



Research Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

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All the best

Alistair Duncan, MaryAnne Aitken and Russell Hoye

Ethics, Integrity and Biosafety team update

Human Ethics

- Final Closing dates 2018 and new Closing dates for 2019 are available on the [Human Ethics website](#).
- Reminder that Annual and Final report reminders will be sent in the coming weeks.
- Congratulations to A/Prof Jennifer Laing who has been appointed the new ASSC College Sub-Committee Chair.

Animal Ethics

- Final Closing date for 2018 is Monday 26 November, closing dates for 2019 are available on the [AEC website](#).
- **Animal Ethics Committee Chair** role Expressions Of Interest close 18 November 2018 <http://careers.pageuppeople.com/533/caw/en/job/557426/animal-ethics-chair>
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- Reminder that Annual and Final report reminders will be sent in the coming weeks.
- New Forms Coming for 2019 - a separate notification will be sent once they are uploaded on the AEC website.
 - Request for Amendment
 - Adverse Event
 - Annual/Final Reports
 - Phenotype Reports
 - Competency Assessment

Institutional Biosafety Committee

- The IBC has no further closing dated for 2018. Closing dates for 2019 are available on the [IBC Website](#). If you have any concerns about new projects requiring approval please contact biosafety@latrobe.edu.au to discuss.
- New Application Form will be uploaded at the start of 2019
- **Research Data Management Plans:** The Library and the Ethics, Integrity and Biosafety Office are pleased to announce a pilot program that will streamline the process of submitting the mandatory Research Data Management plan as part of a Human Ethics application.

Researchers will now receive one unified letter from relevant Human Research Ethics committee. The letter will include advice on the Research Data Management Plan from the Library Research Data Management Team.

The aim of the new process is to reduce the workload for researchers and ensure researchers get one consistent message about managing their research data.

A revised Research Data Management Plan, which aligns with the requirements of the newly revised section 3.1.45 of the National Statement of Ethical Conduct in Human Research will be shortly launched shortly. Comments on the wording and format of the revised plan is welcomed during this pilot period.

If you have feedback or comments on this trial please send them to humanethics@latrobe.edu.au or libraryresearchsupport@latrobe.edu.au between November 15, 2018 and February 1, 2019.

Grants team update

Grants Workshops at Nursing and Midwifery:

Dr Catherine Hayden, Health and Medical Grants Advisor, has been visiting nursing and midwifery researchers in the Clinical Schools recently. Catherine has been speaking to researchers about the grants team's support services. She also spoke about accessing funding opportunities (specifically category 2 and 3 grants) and how to write applications as well as general information about improving track records. If your School or Department would like similar presentations for staff please get in contact with us at researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au as the grants team has expertise across a number of disciplines.

Grants Workshop at the ONJCRI

The Grants team spent a day at the ONJCRI talking to researchers about the new NHMRC Grant schemes and providing information on possible ARC funding opportunities. The team ran an information session followed by one-on-one appointments with individual researchers to discuss submissions in 2019 and beyond, how to plan for these submissions and how their research fits under the ARC.

ECR Grants Workshop at La Trobe Business School (LTUBS)

Amanda Smith (Manager, Contract and consulting), Ms. Deepa Balakrishnan (Manager, Grants) and Dr. Alex Lugg (Senior Grants Advisor) recently presented to the ECR cohort of the LTUBS. The presentation covered topics such as services provided to researchers by the grants and contracts teams and included discussion of building strong track records and importance of building an awareness of the changing Australian research landscape. The discussion included, but was not limited to Medical Research Future Fund, National Innovation and Science Agenda and other significant topics and advise to ECRs on how to find funding in this changing landscape.

Sociology pitching sessions:

La Trobe Department of Sociology recently ran pitching sessions for those researchers applying for grants. This provided researchers with an opportunity to validate their ideas with peers in their discipline. Dr. Alex Lugg and Ms. Deepa Balakrishnan were involved to provide guidance on various avenues of funding. The grants team is very keen to be part of such opportunities at your School/Department/discipline/lab, please contact us researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au if you would like to organise a similar session or would like to pursue some other format.

