Capacity Building' are particularly invited in the Research Grants Program 2003.

An AIATSIS Research grant applicants information package with full details of the grant program is available from Mira Maunder from R&D by email mira.maunder@rmit.edu.au. Applications must be submitted using the Research Grants Program 2003 Application form. The AIATSIS Research grant applicants information package (including the Application form) is available from the internet at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au> or by contacting Research Administration Team AIATSIS by email grants@aiatsis.gov.au.

Deadline

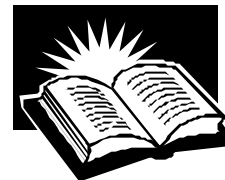
The deadline for applications to be received internally by the R&D Office is Friday 24 January 2003. (Note: The external deadline for applications is Friday 31 January 2003).

Barclays Global Investor Prize Scoop



Recently Juliana Yim who is a PhD student with the School of Economics and Finance and Dr. Heather Mitchell who is a Senior Lecturer also from the School of Economics and Finance were awarded equal first place for the Barclays Global Investors Prize. The title of Juliana's and Heather's prize winning paper is 'A comparison of Australian financial service failure models: Hybrid neural networks, logit models and discriminant analysis'. Juliana and Heather will shortly be receiving \$2,500 prize money from Barclays as well. The subject of this prize winning paper is also available in the recently released RMIT Business Working Paper Series (Working Paper No. 09). Congratulations and well done Juliana and Heather !

Faculty Publication Awards



The Research Development Unit is pleased to announce that the following publications that satisfy the DEST publication criteria have been awarded Faculty Publication Awards.

C1- Refereed Journal Articles

Nguyen, H., & Faff, R.W., 'On the determinants of derivative usage by Australian companies', *Australian Journal of Management*, Vol. 27, No. 1, June 2002, pp.1-24.

Jones, S., 'Employee rights, employee responsibilities and knowledge sharing in intelligent organization', *Employee Responsibilities and Rights Journal*, Vol. 14, No's. 2/3, September 2002, p.69-78.

Jones, S., 'A woman's place is on the picket line: Towards a theory of community industrial relations', *Employee Relations: The International Journal*, Vol. 24, No.'s 1&2, 2002, pp.151-166.

Finegan, A., 'Web-based learning - Local and offshore perspectives', *UltiBASE*, (on-line journal), November 2002.

Deegan, C., Rankin, M., & Tobin, J., 'An examination of the corporate social and environmental disclosures of BHP from 1983-1997: A test of legitimacy theory', *Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 3, 2002, pp.312-343.

Deegan, C., 'Introduction: The legitimising effect of social and environmental disclosures - A theoretical foundation', *Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 3, 2002, pp.282-311.

Newson, M., & Deegan, C., 'Global expectations and their association with corporate social disclosure practices in Australia, Singapore and South Korea', *The International Journal of Accounting*, Vol. 37, 2002, pp.183-213.

Walker D.H.T., 'Reflective Learning and the Doctor of Project Management Program', *UltiBASE*, (on-line journal), August 2002.

Walker D.H.T., 'Enthusiasm, Commitment and Project Alliancing - An Australian Experience', *Construction Innovation*, Vol. 2, No. 1, 2002, pp. 5-31.

Walker D.H.T., & Keniger, M., 'Quality Management in Construction - An Innovative Advance Using Project Alliancing In Australia', *TQM*, Vol. 14, No. 5, 2002, pp. 307-317.

Walker D.H.T., Hampson K.D., & Peters R.J., 'Project Alliancing vs. Project Partnering: A Case Study of the Australian National Museum Project', *Supply Chain Management*, Vol. 7, No. 2, 2002, pp.83-92.

Walker D.H.T., & Shen Y.J., 'Project Understanding, Planning, Flexibility of Management Action and Construction Time Performance - Two Australian Case Studies', *Construction Management and Economics*, Vol. 20, No. 1, 2002, pp.31-44.

E1- Conference Papers in Refereed Proceedings

Tatnall, A., & Davey, B., 'Understanding the process of information systems and ICT curriculum development', Human Choice and Computers: Issues of Choice and Quality of Life in the Information Society, IFIP 17th World Computer Congress - TC9 Stream / 6th International Conference, Montreal, Canada, 25-30 August 2002, pp. 275-282.

