Advisor Development Update November 2020

Thanks for being there

Thank you to all who participated in the workshop program during the year. We received more than 1000 registrations for the 30 events held over the year. If you want to keep up on the latest resources and information please consider sending an email to request access to the Supporting our Supervisors Team site.

Advisor Professional Development 2021 – Call for Topics

We are preparing details of the Advisor Professional Development program now. The proposed focus is the milestones, the difference between an MPhil and a PhD and how to support preparation of a thesis by publication, creative works or monograph. If there are other things you would like to discuss or advisor practices or research education processes of concern to you, please email your ideas for consideration.

Workshop Recordings

Recordings of workshops held this year are available on the GRS Advisor website, the Advisor Development organization in LearnJCU and on the Supporting our Supervisors Teams site. Please email if you would like to join teams or are having difficulty finding the recording you need.

2020 Advisor Award Winners

Congratulations to this year's award winners:

Primary Advisor of the Year: P**rofessor Andreas Lopata**, College of Public Health, Medical & Vet Sciences

Advisory Panel of the year: **Professor Ryan Daniel**, College of Arts, Society & Education; **Professor Neil Anderson**, College of Arts, Society & Education; **Professor David Salisbury**

Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Leadership: **Professor Lin Schwarzkopf**, College of Science & Engineering

2021 Advisor Award nominations open

Please encourage your candidates to visit the Advisor of the Year Award Nomination Form. 2021 NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 30 JULY 2021. In 2021 the award categories include:

Primary Advisor of the Year: An individual registered at Advisor Mentor Primary Advisor Advanced or Primary Advisor level on the JCU Register of Advisors who may be an adjunct appointee of the University. Nominees must have a track record of successful HDR candidate outcomes and engagement in high quality supervisory practice.

Advisory Panel of the Year: An Advisory Panel that must include at least one Advisor registered at Advisor Mentor level on the JCU Register of Advisors. Nominated Teams must have a track record of successful HDR candidate outcomes and engagement in high quality team supervisory practice.

Early Career Advisor of the Year: An Advisor have been supervising research students for five years or less and be registered at Secondary Advisor level or above on the JCU Register of Advisors:

Award for Excellence in Promoting Industry Engagement in Graduate Research: an individual or team of HDR advisors on the JCU Register who have initiated or supported innovative and transformational engagement between higher degree research candidates and industry partners.

Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Leadership: will be awarded to an individual academic on the Register of Advisors who demonstrates inspirational and effective leadership in graduate education at College or Divisional level.

Advisory Community Photographic Award: HDR candidates are invited to work with Advisors to generate an image of their advisory panel or advisors (including advisors of a number of HDR candidates) that reflects how they successfully work together as a community.

COVID Advising

We have all learned new ways of advising and researching in response to the restrictions and challenges of the global pandemic. The key messages are:

1. *Resilience and well-being:* Stay safe and persist. Being deliberate and making steady if incremental headway is a way to avoid frustration and lack of focus.
2. *Plan B:* All good researchers routinely consider Plan B to address risks associated with time and resourcing constraints as well as the uncertainties of the research process. In Covid times our focus has turned to managing physical distancing and travel constraints. Finding strategies to realign research design to address research questions/hypotheses while overcoming potential delays is a key challenge to work through with affected candidates.
3. *International admission:* We share a common wish to welcome excellent international candidates into the JCU HDR Cohort. But travel restrictions makes the potential for this to happen harder to realise. Consider Cotutelle opportunities, external study mode and external funding agencies as potential pathways. We will keep you posted if travel regulations or visa requirements change.