Dear Colleagues,

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All the best
MaryAnne Aitken and Russell Hoye

La Trobe Research Week – Save the date!

27 - 31 August 2018: Join us as we share and celebrate our research excellence.
For the third year running, La Trobe University is hosting Research Week, which provides an opportunity to celebrate our research successes and share and engage the La Trobe community through our research stories. This year the focus will be on Engagement and Impact where we not only recognise our partnerships, but also highlight the positive impact of our research for end users.

Research Week aims to foster a culture of research and supports our strategic objective of Research Excellence by showcasing our multi-disciplinary approach to solving problems and the value of engaging with our partners. Our standing in global university rankings is testament to the world-class research that we do. La Trobe students, staff and partners are invited to come along and learn more about our research and its impact.

Lunchtime Talks – Daily 1pm -2pm

Join our researchers as they present some of the latest developments in their research in short, engaging presentations, followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Our themes this year are:
- Digital Health
- Alcohol, Culture and Family Violence
- Environment
- Powerhouse Women
- Social Inclusion

3MT competition

Provides an opportunity for our researchers to present their research projects in a 3 minute presentation. See and hear our best battle it out.

Research Showcase

In the spirit of this year’s theme, Engagement and Impact, we will showcase and celebrate our research partnerships. Researchers, including graduate researchers, are encouraged to participate and display posters on their research industry initiatives. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase the diversity of our work and also the impact it creates on the community. It is also an opportunity to invite your industry partners, for an evening of celebration and for us to say thank you.

The Research Showcase will be held on at 5.15pm on Tuesday 28 August at the John Scott Meeting House. Visit the Research Showcase page to register your interest to submit a poster or attend.

Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs)

The Consulting & Contracts team manages the review and signing of MTAs to facilitate the appropriate transfer of research materials between organisations. To ensure you are able to use
materials for your intended purpose, and to ensure compliance with institutional approvals and relevant regulations, the team will facilitate legal review, if required, and liaise with the Ethics, Biosafety and Integrity team to ensure all relevant approvals are in place.

These approvals include relevant human ethics, animal ethics, biosafety, biosecurity and occupational health and safety. Most approvals are required prior to receiving materials, which may hold up the signing of your MTA. The team will also engage the Innovation and Commercialisation if there are any commercial implications. Template MTAs for supply of materials are also available with support from the team.

For further information contact the Consulting & Contracts Team researchcontract@latrobe.edu.au or ext: 1124 or the Ethics, Biosafety and Integrity Team biosafety@latrobe.edu.au or ext 1443

New Academic Profiles System Launch

The PRIME Team, in conjunction with the DVC(R), Research Office, ICT and the Library are pleased to announce that the new Academic Profiles system, found at scholars.latrobe.edu.au, will be launching externally on Wednesday 25th July.

This means that the system will move out of its internal review period and be available to all, within and beyond the University, showcasing your achievements to potential partners, collaborators, research students and, where applicable, the media.

The internal review period was initially extended so the PRIME team could preview all feedback and make some changes to the system to ensure it was working as optimally as possible for all academics. These changes include

- Publications classified more accurately
- Inclusion of co-authors on publications
- Chapter and book titles being displayed together
- Clarification of the nature of the grants data displayed.

We strongly encourage everyone to review and update their information before the external launch. Information on how to do this can be found on the PRIME Program Intranet pages. Further assistance is also available by emailing the PRIME Support team at Prime.Program@latrobe.edu.au

Regards, the PRIME Team

PRIME: The Program for Research Management Information Enablement

Research Grants

NHMRC and ARC Grant Development Support Program – Expressions of Interest open
La Trobe University’s structured, compulsory support program for proposals to be submitted to the NHMRC and ARC in 2019 was launched on Friday 6th July.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be submitted by all staff who intend on submitting a **new NHMRC or ARC application** in 2018/2019 via SharePoint.

**EOIs close on Monday 30 July 2018.** Late EOIs will be accepted on exception and with approval from the Head of School and Research Director.

For more information on the program, please refer to the [Grants Team web page](mailto:researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au).

For any queries, please contact the Research Grants Team at researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au or on 9479 1134.

**ARC Centres of Excellence Expression of Interest submission**

Congratulations to the two La Trobe led ARC Centres of Excellence (CoE) expression of interest bids and the three La Trobe CoE nodes from the ASSC and SHE colleges that were submitted earlier this month. We thank the submitting teams and everyone who was involved in the submission of this first stage.