Tatnall, A., & Davey, B., 'Understanding the process of information systems and ICT curriculum development: Three models', Human Choice and Computers: Issues of Choice and Quality of Life in the Information Society, IFIP 17th World Computer Congress - TC3 Stream on Tele-Learning, Montreal, Canada, 25-30 August 2002, pp. 225-232.

Zhao, F., & Dalrymple, J., 'E-partnerships in the information era: Issues of information management', Proceedings of the Third Multinational Alliance for the Advancement of Organisational Excellence Conference 2002, Ayr, Scotland, 11-13 September 2002, pp.407-415.

Jones, S., 'Knowledge management - Organisations and universities as a learning community of practice', Change Management - Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on ISO9000 & TQM (7-ICIT), Melbourne, 2-4 April 2002.

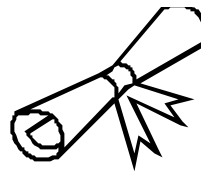
Jones, S., & Richardson, J., 'Designing an IT-augmented student-centred learning environment', Quality Conversations: HERDSA Conference 2002, Perth, 7-10 July 2002.

McKay, E., & Martin, J., 'Web-work search system: Enhanced accessibility', Untangling the Web - Establishing Learning Links, Australian Society for Educational Technology International Education & Technology Conference, Melbourne, 7-10 July 2002.

Walker D.H.T., & Keniger, M., 'Quality Management in Construction - An Innovative Advance Using a Project Alliancing Approach', Proceedings of 7th ICIT Conference, Melbourne, Australia, April 2002.

Well done to Jennifer Martin (BIT), Elspeth McKay (BIT), Hoa Nguyen (Eco. & Fin), Michaela Rankin (Acc. & Law), Craig Deegan (Acc. & Law), Fang Zhao (Management), John Dalrymple (CMQR), Joan Richardson (Management), Sandra Jones (Management), Andrew Finegan (BIT) and Bill Davey (BIT) on your recent publications.

Recent Thesis Submission



The RDU is pleased to announce that Hoa Nguyen from the School of Economics and Finance has recently submitted her PhD thesis for examination. The title of Hoa's thesis is 'Determinants of derivative usage and risk management practices by Australian corporations'.

Well done and congratulations Hoa !

What's New in the RDU Library



Internal Working Papers

Turnbull, G. 'The decline and ultimate abandonment of the Brisbane tramway system – A contrast with the retention of the tramway system in Melbourne', WP 07/2002.

Fraser, I. 'Chinese universities at the beginning of the 21st century' WP 08/2002 (forthcoming).

Yim, J., & Mitchell, H. 'A comparison of Australian financial service failure models: Hybrid neural networks, logit models and discriminant analysis', WP 09/2002.

Yim, J., & Mitchell, H. 'A comparison of corporate failure models in Australia: Hybrid neural networks, logit models and discriminant analysis', WP 10/2002.

Brooks, R.D. 'Econbase downloads and the ranking of Australian university economics research: A comparative study', WP 11/2002.

Diggle, J.D. 'Student completion – The long and straight road to Dr.', WP 12/2002.

External Working Papers

Chang, H.C., 'The Impact of Immigration on the Wage Differential in Australia', *Department of Economics Research Paper Number 859*, The University of Melbourne, November 2002.

Basov, S., 'A Partial Characterization of the Solution of the Multidimensional Screening Problem with Nonlinear Preferences', *Department of Economics Research Paper Number 860*, The University of Melbourne, November 2002.

Magee, G.B., 'Rethinking Invention: Cognition and the Economics of Technological Creativity', *Department of Economics Research Paper Number 861*, The University of Melbourne, November 2002.

Poskitt, D.S., & Skeels, C.L., 'Assessing Instrumental Variable Relevance: An Alternative Measure and Some Exact Finite Sample Theory', *Department of Economics Research Paper Number 862*, The University of Melbourne, November 2002.

Magee, G.B., 'Comparative technological Creativity in Britain and America at the End of the Nineteenth Century: The Antipodean Experience', *Department of Economics Research Paper Number 863*, The University of Melbourne, November 2002.

