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| Research Office Bulletin |

Dear Colleague,Welcome to the October edition of the Research Office Bulletin.Research Office contacts are [on the web](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/researchers/contacts) and the Reception hotline is 03 9479 **1144.** Please contact us any time between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.**This bulletin includes news about:** * Research Master upgrade
* La Trobe Rankings Rocket
* ARC Future Fellowships opening soon!
* La Trobe Animal Research and Teaching Facility Aquatic Facility
* Projects and activities involving animals
* Human Ethics advice available
* Grants updates
* NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence
* 2016 NHMRC Partnership Projects – Round 2
* Australian Laureate Fellowships Scheme

With best wishes,Dr MaryAnne Aitken, Executive Director, Research Office.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Research Master upgrade**The system that supports the University’s research management information, Research Master, is currently undergoing a long-awaited upgrade. The upgrade was initiated to mitigate risk and stabilise the system ahead of the ERA return in March 2018. Benefits of the upgrade include a new web-based interface, greater flexibility in reporting, enhanced ICT support for the applications, and better integration with University systems. Change to researcher-facing parts of the system, such as the Research Application Summary (RAS) have been kept to a minimum.  The upgrade will be released in the coming month and **Research Master will be unavailable for 4 days during the cross-over time**. We will let you know the exact shutdown period closer to the date.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****La Trobe Rankings Rocket**Ranking season has come to a close and La Trobe University is now in the top 400 universities in each of the three major international rankings, and in the top 50 of the world’s young universities. For the first time, our Life Sciences research is recognised by the Shanghai Ranking in the top 200 world-wide. La Trobe is:* 336th in the Academic Ranking of World Universities
* 386th in the QS World University Ranking
* 377th in the Times Higher Education World University Ranking
* 48th in the QS Top 50 under 50

This is an outstandingly rapid reversal of a decade long decline in ranking that left us below 400 in all these measures in 2014.  It is not possible to improve consistently and rapidly on the diverse range of indicators employed without a major increase in research effort and excellence, especially when taken alongside our brilliant results in Excellence in Research Australia 2015 assessment.  This is a direct result of the hard work of researchers and research support staff, the success of investments in research, and the pace of success of La Trobe University’s ranking strategy introduced in 2013.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****ARC Future Fellowships opening soon!****The ARC Future Fellowship Grant Round opens on 18 October 2016. Applications are due on Monday 5 December (midday) for submission to the ARC. Up to 100 fellowships are available, providing funding for 4 years including CI salary, up to $50K per year in research costs and a PhD stipend. To be eligible your PhD needs to have been awarded on or between 1 March 2002 and 1 March 2012.  If you intend to apply, or are still considering it, please email us at** researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au **as soon as possible.** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****La Trobe Animal Research and Training Facility – Aquatic Facility refurbishment**Refurbishment works for the LARTF Aquatic Facility are due to commence in October and are expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete. Planning continues for the Zoology Annexe Project which will see two new buildings in the Zoology Annexe carpark for the housing of avian and native species. Works on site are expected to commence early next year, with the buildings being complete mid-year.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Projects and activities involving animals**Research and teaching projects or other activity involving any species of animal, regardless of the level of interaction or contact with the animal needs to be approved by our Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) prior to the project or activity commencing. If there are any questions about the use or involvement of animals, please contact the Senior Animal Ethics Officer via email animalethics@latrobe.edu.au or on extension 6694 to discuss the approval requirements.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Human Ethics advice available**The Human Ethics team is available to attend Department staff meetings to discuss ways the team can assist researchers and supervisors through the human ethics review process. If you would like a Human Ethics Officer to attend your Department or School staff meeting, please email humanethics@latrobe.edu.au with a proposed date and time.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Grants Updates**A PDF of [funding opportunities](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/743825/Funding-Calendar-August-to-September-2016.pdf) has been collated from now until the end of 2016. This list will be updated in future Bulletins. Please note the dates listed may be when applications *open or close*, so please check the relevant websites for up-to-date information.The Grants team is very happy to assist you with all of your research applications; individual contact details are listed [on the web](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/researchers/contacts), or email researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence****The Centres of Research Excellence scheme (CRE) will support research that aims to improve health outcomes and promote or improve translation of research outcomes into policy and/or practice. The CRE scheme will also support researchers in capacity building activities, including in specific areas of need identified by NHMRC.****CREs will provide support for teams of researchers to pursue collaborative research and develop capacity in clinical, population health and health services research.****A CRE may be a single physical entity or institute, or be a geographically disparate network linking across more than one institution. Centres are encouraged to collaborate with, and participate in, international research studies.**

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| **Activity** | **Date** |
| **Scheme open in RGMS** | **Wednesday 19 October, 2016** |
| **Minimum data requirement in RGMS** | **Wednesday 16 November, 2016** |
| **Research Office closing date for compliance checking** | **Wednesday 16 November, 2016** |
| **RAS and CI/AI consent submitted to Research Office \*** | **Wednesday 23 November, 2016** |
| **CI Certification in RGMS** | **Midday Monday 28 November, 2016** |
| **NHMRC Submission Deadline** | **Wednesday 30 November, 2016** |

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| **Activity** | **Date** |
| **Scheme open in RGMS** | **Thursday 16 June, 2016** |
| **Administering institution waiver requests to Research Office** | **Friday 4 November, 2016** |
| **Minimum data requirement in RGMS** | **Wednesday 23 November, 2016** |
| **Research Office closing date for compliance checking** | **Wednesday 23 November, 2016** |
| **RAS and CI/AI Consent submitted to Research Office** | **Wednesday 30 November, 2016** |
| **CI Certification in RGMS** | **Midday Monday 5 December, 2016** |
| **NHMRC Submission Deadline** | **Wednesday 7 December, 2016** |

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