News Items

[Update on NHMRC and ARC Major Grants Development Program](#)

We have had a number of enquiries from applicants wishing to enter the La Trobe major grants development support program mid-way. If an applicant wishes to join the process for submission in 2019, they will have to undergo a school review in the first instance. If approved, the applicant must produce a full draft by the internal peer-review date: For NHMRC Investigator Grants, ARC Discovery Project and ARC DECRA schemes this date is **December 1**, and for an NHMRC Ideas Grant the deadline is **March 1, 2019**. Applicants should get in touch with the Grants team as soon as possible if they wish to enter the process: researchgrants@latrobe.edu.au

[2018 NHMRC Research Administration Officer \(RAO\) Information Session](#)

On Wednesday 31st October, The Research Office Grants team attended the NHMRC Research Administration Officer Information Session in Canberra. This information session was led by the NHMRC leadership team and provided an opportunity to learn about the NHMRC's new grant program and to discuss the program with the policy makers involved. We also received a demonstration of the new grants management system (Sapphire) that the NHMRC is anticipating the launch of sometime in 2019 (date to be confirmed).

Update on Grants recently submitted

[ARC Australian Laureate Fellowships](#)

La Trobe has submitted two Australian Laureate Fellowship applications to the Australian Research Council. These prestigious Fellowships are highly competitive and attract submissions from researchers working in all research disciplines. In 2018, only 16 were awarded at a success rate of under 12%. One application from the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce and one from the College of Science, Health and Engineering was submitted, the latter of which included La Trobe's first application for a Georgina Sweet Laureate Fellowship. This Fellowship is awarded to a highly ranked female

candidate from science and technology disciplines who will undertake an ambassadorial role to promote women in research.

Recent grant success

Investigators: Darren Hocking (School of Psychology and Public Health) and Nora Shields (School of Allied Health)

Industry Partner: Playing Forward

Augmented reality games for motor assessment in developmental disabilities

Global Connections Bridging Grant \$31,524.

We are also anticipating results from the ARC soon and have had embargoed NHMRC results which will be made public when the embargo is lifted.

Important Changes to the University Network Filter

La Trobe has made changes on the internet firewall treatment of "adult" content. Adult content is defined as: sites that promote adult services such as video/telephone conferencing, escort services, strip clubs, etc. Anything containing adult content (even if it's games or comics) will be categorised as adult.

For those with legitimate work or study related reasons for accessing "Adult" content, they can be added to a "Permitted list" (see Knowledge Base article [\[link\]](#)).

If you require access and have not received a notification from ICT about the "Permitted list", you should submit a request to be added to the whitelist to ICT-Security@latrobe.edu.au. For Academic staff, the Knowledge Base article include information on what to do if the subject you are teaching or co-ordinating requires your student to access "Adult" materials via the University network. Graduate research students will need to have their request approved by their supervisor.

The University is committed to providing an inclusive and respectful environment for our staff and students. This action also closes a gap in our commitment to the Child Safety Standards. Adult content is a common method for third party to inject malicious content into corporate network. This move will assist ICT with protecting all personal and research

data stored on our network. Staff are reminded that the use of computer facilities at La Trobe is governed by the [Use of Computer Facilities Statute](#).

Perspectives on Research Impact from the UK

Professor Mike Fisher

Date: 29 November

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Venue: Teaching and Learning Commons, TLC -214

Registration: <https://mikefisher-latrobe.eventbrite.com.au>

New research in the UK offers some insights into impact that might more helpfully underpin the expectations of the state about university research. The UK REF 2014 produced an extensive database of 6975 impact case studies and generated a whole new field of research – on research impact. Drawing on this new data and the Australian study Advancing Social Work Research 2017-20, this presentation will explore some assumptions about the nature of research and its impact, and outline the differences between enlightenment and an engagement models. It will emphasise the need for collaboration from the outset, the role of people and communities that research is supposed to serve, and the long-term nature of policy and practice improvement.

Professor Mike Fisher is a recognised international expert on evidence-based policy and practice and R&D in social care for adults. He was Director of Research at the National Institute for Social Work, UK (1996-2001) and at the Social Care Institute for Excellence, UK (2001-12) before joining the Tilda Goldberg Centre for Research in Social Work and Social Care at the University of Bedfordshire in 2012 as Professor of Evidence-Based Social Work. In 2014, Mike became Director of the Institute of Applied Social Research. He is a qualified social worker and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. His research on evidence-based policy and practice focuses on collaborative research with practitioners and understanding the types of knowledge required to change practice. His research with older people focuses on people living with dementia and how services can better reflect their wishes.



PRIME Team update

PRIME (Program for Research Information Management Enablement), has recently delivered two improvements to the University's research information systems:

- New web-based [profiles](#) for the University's academic staff, to showcase their professional achievements.
- All graduate research candidates, whether or not they are also staff, now have access to a professional email address, the staff intranet, and other university and research systems.

The next stage will be to give academic profiles to our graduate researchers, further enhancing their research student experience and advance their standing in the wider research community. This will be delivered in the coming months.

The last, and largest stream of the PRIME program, is Integrated Research Systems - or 'IRS', which is also well on the way.

