

# GRS Update

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## Upcoming Workshops – GRS Professional Development Program

### Townsville

20 July	The Seven Secrets of Highly Successful PhD Students
20 July	Turbo-charge Your Writing: Getting Your Thesis Finished
21 July	Defeating Self-Sabotage: Getting Your Thesis Finished
27 July	Managing Your Advisory Panel
29 July	Basic Mapping & GIS Skills

### Cairns

25 July	Critical Thinking Workshop
26 July	Writing for Journals Workshop
27 July	Media Skills
27 July	3MT Coaching Sessions
29 July	Basic Mapping & GIS Skills

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.

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**2016 EMBL Australia Postgraduate Symposium**  
**Early bird registration now open – 2016 EMBL Australia Postgraduate Symposium**

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The EMBL Australia 2016 Postgraduate Symposium Committee would like to invite all research students to attend the 2016 EMBL Australia Postgraduate Symposium.

**Symposium Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Venue:** South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), Adelaide, SA

**Speakers:** We have an excellent line-up of both national and international speakers including Prof John Quackenbush and Prof Nadia Rosenthal, among many others

**Registration and abstract submission are now open! [Click here](#) to register and secure your place.**

**End of early bird registration:** 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**Due date for abstracts:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

The symposium brings together students from a broad range of disciplines around Australia and is a great opportunity to showcase your work in an open and friendly environment. We welcome all levels of research students; Honours, Masters and PhD.

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### **Student travel awards for the International Mammalogical Congress-12 (IMC-12) in Perth, Australia**

Are you an undergraduate or graduate student member of the American Society of Mammalogists who plans to attend the 12th International Mammalogical Congress in Perth, Australia, in July 2017? Or do you know of any undergraduate or graduate student who wishes to attend the congress and who needs some financial travel assistance in order to attend?

The Board of Directors of the American Society of Mammalogists has made available four travel grants of \$1250 each to be given to student members of the Society who will be attending the 12th International Mammalogical Congress (IMC-12) to give an oral presentation or a poster.

Any undergraduate or graduate student attending any university in any country is eligible as long as the applicant is a member of the American Society of Mammalogists at time of application. To become a member of the Society visit the ASM membership page at <http://www.mammalogy.org/membership>. Applications should include (1) the applicant's résumé or CV (one page only) with complete contact information (-including full name, mailing address, contact telephone number, university affiliation, and e-mail address), student status, awards and grants received, and publications; and (2) a single double-spaced page of an expanded abstract describing the research to be presented at IMC-12 and its significance to the student's career goals. Deadline for applications for this student travel award is **November 15, 2016**, and notification of results will be made around December 15, 2016. All applications must be made electronically and sent to Dr. Duane Schlitter, co-chair of the International Relations Committee, e-mail address: [happygd@suddenlink.net](mailto:happygd@suddenlink.net).

Any questions concerning this travel award opportunity should be sent to the International Relations Committee co-chairs Dr. Duane Schlitter ([happygd@suddenlink.net](mailto:happygd@suddenlink.net) or [schlitterda@gmail.com](mailto:schlitterda@gmail.com)) or Dr. Ricardo Ojeda ([rojeda@mendoza-conicet.gob.ar](mailto:rojeda@mendoza-conicet.gob.ar)).

Information on IMC-12 can be found online at [www.promaco.com.au/IMC12](http://www.promaco.com.au/IMC12).

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### **AIMS@JCU are excited to invite applications for the following award:**

**Student Pilot Research Awards:** Applications are invited from any AIMS@JCU student member who is not currently receiving an AIMS@JCU PhD scholarship. These awards are one-off pilot research grants, to explore a new method or initiate a new experiment that might not have been possible and are for a maximum of \$1,000.

- Please complete and return the attached application by 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016
  - Awardees will be required to acquit receipts (and return unspent funds), attribute AIMS@JCU on all outputs, and provide an article for the newsletter and other AIMS@JCU publications.
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## Lecturer, Biological Sciences, School of Biological Sciences University of Wollongong

POSITION TYPE Continuing Appointment

CLOSING 24 July 2016

REF NO. 25801

Applications are sought for a continuing Lecturer position in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Wollongong. We seek candidates with expertise in animal biology, including animal physiology. Applicants with interests that complement those of current academic staff are particularly encouraged. Demonstrated excellence in research and the potential to attract external research funding are essential. The appointee will be expected to develop a research program within the School, and to supervise Honours and postgraduate research students.

