We have a strong foundation upon which to build a reputation of excellence in research. Together, staff and research scholars, we can achieve a lot more and build the reputation in our disciplines that will be recognised as excellent. Our task in the Business Research Office is to assist you with the administration processes that are needed to achieve this. My role is to assist you with ideas, and get you access to senior academics who can help you achieve your goals.

The Research Plan for the College in 2011 states the following (it’s a hefty goal but one I believe we can reach):

"In 2015 Research in the College of Business will reflect a position of being ERA world-class in all of its business disciplines. We will base our reputation on how we go about research at RMIT Business through applied and work-integrated research. We will have an academic staff 90% PhD-qualified and research-active. The research culture will be dynamic, inclusive and forward-thinking, offering business and industry cutting-edge research and solutions to the issues and problems they confront. Work-integrated research offers enormous scope upon which we can scaffold a novel position. It fits our profile and emphasizes applied, industry work, embracing in-community action research, virtual labs, ‘practical’ (not think) tanks, practitioner hubs (to go with our practitioner faculty positions), and research incubators as part of our academic and research programs. In 2011, this will be the focus of our activity, building a framework together for one college way of designing work integrated research process and outcomes."

Brian Corbitt
Deputy PVC Business (Research)

[Source: Prof Brian Corbitt]
**New Appointments**

Welcome and congratulate all new academics and appointments:

**Prof Caroline Chan**
Head of School
Business IT and Logistics

**Prof Sinclair Davidson**
Centre Director
Centre for Finance

**Prof Imad Moosa**
Deputy Head Research
School of Economics, Finance and Marketing

**A/Prof Sharif As-Saber**
Deputy Head Research
School of Management

**Peta Stevenson-Clark**, Lecturer, Accounting

**Jasvinder Sidhu**, Assoc Lecturer, Accounting

**Shannon Sidaway**, Assoc Lecturer, Accounting

**Rakesh Pandey**, Assoc Lecturer, Accounting

**A/Prof Vijaya Marisetty**, Economics, Finance and Marketing

**Dr Sandy Ng**, Lecturer, Economics, Finance and Marketing

**Eibhlin Hudson**, Lecturer, Economics, Finance and Marketing

**Ingo Karpen**, Lecturer, Economics, Finance and Marketing

**A/Prof Siva Muthaly**, Graduate School of Business and Law

**Prof Martin Wood**, School of Management

**Dr Charlie Huang**, Senior Lecturer, School of Management

**Penny Webster**, Lecturer, School of Management

**New HDR Scholars**

Welcome also extends to our new HDR scholars:

Akee Lary, Acct
Daniella Juric, Acct
Jasvinder Sidhu, Acct
Shannon Sidaway, Acct
Meihua Gu, BITL
Imran Muhammad, BITL
Choon Yan Lee, BITL
Minh Son Nguyen, EFM
Nicholas Bodanac, EFM
Kristoffer Flowers, EFM
Simon Thornton, EFM
Maria Balogh, EFM
Parvinder Sachar, EFM
Miles Hutchison, EFM
Samuel Xie, EFM

Binesh Seetanah, EFM
Ryszard Bliszczyk, EFM
Adrian Meade, GSBL
Gabriele Hermansson, GSBL
Christian Taniman, GSBL
Bradley Wallace, GSBL
David Goodwin, GSBL
David Barton, Mgt
MD. Khalid Hossain, Mgt
Akim Bunny, Mgt
Jacqueline O’Toole, Mgt
Yiu Chu, Mgt
Peter Nightsccales, Mgt
Ghatfan Hillali, Mgt
Sharon Yap, Mgt
Emilia Pires, Mgt

**Research News**

**College of Business Research Symposium**

Recipients of the 2010 Business Research Grant Seed Fund Scheme (now the “College of Business Research Grant Scheme”) shared their research insights at a symposium on 24 February 2011.

More than 40 researchers from the College attended the event and provided feedback.

“The aim of this symposium is to encourage our colleagues to apply for future grants, and to continue to develop the research culture within the College,” Prof Brian Corbitt, Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation, said.

Prof Fang Lee Cooke, Drs Tim Butcher and Caroline Tan from School of Management, Drs Alberto Posso and Larry Li from School of Economics Finance and Marketing, Prof Dennis Taylor from School of Accounting, and Dr Siddhi Pittayachawan from School of Business IT and Logistics presented at the symposium.

At the end, Prof Sinclair Davidson, Director of the Centre for Finance shared his thoughts on the Research Centre.

