

GRS *Update*

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Dean's Welcome

My best wishes are extended to all JCU Higher Degree by Research (**HDR**) candidates and a warm welcome to those who have commenced their studies in 2016. I hope you make great progress with your research and are excited by your discoveries.

Kind regards,

Professor Helene Marsh
Dean, Graduate Research

PhD Industry Experience Program – applications open

The Queensland Government is seeking applications from PhD candidates interested in undertaking short-term work experience project placements in Queensland based businesses as part of the Advance Queensland PhD Industry Experience program.

The program is designed to bring universities and businesses together to realise the benefits of collaboration and continue developing Queensland's knowledge economy.

This exciting opportunity will provide PhD candidates who apply successfully with a chance to expand practical workplace knowledge and experience outside a university research setting, as well as gain insights into industry needs and how business operates.

Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business, Leeanne Enoch said the program will offer PhD candidates real world industry experience options outside traditional university research pathways, with businesses seeking a range of expertise, including across the sciences, engineering, ICT, business management, marketing and communications and visual and creative arts.

"Participating PhD candidates will be able to build work-ready, transferable skills valued by industry by working with the business to advance an innovative project, said Ms Enoch.

The PhD Industry Experience program is not just providing benefits to universities and candidates but also helping businesses—which can now access new ideas, fresh perspectives and different capabilities."

Applications can be made online at any time. They will need to be submitted before the next advertised cut-off date for assessment purposes to be considered for the current round. You can also call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for more information about the program.

Want to know more?

Visit the PhD Industry Experience Program at for more information including the program application requirements and eligibility considerations.

<http://advanceqld.initiatives.qld.gov.au/assets/includes/docs/phd-industry-experience-guidelines.pdf>

Please note: *Candidates who are successful in obtaining and completing an Advance QLD industry placement are eligible to apply by Variation of Candidature for a six-week addition to their candidature and stipend where applicable, subject to satisfactory progress of their candidature.*

Data Management and Storage Workshop

If you are unable to attend one of the face to face workshops this compulsory component is now available online in [LearnJCU!](#) Watch the video and take the Quiz! This will count towards RD7004.

Has Twitter transformed the PhD experience?

Here is an interesting article:

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/has-twitter-transformed-the-phd-experience>

Registration Now Open - Fourth Marine & Freshwater Student Symposium

When: Friday 27th - Sunday 29th May 2016 at Moreton Bay Research Station, North Stradbroke Island

The AMSA Qld Branch will again be hosting a post-grad student symposium at the Moreton Bay Research Station, North Stradbroke Island (near Brisbane). This is a wonderful opportunity to practice presenting research, connect with fellow post-grad students and learn essential career skills.

Cost: Only \$150 for AMSA members (all accommodation and food included)

Program: A line-up of some of Australia's leading marine scientists will share with us their tips to success:

- Tips and Tricks for Grant Writing (ARV/DECRA) **Prof Bernie Degnan, University of Queensland**
- All About Metrics **Assoc Prof Sandie Degnan, University of Queensland**
- Publish or Perish **Assoc Prof Bill Leggat, ARC Centre for Excellence Coral Reef Studies / James Cook University**
- Fish ID **Assoc Prof Ian Tibbetts, University of Queensland**

For more information & to register visit the [website](#) or [eventbrite](#)

New Zealand Marine Sciences Society and Australian Marine Sciences Association Joint 2016 Conference

Sharing Ocean Resources – Now and in the Future
4-7 July 2016, Wellington, New Zealand

www.nzms.org/events

Abstracts now open - [click here](#)

Abstracts close - 7 April 2016

Early bird registration closes - 13 May 2016

Two R-statistical courses on offer - University of New South Wales and Deakin University

Statistician Dr Alain Zuur and ecologist Dr Elena Ieno ([Highland Statistics](#)) are coming to Sydney and Melbourne to teach courses on statistics in July:

1. Linear Mixed Effects Models and GLMM in R: 4- 8 July Deakin University; 18-22 July at UNSW

2. Zero Inflation models in R: 25-29 July at UNSW

Dr Zuur is an Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Biological Sciences, University of Aberdeen, UK. Together with Dr Ieno, they have been teaching statistics to over 7,000 ecologists worldwide since 2004 and have co-authored a series of popular statistics books. Dr Zuur's courses are highly sought after by researchers all around the world and we are therefore excited to have the opportunity to host these workshops.

To find out more information or to register click [here](#).

Seeking 2 x Postdocs and 2 x PhD students for new Mapping Ocean Wealth Program

For more information see the attachment.



FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS IN MARINE VERTEBRATE BIOLOGY & DOLPHIN CONSERVATION

The Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation Incorporated (SWRRFI) invites Expressions of Interest from qualified applicants in the public and private sectors, for the following research grants concerning:

1. Marine vertebrates including general biology, ecology, physiology and behaviour

and/or for

2. Conservation of tropical inshore dolphins in Queensland waters consistent with the federal Department of Environment Dolphin Conservation Plan.

Expressions of Interest are required by 01 April 2016.



The proforma for Expressions of Interest and Information for Applicants are available on the website:

SeaWorld.com.au/research-and-rescue.aspx

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Australia-China Council Grants Round is now open!

See attached flyer

2016 ATSIMS Ambassador Awards

Applications are currently being accepted for two **\$1000** Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science (ATSIMS) Ambassador Awards.

The ATSIMS Ambassador program is an exciting opportunity to develop your science communication skills while sharing your enthusiasm for marine research. ATSIMS Ambassadors will engage with Indigenous Year 9/10 students during the five modules of the 2016 ATSIMS Indigenous Scholars Initiative:

- In-class presentations: 4-6 May
- ReefHQ Day: 13 May
- Australian Institute of Marine Science Day: 19 May
- Orpheus Island Research Station Field Trip: 25-29 May
- James Cook University Day: 8 June

Ambassadors will also deliver a short presentation and/or field activity during the Orpheus Island Research Station module. This presentation may relate to any aspect of marine science (e.g. your experience/research, threats to coral reefs, etc.), but it must be engaging and bolster students' interest in and appreciation for marine science. Selected ATSIMS Ambassadors will have the unique opportunity to hone their science communication skills while playing an integral role in the 2016 ATSIMS Indigenous Scholars Initiative.

By providing engaging classroom, laboratory and field-based science opportunities for Indigenous Year 9/10 students, ATSIMS aims to help fill the gap between the potential of Indigenous Australians and the opportunities available in marine science and management careers.

See ATSIMS.com for more details on this exciting program.

Media and communication training

Conveying the complexity of your research, your life's work, into a 30-second grab for the media can be hard.

The solution is to shape the essence of your science into a story. Our full-day media and communication training course will help you with all your non-scientific communication with stakeholders, customers and the media. It will help you feel comfortable with the media and give your media advisors confidence that you will be a good performer when media opportunities arise.

We've got courses coming up in:

- Melbourne: Tuesday 19 April
- Sydney: Tuesday 12 April

We can also hold courses in other locations or on other dates if there's sufficient demand, and we welcome expressions of interest for possible future courses.

If you have at least four participants, we can probably find others in your area to make a course viable. If you can guarantee six participants, then we're happy confirm a course in your city/campus. Or if you want a brief introduction to the media for a larger group, talk to us about our meet the press sessions.

More at: www.scienceinpublic.com.au/training

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