Colleagues,

Research is now an essential part of our work at RMIT!

Over the past 2 years especially there have been many schemes put in place to enable you as researchers to have the opportunity to develop your skills, take time out to spend real productive time on research or to complete your PhD. All of these schemes are there to support you in moving RMIT business research to levels equivalent to, and beyond, those of other Australian Universities. We have the capacity to make that jump but it requires us all to make the effort. We need to do more. We need to dramatically improve the following statistics. In 2008 and 2009 our research income declined by 25% but our publications increased. Our HDR completions held up reasonably. Only 60 of the 224 academic staff (26%) in Business are by definition 'research active'. But 147 of the 224 do some research activity. 77/224 (34%) staff do no research at all. Only 25% of staff generated research income. Over 50% of staff published and/or undertook HDR supervision. We have to lift our performance. Research is enjoyable and productive for us as academics. During the next 12 months more of you will need take on responsibility to improve our research performance with more staff applying for research grants, publishing more in better quality journals and engaging with industry in ways to stimulate not only our research productivity but also move us towards the levels of research output expected by all universities.

We need your help to get there and we all need to work together to get there. Apply for the grants available in the College. Seek help from the Business Research Office. Attend industry engagement workshops. Join the College research Centres for Finance or Governance, Work and Technologies. Join the Research Institutes in the university. One of my roles is to help you to make these moves. Just email me.

Brian Corbitt.

Change of Location
The College of Business Research Office has now moved to Building 158, which is located at 300 Queen Street; previously occupied by the Graduate School of Business.

Telephone numbers remain the same.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Research Grants


Mike Reid, Francis Farrelly, Lisa Farrell, Tim Fry & T Worsley (Uni Wollongong), “Drinking-related lifestyles: Development and implementation of lifestyle segmentation model for binge drinking intervention through improved media and message targeting”, VicHealth, $190,000.

College Early Career Researcher (ECR) Publication Scheme recipients for Semester 2 2010


College Research Partnership Fund recipients for Semester 1 2010

Fang Lee Cooke with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to examine human resource shared services and outsourcing in the Australian public sector (its trends, pitfalls and impact on organizational performance).

Wang-Sheng Lee with Chess Ed to explore whether primary school students taking chess lessons experience any benefits in terms of academic performance.

Elspeth McKay with Meiho Institute of Technology (National Science Council), Taiwan to investigate socio-cultural effects of information and communications technology (ICT) tools for a global eMuseum system (GEMS) prototype.

Montague, Alan, with the Aged Care Association Australia to analyse and inform labour force planning in order to strengthen aged care industry sector’s ability to attract, retain and develop staff in residential care (high care and low care).

College Research Readership Scheme recipients for Semester 2 2010

Sandra Jones, Larry Li & Michael Schwartz

College Doctorate Completion Scheme recipients for Semester 2 2010

Kathy Henschke, Ian Storey & Andrew Vaitiekunis (no photo)
Publications

Journals:
- **Murray, Janet & Bernadette Welch**, ”Perceptions of LIS development in Vietnam: Educational outcomes and the way forward”, Education for Information, Volume 27, Number 2-3 / 2009. (This issue has just been published!!)

Conference Presentations:

Conference Paper Acceptances:
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/08/2010 ASIA@RMIT seminar
  A presentation by Margaret Heffernan & Dr Julie Roberts
- 16/08/2010 Entrepreneurs' Coffee Club 16 August
  The RMIT Entrepreneur in Residence, Marcus Powe is pleased to invite you to the next RMIT Entrepreneur's Coffee Club... and the coffees are on us!
- 30/08/2010 Stage 2 - Growing Research Partnerships: Interactive panel workshop - how do we engage with industry?
  Developing relationships with industry can create many opportunities for your research career. This workshop is for academics who want to know how to initiate links with industry, how to maintain and develop successful relationships with industry and how to leverage research opportunities from these relationships.
- 31/08/2010 Seminar: The Management Challenge for China and India
  This seminar is presented by the Asian Management Research Cluster in the School of Management at RMIT.
- 06/10/2010 Seminar: Integrating Global Policy and Practice Frameworks for Three Different Approaches to Global Risk
  The global risk landscape, whether it concerns natural hazards, technological hazards, adverse climate change impacts or threats to human security and development is evolving at a rapid and uncontrolled pace.
- 25/10/2010 Workshop: Writing for Publication 2
  Open only to people who have completed Workshop 1
- 03/11/2010 Workshop: Writing for Publication 1
  The primary aim of the workshop is to assist academic staff to develop a current piece of writing for publication in a refereed journal (preferably of A or A* standing).

