

GRS *Update*

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Upcoming Workshops – GRS Professional Development Program

Townsville

24 May	How to avoid drowning in the literature
31 May	Research design for qualitative researchers
6 June	Advanced statistics
15 June	Media skills
16 June	The Final Polish (for those about to submit a thesis)
22 June	Your Research in Three Minutes coaching session (for those interested in entering the 3MT competition)
23 June	Using Microsoft Word effectively
25 June	Introduction to science communication

Cairns

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Please register on [CareerHub](#). Please note that workshops open for registration 6 weeks prior to the workshop date. You can find more information in the [Professional Development Handbook](#).

If you register for a workshop but can no longer attend, please remember to cancel your booking in CareerHub. We often have waiting lists for workshops and if you don't attend then people are missing out.

ACE Maritime University: Call for student applications by 27th May

Applications are open for Australian masters or early PhD students to apply to study on board the RV *Akademik Treshnikov* from **20 November to 15 December 2016**. This is an initiative of the Antarctic Circumpolar Expedition* (ACE).

This is an opportunity for students from UK, **AUSTRALIA**, South Africa, France, Switzerland, Russia, Norway and the USA.

A total of 5-6 Masters or early PhD students enrolled at an Australian University will be selected to participate in this voyage. The ACE-funded Maritime University, under the auspices of the Russian Geographical Society, offers an opportunity for Masters or early PhD students to participate in the ~25 day transit on board the RV *Akademik Treshnikov* immediately prior to the Antarctic Circumpolar Expedition. This transit cruise will take the ship from Bremerhaven, Germany to Cape Town, South Africa and while transiting will run an intensive course that includes class-room lectures, assignments, a mini-dissertation and hours working on the deck with experienced researchers. There will be 40-45 students on board together with about 20 experienced researchers who will be setting up their equipment for the ACE cruise and have accepted to contribute to the teaching/mentoring on the ACE Maritime University.

All costs (including one night in Bremerhaven and Cape Town and all travel and subsistence will be covered apart from the students' medical coverage (private or university health insurance) and their outdoor clothing for the cruise.

Please find attached the application form for the ACE Maritime University.

Applicants should all send their application files/forms direct to: aceproject@epfl.ch by **27 May 2016**.

The 25th International Geological Congress Fund: 2016 round for Australian and New Zealand ECR presenters

Dedicated funding is available to assist early-career Australian and New Zealand geoscience researchers (ECRs) to present their work at the 35th International Geological Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, 27 August - 4 September 2016. The scheme is open to practising geoscientists resident in Australia or New Zealand who hold a degree (including PhD, Masters and honours students) in geoscience (or equivalent) and who have been chosen to present at the 35th International Geological Congress.

Eight grants of \$3000 will be awarded to cover travel and related expenses. Applications close 9am AEST Monday 30 May 2016. <http://tinyurl.com/j472ffv>.

Thinkwell Workshops hosted by the Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health

The Thinkwell workshops will coincide with the "*Are You Remotely Interested?*" Conference, being held on 20th – 22nd July. Please note – there are subsidised places available for the workshops.

Please see the attached flyer and registration form.

5th Biennial ACSPRI Social Science Methodology Conference 2016

The Australian Consortium of Social and Political Research Incorporated (ACSPRI) will host its 5th Social Science Methodology Conference on the 19th-22nd of July at The University of Sydney. To mark the 40th anniversary of the incorporation of ACSPRI the theme of the conference is Social science in Australia: 40 years on.

Details of sessions are available here:

<https://conference.acspri.org.au/index.php/conf/conference2016/schedConf/trackPolicies>

Proposal for the development of on-campus childcare, Cairns

A working group comprising of staff and students from the JCU Cairns campus are currently designing a proposal for the development of on-campus childcare.

There is currently no option for staff or students to access childcare at JCU Cairns. We believe that the development of childcare facilities would be a convenient option for parents studying or teaching on campus, as well as the wider community. On-campus childcare also has the possibility of creating more flexible study options for on-line or potential students. We are currently trying to establish the need for this service and would appreciate it if you could take a minute to fill in our survey. www.facebook.com/ChildcareJCU Cairns

5th Queensland Pest Animal Symposium

The abstract submission deadline has been extended by 2 weeks for the 5th Queensland Pest Animal Symposium (QPAS). **Abstract submissions now close on 30 May 2016.**

The Symposium will be held at Rydges Southbank Townsville from **Monday 7 November to Thursday 10 November 2016.**

The theme of the Symposium is **“Options, Obstacles & Outcomes”** and anticipates covering topics such as new and existing management tools, decision support, costs and benefits, community initiatives, social issues, resource issues, cutting-edge research and the what, where and why of options, obstacles & outcomes.

For more information visit the website: <http://event.icebergevents.com.au/qld-pest-animal-2016>

Stable Isotopes in Biosphere Systems (SIBS)

The annual Stable Isotopes in Biosphere Systems (SIBS) course will be held this year at the Daintree Rainforest Observatory in Cape Tribulation, in conjunction with James Cook University-Cairns, from 17 to 24 July 2016. Please see the flyer attached to this email for more information.

Volunteers wanted!

Dr Isabel Beasley from the College of Marine and Environmental Studies will be conducting dolphin surveys in Cleveland Bay from May-July 2016. These surveys aim to obtain estimates of inshore dolphin abundance using capture-recapture based on photo identification.

Applications for volunteers to assist with boat-based surveys are now being taken, where further information on the surveys and volunteer requirements can be obtained by contacting Dr Beasley – Isabel.Beasley@jcu.edu.au

Call for Paper – Global Education Review

Global Education re-advertising call for papers for a themed issue on education of gifted children and youth scheduled for publication April 15, 2017. The call is attached to this email.

Advisor Training

For academics who wish to supervise HDR candidates or who would like to do a refresher we have training coming up in Cairns on 1 June and in Townsville on 22 July. To register please email grs@jcu.edu.au.

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