Latham, C., 'The Legal Nature of Domain Names', *Faculty of Commerce Working Paper Series*, Charles Sturt University, Working Paper 39/02, November 2002.

Macklin, R., 'The Efficacy of Agnes Heller's Moral Philosophy for HRM's', *Faculty of Commerce Working Paper Series*, Charles Sturt University, Working Paper 40/02, November 2002.

Goela, N., & Bisman, J.E., 'Financial and Accounting Aspects of Leasing Decision-making in Australia', *Faculty of Commerce Working Paper Series*, Charles Sturt University, Working Paper 41/02, November 2002.

Bartley, M., Le Marchant, M., & Simmons, K., 'Implementation of a Real World Information Technology Project at the University Level', *Faculty of Commerce Working Paper Series*, Charles Sturt University, Working Paper 42/02, November 2002.

Fuming, J., 'An Exploratory Investigation of International Pharmaceutical Firms' FDI Decision into China', *Faculty of Commerce Working Paper Series*, Charles Sturt University, Working Paper 44/02, November 2002.

External Research Reports and Publications

Assessing Learning in Australian Universities: ideas, Strategies and Resources for Quality in Student Assessment, Centre for the Study for Higher Education for the Australian Universities Teaching Committee & The University of Melbourne, 2002.

Faculty of Economics and Business Research Report 2001, The University of Sydney, 2002.

Research Report 2001, University of Tasmania, 2002.

Endnote, Web of Science and Database Refresher Training for RMIT Business Researchers in 2003

The Business Library will be running more classes on EndNote and Web of Science over the summer months. In addition to this, the Library will also be running an update session on database searching.

Introduction to EndNote

Fri 31st Jan, 9.30-11.30 am, 108.8.09
 Tues 18th Feb, 2.30-4.30 pm, 108.8.09

Web of Science

Tues 14th Jan, 9.30-11.00 am, 108.8.09
 Mon 10th Feb, 2.30-4.00 pm, 108.8.09



Beyond the Basics - Database searching refresher

You probably know how to search a few databases such as Emerald or ProQuest (ABI/Inform) for journal articles. But can you be sure you're getting all there is? This session focuses on how to improve your searching techniques and focus on the most important items. Also it offers advice for what to do when the full text is not available and how to choose the most relevant database for your needs and how you can find theses.

Thurs 23rd Jan, 2.30-4.00 pm, 108.8.09
 Wed 5th Feb, 2.30-4.00 pm, 108.8.09

The content of the class will be flexible to suit the needs of participants. For further information and bookings please contact John Terrell by email john.terrell@rmit.edu.au

Australian-based Readers for Linkage Projects (Round Two) Required

ARC are in the process of seeking assistance from suitably qualified and experienced people to assess applications for Linkage-Projects Round 2 (the round currently underway). ARC aim to assess these applications in the time frame late December 2002 to early March 2003. They appreciate the unusual and possible difficult timing of this period, and would greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to give to assist them in this capacity, across all discipline areas. .

'Suitably qualified' translates to:

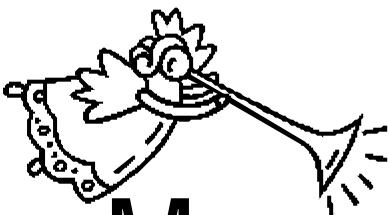
Academic researchers - a significant publications track record (i.e. 20 refereed publications/conferences over the past 5 years).

Industry people - it could be different to the above, however ARC would still require a publications output over the past 5 years.

Please send any suggestions to Mira Maunder from the R&D Office, Level 4, Bldg. 215, Bundoora or (email: mira.maunder@rmit.edu.au, phone 9925 7729). Suggestions should include reference to the following criteria:

- (i) full contact details - name, title, email address, current institution/company/organisation, ph/fax
- (ii) keywords describing field of expertise
- (iii) a publications record attached

If the publications record is suitable, a CV will then be requested before forwarding the response to the ARC. Potential assessors will then be approached independently by the ARC to determine their availability and willingness to assess.



Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year



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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 Bronwyn Coate 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.