

GRS *Update*

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2017 Professional Development Program

You will find all the information regarding the 2017 Professional Development Program on the [GRS website here](#). Including how to [register for workshops](#), a guide to [Using CareerHub and LearnJCU](#) and lots more!

For information on what workshops are available for RD7003 look at the [website listing here](#). There are a few new workshops available this year such as:

- [Scholarly Writing Masterclass](#)
- [Job Application Workshop](#)

If you have any questions about the program please email grs@jcu.edu.au.

Scholarly Writing Masterclass

One of the most satisfying experiences on the PhD journey is getting your work published. Yet writing for publication requires different skills and approaches to the thesis. Professor Richard Nile is one of Australia's most experienced scholarly editors. He has mentored and produced the work of hundreds of Higher Degree Research Students here and overseas. In this inaugural JCU series, Richard will introduce you to strategies for balancing progress on your thesis while dealing with the demands of becoming a published researcher. *Scholarly Writing for Publication* is a seven three-hour module masterclass convened across twelve weeks. You will learn new skills on how to negotiate the complex world of scholarly publishing, structure your research, manage your time and, importantly, write for publication. To qualify, you will need to have a draft manuscript and be prepared to work on it across the twelve week period. At the conclusion of the program, you will be expected to have produced a publishable piece of work ready for submission to a journal of other media platform. Classes are scheduled on alternate weeks throughout semesters 1 and 2 at both the Townsville and Cairns campuses. Numbers are strictly limited.

The Townsville course starts on Wednesday 22 February and the Cairns course starts on Thursday 2 March. See the [website](#) for more information.

Register via [CareerHub](#), places are limited.

Animals in Motion symposium, JCU Townsville campus, 16-17 February 2017

You are invited to a collaborative symposium and workshop at JCU in Townsville, supported jointly by TropWATER, CTBCC, TESS and CSTFA.

The event aims to share technical knowledge and fresh insights on ways to enhance collaboration and conservation outcomes in studying animal movement ecology, including species on the ground, in the air and in the water.

Dates: **16 and 17 February 2017, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm**

Venue: **JCU Townsville campus** (room details t.b.a.) with lunch and morning/afternoon refreshments provided.

Program overview:

Thursday 16 Feb morning session – watch, listen and get inspired! Presenters will cover a broad range of innovative animal movement studies, highlighting their major research objectives, important outcomes and the many challenges of selecting effective technology and efficient analysis methods.

Thursday 16 Feb afternoon session: Hands-on analysis of movement data using R. This intermediate level workshop led by Dr Ross Dwyer will cover manipulation, plotting and statistical analysis of animal movement datasets, how to conduct standard GIS operations in R, visualise the results and produce publication-ready figures. Content will be tailored to participants' requirements as far as possible – in your RSVP please advise your own special interests and type of telemetry data etc. Basic knowledge of R is a pre-requisite for this workshop. See below about Intro to R training available on 13 Feb.

Friday 17 Feb morning session: a speed-talk-smorgasbord of tracking methods and analysis approaches, followed by Q and A forum. Bring your own questions! This is an opportunity to seek input from a range of experienced practitioners about specific challenges in your current/future animal movement projects.

Friday 17 Feb afternoon session: Short presentation followed by Panel Discussion exploring ways to enhance collaboration in animal movement studies. How can we find collaborative opportunities... understand different perspectives of diverse stakeholders... enhance research scope and funding prospects... enhance our own contributions to collaborative work? Our presenters will share a wealth of experience in diverse roles. Everyone in the audience is invited to join in with suggestions, questions and ideas for new collaborations.

Travel: Vehicle transport will be organised for JCU Cairns people who wish to participate. We are keen to assist with shared accommodation for Cairns participants subject to numbers, logistics and budget. If relevant for you, please tell us in your RSVP.

Co-convenors: Julia Hazel and Christina Buelow

RSVP essential: please email julia.hazel@jcu.edu.au to reserve your place.

Introduction to R on February 13 provided by JCU eResearch. This is a pre-requisite if you are not yet comfortable with basic R use and want to do the intermediate R workshop on animal movement analysis (Feb16). It is also a great opportunity to get started with R and R Studio for a wide variety of analytical approaches, including but not limited to animal movement. Open to all at JCU. Please email christina.buelow@my.jcu.edu.au if you are interested in the Intro workshop on Feb 13.

National Survey: Using Social Media in Research

I am writing to invite researchers within your University to participate in a research project being conducted by La Trobe University: ***Recruiting, retaining and tracing participants via social media: Exploring the ethical concerns of ethics committee members and researchers to inform the development of guidelines.***

Increasingly researchers are using social media to recruit, retain and trace participants, yet there are few formal guidelines to assist with ethical decision making about social media. In this project, we are asking researchers for their views and ethical concerns about using social media in research. We will use the findings to develop ethical guidelines for using social media in research.

Participation in the study involves completing a 20 minute anonymous online survey. Neither the researchers nor your organisation will be identified in the survey.

We are inviting all active Australian researchers to participate. **We would appreciate it if you could forward this invitation to all academic researchers (including both academic staff and Masters by research and PhD students) at James Cook University.** We would like researchers to participate whether or not they have experience using social media in research.

The online survey and further information about the study, including the Participant Information Statement, can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

[Take the survey](#)

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

https://latrobe.co1.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV_3IPPJPdQMUJIHe5&Q_CHL=email

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the research, please contact me via email at n.hackworth@latrobe.edu.au or social.mediaethics@latrobe.edu.au or on (03) 9479 8778.

Kind regards,

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2017 Science for Management Awards

Applications are now open for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's 2017 Science for Management Awards - applications are accepted from 20 January 2017 until close of business 10 March 2017.

The awards support new management-relevant research that addresses key risks and threats faced by the Great Barrier Reef. The awards provide an important avenue for postgraduate students to contribute directly to improved future management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

[Visit the website for more information.](#)

Jobs, Scholarships, Grants and Conferences

- [Coral reef N cycling PhD position at SCU](#)
- [Women in Export Scholarship 2017](#)
- [2017 Allied Health Scholarships](#)
- [2nd International Conference on Coastal Zones](#)
- [54th Annual Meeting of the Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation](#)
- [2017 Fisheries Student Grant Information and Application](#) (PDF) & Application in Word Format available on the [GRS website](#)
- [Wet Tropics Management Authority Student Research Grants](#)
- [Current vacancies at AIMS](#)
- [Women in STEM prize](#)

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