IRS project achievements

Last year a new research management system and implementation partner were shortlisted and selected – a tailored Salesforce platform, to be implemented through IBM and its specialist implementation arm Bluewolf. The new system will manage all of our research administration needs, and integrate with other supporting systems to deliver a one-stop-shop, single pane-of-glass view of research management to La Trobe University researchers.

Earlier this year, PRIME partnered with Bluewolf on a preliminary engagement: a three month 'Discovery Window' project to test whether Salesforce and IBM could work with the research world. It was a busy three months, including 38 workshops with researchers and professional staff and the creation of 1100 'user stories', which are the blueprint for the system build. This culminated in the showcase of a working proof of concept, which was received with (generally) great enthusiasm.

[Where to from here?](#)

The design and building of the new system is a major task that will need extensive collaboration across all areas of research at the University. As well as specialist teams from IBM and La Trobe's ICT and Research Office divisions, we will set up a working group of academic and professional staff involved in research, and hold monthly showcases displaying development to date. This will allow for continuous feedback to be gathered and acted on quickly, and will ensure what we build is exactly what our staff need. More on this will be sent out soon.

As a part of our planning for this next stage, we've created a survey to assess how ready we are to proceed, and would like as many people involved in research as possible to complete it – please go to this [link](#) to access the survey.

If you would like more information or need to contact us, please email us via our mailbox – [PRIME Program](#). Alternatively, you can go to our [PRIME Program](#) info page for further information and updates.

[Research Infrastructure update](#)

[It's time to try La Trobe's Online Research Notebook!](#)

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. 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. It can be used for all research projects even if your raw data is stored elsewhere. Further information can be found on the [Digital Research website](#).

[G*Power Workshop: Sample size analysis for researchers on 14th December.](#)

G*Power is a free statistical software package for power and sample size analysis. It offers point-and-click functionality and covers a wide variety of statistical tests. Presented by the [Statistics Consultancy Platform](#), this full day G*Power workshop includes concepts of statistical power and relevant statistical tests presented in a non-technical way. Designed to be hands-on, the workshop focuses on the practical application of statistical methods. For further information, course prices and registration [click here](#).

[New research equipment of the month: single cell sequencing](#)

The Genomics Platform has acquired the state-of-the-art 10X Genomics Chromium single cell sequencing technology that will enable the genetic profiling of individual cells in heterogeneous populations or tissues. It supports analysis of single cells at an RNA, DNA and protein level, including immune profiling and single cell 3' expression. Further features can be found on the [10X Genomics website](#). This technology will be provided as a service through the platform. Visit the [Genomics Platform website](#) for further information.

[Comprehensive Proteomics Platform](#)

Do you need help understanding the proteome of your cells, determining the structure of your favourite protein or its interactions? The Proteomics Platform offers a comprehensive service and expertise that enables the identification and quantitation of biomolecules from complex mixtures through to structure determination and analysis of interactions, kinetics and thermodynamics. Core expertise in advanced experimental design, bioinformatics, and data analysis underpins the capabilities of the platform that will add value to, and accelerate, your research. Speak with Pierre, Harinda and the team today or visit the [Comprehensive Proteomics 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 4th December.

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.

Research Week Playlist

For the third year running, La Trobe University hosted Research Week, it was an opportunity to celebrate our research successes and share and engage the La Trobe community through our research stories. This year's focus was 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.

Please click [here](#) to view the 2018 Research Week Showcase videos.

Which include:

- Hadeel Abdelhameed - The representation of women in theatre about war
- Professor Chris Sobey on breakthrough stroke recovery research at La Trobe
- PhD candidate Nicole Shackleton on gendered hate speech
- Matt Carter on how diving inspired his research into maritime archaeology
- Professor Christine Bigby on the Living with Disability Research Centre
- Research Week 2018 Lunchtime talks-27th-Digital Health
- Research Week 2018 Lunchtime talks-29th -Environment
- Research Week 2018 Lunchtime talks 31th-Social Inclusion
- Research Week 2018 Lunchtime talks-28th-Alcohol harm, alcohol culture and creating change
- Research Week 2018 Powerhouse women event
- Research Week 2018 Research Showcase Night Disability Research

La Trobe University has recently been appointed to the Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) Research Panel for the next 3 years. The appointment will provide La Trobe with opportunities to support the TAC in world leading health, disability and compensation research to meet the TAC's strategic objectives. The panel tender was led by Prof Jacinta Douglas with A/Prof Natasha Lannin and Prof Christine Bigby. The Research Panel contract has an estimate value of approximately \$5M per year.