HDR SCHOLARS – submissions & completions Jan-Jun 2010

Submissions

Doctoral:
- Bollen, Rhys (Acct), “Best practice in the regulation of payment services” (Snr Supervisor Supriya Singh).
- Kent, Judith (Mgt), “On the different generations in the workforce and their management needs” (Snr Supervisor: Susan Long).
- Kumsuprom, Siridech (BIT&L), “Structured approach to organisational ICT risk management: An empirical study in Thai businesses” (Snr Supervisor: Brian Corbitt).
- Law, Christopher (BIT&L), “Responding to accessibility issues in business” (Snr Supervisor Supriya Singh).
- Moch, Abduh (Mgt), “Improving the performance of district boards of education in a decentralized era: A case study of four districts in Indonesia” (Snr Supervisor: David Hodges).
• Morton, Frank (BIT&L), “Explaining outcomes of strategic information systems planning using a critical realist approach (Snr Supervisor: Mohini Singh).
• O’Neill, Sharron (Acct), “Accounting for lost time: examining corporate accountability to stakeholders for occupational health and safety (Snr Supervisor: Craig Deegan).
• Staples, Warren (Mgt), “Public value in public sector infrastructure procurement” (Snr Supervisor: John Dalrymple).
• Suhardi, Didik (Mgt), “Improving educational planning for junior secondary education in the Indonesian decentralization era” (Snr Supervisor: David Hodges).
• Taulealea, Sully (EF&M), “Evaluating a centralized clustering model for small-medium scale farmers in Fiji” (Snr Supervisor: Rajendra Mulye).

Masters by Research:
• Arbelaez, Jorge (EF&M), “The impact of acculturation and human capital on the information search process of immigrant consumers” (Snr Supervisor: Kathleen Westberg).

Completions

Doctoral:
• Baldwin, Nigel (GSB&L), “Philanthropic' support for the arts: views from the corporate sector” (Snr Supervisor: Erica Hallebone).
• Chang, Po-Chien (BIT&L), “Understanding individuals' behaviour in the convergent use of mobile phones” (Snr Supervisor: Brian Corbitt).
• Kissoon, Suryadeo (Mgt), “The conceptual model of continuous improvement teamworking in retail banking operations: a mixed-method strategy” (Snr Supervisor John Dalrymple).
• Weng, Fu-Mei (BIT&L), “Modelling IT student retention at Taiwanese higher education institutions” (Snr Supervisor: France Cheong).
• Wong, Alfred (EF&M), “Empirical studies of over-the-counter currency option contracts” (Snr Supervisor: Amalia Di Iorio).

Congratulations to scholars and their supervisors!

COB 3 MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION FOR HDR SCHOLARS

Congratulations to Jeff Fang, doctorate scholar in EFM, who won the College final with an excellent presentation. Jeff came third in the whole university.
FINDING RESEARCH MONEY:

Research Alert to find support for your research [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=jg30k3i1c6l](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=jg30k3i1c6l) (login required)

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RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM (RDT)

The RDT, which includes Tim Fry, John Fien and Supriya Singh:
- mentors and assists staff with submissions to Category 1 research funding schemes and top-tier refereed journals.
- runs specialised and targeted workshops throughout the year that focus on information, practical and collaborative presentations, skill gaining and ongoing support.

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