You will utilise a state-of-the-art research facility for contained animal and plant experiments, comprising 576 m<sup>2</sup> of laboratory space including aviaries and temperature-regulated rooms suitable for small-animal research. The appointee will be expected to teach in animal physiology, in addition to subjects concerning the ecology and evolution of terrestrial, freshwater or marine organisms.

UOW values workforce diversity and is an 'Employer of Choice for Gender Equality' as well as being an Inaugural Member of the Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) Pilot.

Applicants must address the selection criteria contained within the Position Description. For further information please contact Associate Professor James Wallman on +61 2 4221 3429. Information about the School can be obtained from our website (<http://smah.uow.edu.au//biol/>). [Position Description](#) (106Kb pdf)

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### College of Science and Engineering: My Research in 3 minutes (3MT)

The time is fast approaching for the annual "My Research in 3 minutes (3MT)" competition. This competition has been run successfully for several years now and is an excellent opportunity for HDR, ECRs and established researchers to have a bit of fun and communicate their research in a layman's forum. There are also prizes for the best talks and the winner of the HDR section can go onto the next round of competition at the State level. Before we get to the JCU finals, however, we need to go through a process of first College and then Divisional elimination competitions.

One of the major aims of the competition is to celebrate and profile research within the institution and recognise the excellent researchers we have. This year the College 3MT competition will be on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> August, in both Cairns and Townsville, and the winners (2x HDR's, 1 ECR and 1 ER) will progress to the DTES event on the 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Can I please encourage you to consider nominating for the College event this year. To nominate please click on the following link <http://alumni.jcu.edu.au/3MTCompetition> by the 29<sup>th</sup> July so we can plan the event effectively. Supervisors of HDR students, I'm not sure I can reach all the PG students so can you please pass this email on within your research groups and again encourage your students to participate.

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### Call for papers - 2016 Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Work in Progress Conference

The School of Communication and Arts (SCA) at the University of Queensland invites proposals for the forthcoming 2016 Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Work in Progress Conference.

Our world is changing socially, ecologically, and culturally with extreme rapidity. We are creating cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, yet at the same time we are in the grip of our sixth major extinction as ecosystems strain, leaving humans on the edge of extinction themselves. What stories are emerging in art, film, theatre, social media, cultural studies, and literature in response to these changes, and how are these shaped by technology? How do these changes affect different generations, from those who are born with digital technologies (digital natives), to those who adapt to it? How can we, as scholars from the humanities, contemplate edges and edginess, and their implications for our institutions and our society?

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We welcome papers that think through and critique the concept of the edge and its expression through literary and cultural studies, film, media and communication studies, drama, art history, journalism and writing, including topics such as:

- Edginess and emotion: the effects of marginalisation
- Youth and liminal spaces at the edge of adulthood
- On the brink: ecologies and extinctions in the Anthropocene
- Visions from the edge: new frontiers in art, film, TV, and drama
- Border writing, storytelling, and marginalisation
- Blurring boundaries, mediums, and methodologies
- Human/post-human/(dis)abled: the ethics of new technologies
- Expressing Indigeneity and mediating identities
- Brave New Worlds: terror and trauma
- Patrolling and subverting gender
- Living on the edge: homelessness, perceived subversive cultures, and poverty
- On the edge: art and performance in the Asia-Pacific Rim

Proposals should include an abstract of no more than **250 words**, and a brief biography. Submissions via email to the organising committee are due by **Monday 25 July 2016**. Please send your proposals to [wip.uq2016@gmail.com](mailto:wip.uq2016@gmail.com). Successful applicants will be notified by **Monday 15 August 2016**.

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### **JCU Winner - Australasian College of Toxicology and Risk Assessment Student prize**

College of Science and Engineering Student Prashant Nair has won the best PhD project in the field of Toxicology/Risk Assessment and Toxicology, from entrants across Australasia for 2016.

The prize consisting of \$500.00 as well as the reimbursement of registration to the ASM, will be awarded at the ACTRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 22nd of September in Adelaide.

Congratulations Prashant.

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