Congratulations to Jacinta and Chris from the Living with Disability Research Centre and Natasha from the Alfred Health Clinical School on leading La Trobe's successful application.

[Tracey Banivanua Mar Fellowships 2019 – Applications closing 25 November 2018](#)

[Tracey Banivanua Mar Fellowships 2019 – Applications Open](#)

- Fellowship program to re-establish the research careers of primary care givers
- Up to three years fixed-term. Part-time or full-time (0.4 FTE minimum) appointment based at any campus, commencing January 2019.
- Multiple positions available

In 2018 La Trobe established the Tracey Banivanua Mar Fellowships, named after a much-esteemed member of the Department of Archaeology and History who sadly passed away in 2017, cutting short a stellar academic career.

The goal of the Tracey Banivanua Mar Fellowships is to ensure that staff who have demonstrated potential to be our future research leaders and who have major care giving responsibilities are able to maintain their career momentum and be supported to fulfil their research potential.

The Tracey Banivanua Mar Fellowships are part-time or full-time positions for up to three years, to enable eligible researchers to develop or re-establish their careers where they have been interrupted or delayed by child bearing, child rearing or other care giving duties.

By providing funding at a critical time in the careers of high potential academic staff, the Fellowship aims to reduce the impact of career breaks and/or intense care giving responsibilities on research productivity.

The University is committed to gender equity through sustained, enduring and measurable actions.

We recognize that care giving responsibilities can severely interrupt, delay or otherwise constrain academic careers, and that it is women who primarily face these barriers.

The Research Fellow will undertake research aligned with La Trobe's areas of research strength, such as areas covered in our Research Focus Areas or Research Centres.

Refer to the [intranet site for information on the fellows](#) who were appointed in 2018.

The Positions

The Tracey Banivanua Mar Fellowships are offered at Level B, C or D.

The Research Fellows (Level B) will propose and undertake projects aligned with La Trobe's areas of research strengths, such as areas covered in our Research Focus Areas or Research Centres.

This will include the following:

- Conduct and publish high quality, high impact research and other scholarly activities under limited supervision either independently or as part of a team.
- Obtain, or assist in obtaining, research funding from external sources.
- Form productive research partnerships.
- Participate in professional activities including presentations at conferences and seminars in field of expertise.

- Provide advice within the field of the employee's research to Honours and postgraduate students.

In consultation with the Fellow's supervisor and with the agreement of the DVCR, Fellows may be encouraged to undertake limited additional academic activities, including teaching, if it will assist with their development as future academic leaders.

In addition to the above, the Senior Research Fellow (Level C) will also:

- Provide leadership in research related activities.

- Make a significant contribution to the discipline at the national and international level, demonstrated by a strong record of published work or other scholarly activities.
- Supervise Higher Degree by Research (HDR), students.
- Contribute to building a robust and ambitious research culture within La Trobe.

An appointment as Principal Research Fellow (Level D) will also be required to:

- Provide leadership and contribute to the governance and collegial life inside and outside the University.
- Manage research support staff involved in the research and supervise the research of less senior research employees.
- Engage with industry and other external stakeholders to develop research partnerships
- Contribute to building a robust and ambitious research culture within La Trobe.
- Secure external research funding.

The Candidate

The Fellowships are open to current La Trobe University staff on casual, honorary, sessional or fixed-term employment, have been a primary care giver in the past five years and have faced career interruptions. The goal of this program is to help increase the diversity of the staff in university leadership positions so we particularly encourage applications from researchers who are women, or who identify as transgender, gender diverse and/or non-binary.

To be successful in the role you will have a PhD in a relevant discipline and possess demonstrated relevant academic experience, relative to opportunity. You will also possess:

- A record of publications, conference papers and/or reports, or professional or technical contributions which provide evidence of strong research potential.
- Sound analytical skills with an ability to communicate complex information clearly both orally and in writing;
- Capacity to supervise, or co-supervise, honours and postgraduate students; and
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and productively with staff and students from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Demonstrated potential to be future research leaders, relative to opportunity

Application Process

Please submit applications via La Trobe University internal jobs website:

<http://internaljobs.latrobe.edu.au/cai/en/job/557300/tracey-banivanua-mar-fellowships>

Applicants are required submit a CV, address the Key Selection Criteria at the appropriate level and provide the following additional information:

1. Statement detailing the extent to which you have experienced career interruptions or barriers which have impacted on your ability to research (one page max)
2. Statement of proposed research you will undertake in this position, including aims, objectives, expected outcomes and timeline (two pages max)
3. Statement of support from your La Trobe supervisor/manager (one page max)

Closing date: 25 November 2018

Enquiries: [Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor](#) (Research)

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