**Department of Premier and Cabinet Think Tank**

Congratulations to the Team who submitted an application to the Victorian Government’s call for the establishment of an independent Think Tank on social cohesion, community resilience and preventing violent extremism. The bid led by La Trobe, brought together experts from La Trobe, Australian Catholic University and Swinburne University of Technology.

**ARC Future Fellowship Seminar**

The Research Grants Team are hosting an ARC Future Fellowship seminar on Wednesday July 25 from 11-12pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au; 9479 1134.

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**Research Focus Area (RFA) News**

The Research Focus Areas have successfully transitioned into a new five-year term (2018-2022), with the Directors, Executive Committees, RFA Memberships and the RFA support team confirmed and the two new research support schemes launched.

Over the last couple of months, the RFAs opened their first *joint funding round*, and received 150 applications all together: 112 applications for the *Grant Ready* scheme and 38 applications for the *Collaboration Ready* scheme. The approval of 90 projects is currently in the pipeline, with the RFAs supporting 64 Grant Ready projects and 26 Collaboration Ready projects. The list of RFA funded projects will be available on the [RFA Intranet sites](mailto:researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au) shortly.

RFA projects sponsored in this round are expected to generate over 100 external funding proposals and over 200 publications over the coming years.
The next funding call is scheduled to be announced for October, and to involve the Grant Ready and Collaboration Ready schemes. The RFAs expect to make their annual call for applications in October from now on, for sponsored projects to commence in January the following year.

Information on RFA contacts, membership, funding opportunities and events will be posted on the RFA Unite site.

Research Platforms Program: call for new platforms

La Trobe’s Research Platforms program was established in 2015 with the Genomics, Proteomics, Statistics and Social Research Assistance platforms. Research Platforms are facilities or capabilities that offer broad benefit to the research community by providing specialist services and expertise to support research and enable collaboration with industry partners. Due to its success, the decision has been made for the program to become ‘business as usual’ and to invite compelling business cases for additional platforms. Compelling proposals for new platforms that will benefit your School, College and the wider research community are invited until COB Wed 8th August. Applicants should first discuss their proposals with Dr Christopher Adda, Manager, Research Infrastructure. Further information and application instructions can be found on the Office of Research Infrastructure website.

Digital Research Training Program

Would you like to learn a programming language, or how to use Excel better? La Trobe researchers and research students have access to a wide range of specialised courses, from beginner through to advanced levels in High-Performance Computing, Excel for research, data management and visualisation, cleaning and exploring data, and more. There is no cost for the majority of these courses. New dates for a suite of courses has just been released so book in early to avoid missing out. For further information visit the Digital Research Training program.

Usage of La Trobe’s new Online Research Notebook reaches new heights

La Trobe’s researchers are discovering the advantages of the Online Research Notebook as their tool of choice for recording, organising and storing their research data. The Notebook enables the digitisation of research from its inception - whether capturing ideas for a literary tome, designing an experiment or acquiring and linking research data. Powered by LabArchives, it can replace your paper research notebook or lab book allowing you to link all your data securely, and is suited to both research groups as well as individual researchers. Further information can be found on the Digital Research website.

Statistics Consultancy Platform
Did you know that HDR students, as well as researchers applying for external grant funding, can access up to five hours of free consultancy? The La Trobe University Statistics Consultancy Platform accelerates research programs by providing statistical advice about research methods, experimental design and data analysis for projects. The services available to La Trobe staff and students and industry collaborators, includes support for grant applications, analysis of data, guidance on designing a study, survey or questionnaire, advice on data collection methods, training in a particular area of statistics, advice on how to model statistical data and help with communicating statistical findings. Further information and access details can be found on the Statistics Consultancy Platform website.

Digital Research Drop in sessions
Do you have any questions relating to data management, the Digital Research training programs, programming, use of computing in research, etc? We have experts from ICT and the Library on hand to answer them, or at least point you in the right direction. The next session is on 7th August. The Digital Research Drop-in sessions are held 3 – 4 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Research Commons (level 2 at the back) of the Library. Free for all researchers and research students, the aim is to support the use of computing and information technology in research. Just bring your laptop, coffee and questions.

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