[Source: Ainslie Goodall]

**Connecting LIS Community**

On 4th February, A/Prof Peter Macauley (School of Business IT and Logistics), Chair of the National ALIA Research Committee, convened a one-day workshop, “Research for LIS Practitioners”, at the State Library of New South Wales, Sydney.

The goal was to encourage collaborative practitioner research and publication in the LIS (Library and Information Studies) community.

The workshop was well attended, with participants from all states and territories represented. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and it is hoped this will go some way to re-energising research in the Australian LIS sector.

A/Prof Macauley also presented a paper at the workshop titled “Added value: turning your creative ideas or endeavours into a doctorate”.

[Source: Prof Nilmini Wickramasinghe]
Marketing Discipline Highlighted in ERA Result

The Marketing discipline of the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing highlighted their research bona fides with a score of 3 (at world standard) on the 2010 ERA ranking.

Marketing scored above the mean, median and modal levels of the twenty-nine institutions scored in the discipline.

As Prof Tim Fry, the former Deputy Head Research in the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing noted, this is a tremendous result! And the result is even more impressive given that two of most prominent researchers, A/Prof Michael Schwartz and Dr Chris White, were not included because their research areas (Ethics and Tourism, respectively) are not in the Marketing FoR code. Congratulations to the Marketing discipline!

[Source: Prof Imad Moosa]

Intellectual Sharing in Germany

In January, Prof Nilmini Wickramasinghe (School of Business IT and Logistics) was invited to present her research on e-health at several universities in Germany including the University Hohenheim and Duale Hochschule Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Prof Wickramasinghe was also invited to Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research, UAE, to present her research on pervasive wireless technologies to support self-care in chronic disease management. At this time, she was also invited to present her work on diabetes to the Abu Dhabi Ministry for Health.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with leading scholars and share research ideas pertaining to strategic uses of technology to affect superior healthcare delivery,” said Prof Wickramasinghe. She is greatly appreciative to these universities for their invitations and funding support.

[Source: Prof Nilmini Wickramasinghe]

Visiting Professor at Brunel Business School

Prof Mohini Singh (School of Business IT and Logistics) has taken up a position as a Visiting Professor at Brunel Business School, Brunel University

Prof Singh is the first RMIT staff member to be accepted as a Visiting Professor at Brunel Business School, and is supported by the RMIT/Brunel Research Scheme.

[Source: RMIT News]

Invitation as a Keynote Speaker

Prof Imad Moosa (School of Economics, Finance and Marketing) has been invited to be a keynote speaker in at the KIMEP annual international conference, “Global Business and Market Transformation: New Developments in Eurasia”. The conference will be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 22-23 April 2011.

[Source: Prof Imad Moosa]

College of Business Research Grant Scheme

Congratulations to the following researchers (and their teams), who are recipients of a College of Business Research Grant for Semester 1, 2011:

- Prof Caroline Chan
- Dr Tim Butcher
- Dr Alan Montague
- Dr Nuttawuth Muenjohn
- Dr Nattavud Pimpa
- Prof Dennis Taylor
- A/Prof Prem Yapa
- Dr Antony Young

[Source: Business Research Office]

External Funding Award

RMIT Researcher Kathy Douglas from Graduate School of Business and Law together with Rebecca Leshinsky, Robin Goodman and Peter Condiffe from Swinburne University of Technology was rewarded a grant from Legal Services Board for the research ‘Appropriate Dispute Resolution for Owners Corporation Internal Disputes’. This project has a total funding of $40,000.

[Source: Prof Supriya Singh]
### Recent Publications


[Source: Profs Imad Moosa, Nilmini Wickramasinghe and Supriya Singh]
Research Funding Opportunities

ARC Discovery Project Scheme - funding in 2012 (www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp_dp_default.htm)
- Final draft of full application submitted to R&I Support & Performance (arc@rmit.edu.au) for quality review and compliance (applications must have already been through the College review process): Friday 4 March 2011.
- Applications certified and submitted to the ARC: Friday 18 March 2011.
- ARC closing date: 17:00 (AEDT), Monday 21 March 2011.

- EOI due to the Business Research Office (tania.tambiah@rmit.edu.au): Monday 14 March 2011
- Draft strategic statement prepared by applicant and School to the Business Research Office (tania.tambiah@rmit.edu.au) for review: Monday 28 March 2011
- Full drafts due to the College Research Capacity Building Team (tim.fry@rmit.edu.au) and Senior Advisor, Grants Development (tseen-ling.khoo@rmit.edu.au) for review: Monday 4 April 2011, at the latest.
- Final draft of full applications submitted R&I Support & Performance (arc@rmit.edu.au) for quality review and compliance (applications must have already been through the College review process): Monday 11 April 2011.
- ARC closing date: 17:00 (AEST), Wednesday 20 April 2011.

ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards - funding in 2012 (www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/decra.htm)
- Draft strategic statement prepared by applicant and School to the Business Research Office (tania.tambiah@rmit.edu.au) for review: Monday 11 April 2011
- Full drafts due to the College Research Capacity Building Team (tim.fry@rmit.edu.au) and Senior Advisor, Grants Development (tseen-ling.khoo@rmit.edu.au) for review: Wednesday 27 April 2011
- Final draft of full applications submitted to R&I Support & Performance (arc@rmit.edu.au) for quality review and compliance (applications must have already been through the College review process): Monday 2 May 2011.
- ARC closing date: 17:00 (AEST), Wednesday 18 May 2011.

Fullbright Awards - funding in 2012 (www.fullbright.com.au)
- The International Fulbright Science & Technology Awards (S&T), valued at up to US$300,000, are open to Australian citizens to undertake a full PhD program at a U.S. university between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. Applications close on 1 May 2011.

Research Alert
http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=cmksiexyqpu4
Updated regularly by R&I. Research Alert is an index of funding opportunities that enables you to browse by deadline, discipline or funding agency. Items advertised include grants, fellowships, travel funding, and awards/prizes.

A Selection of National Competitive Grant (Category 1) Schemes

Commonwealth Schemes
Australian Research Council (includes Discovery/DECRA/Linkage) – http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/default.htm


Non-Commonwealth Schemes


National Heart Foundation of Australia – Grants in Aid, Fellowships http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Available_Funding/Pages/default.aspx


Fellowships
Australian European University Institute Fellowships (history, law, economics, and social and political sciences) for research at the European University Institute, Florence. CLOSES 15 March 2011. http://www.delaus.europa.eu/studyinelleurope/AEUIFAL.htm

[Source: Tania Tambiah]
Upcoming Research Events

- 09/03/2011 Asia@RMIT, GSB&L
- 18/03/2011 Seminar: Factors Influencing Born Global Internationalisation: A Study of Malaysian Firms, Centre for Sustainable Organisations and Work and School of Management
- 23/03/2011 Confirmation of Candidature Presentation and Completion Seminar, School of BIT&L
- 25/03/2011 Confirmation of Candidature Presentation and Completion Seminar, School of EFM.
- 04/04/2011 HDR Orientation for Semester 1 2011

Research Training

- 31/03/2011 Research Ready: applying for external research funding http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=c5r5cmlweaq4
- 01/04/2011 ECR@RMIT workshop 1: mentorship http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=ni69nvnkd4x21
- 15/04/2011 Research Ready: managing your project’s finances http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=8col1d1d2z741
- 16/05/2011 How to prepare a good ARC rejoinder http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=yixvmsgk8thcz
- 27/05/2011 Research funding opportunity databases http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=ept2zrji4gzoz

[Source: RMIT Website]

Research Capacity Building Team (RCBT) Update

The College of Business Research Capacity Building Team (RCBT) of Profs Craig Deegan, Lisa Farrell, Tim Fry, Roslyn Russell and A/Prof Peter Macauley are busy supporting our ARC Discovery Project applicants. A range of initiatives and a program of events to support research and researchers in the College (including a mentoring scheme) are planned for 2011.

For further details, see future editions of this newsletter and keep an eye on your email. To contact the RCBT, please email Prof Fry (tim.fry@rmit.edu.au).

[Source: Prof Tim Fry]

Other Opportunities

European Commission’s Scientific Visa Package
The Package regulates and facilitates third-country nationals entering the European Union for the purpose of scientific research. The scientific visa package consists of an EU directive (2005/71/EC) and two recommendations (2005/762/EC and 2005/761/EC).

This Scientific Visa helps researchers to obtain permission to enter, stay and work in the European Union Member States to carry out scientific research. It is designed to make the process of receiving a residence permit easier for researchers wishing to carry out research in the EU for a short-term period (up to 3 months) or a long-term period (more than 3 months).

More info http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/services/scientific Visa

EURAXESS is a DG Research initiative to promote Research in Europe and the mobility of researchers. In addition, the EURAXESS site offers links to over 200 EURAXESS Services Centres around Europe that provide free personal assistance to researchers when moving from one country to another.

[Source: Prof Brian Corbitt]

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For detailed information on staff research funding and support see www.rmit.edu.au/bus/research/staff