**La Trobe Researcher wins Premier’s Award**

Congratulations to La Trobe University Researcher and proud Yorta Yorta woman Dr Mishel McMahon who has won the inaugural Aboriginal Researcher award at the prestigious Victorian Premier’s Awards for Health and Medical Research.

A researcher in social work and Indigenous Academic Enrichment Advisor for La Trobe University’s Shepparton campus, Dr McMahon was awarded a $5000 cash prize at last night’s ceremony in Federation Square. The award recognises Dr McMahon’s exceptional
work on the principles of First Nations childrearing which provides the healthcare profession with a greater understanding of Aboriginal parenting.

“I’m honoured to have been recognised for my contribution to deepening understanding of Aboriginal childrearing, which dates back thousands of years,” Dr McMahon said.

“I hope my research will improve understanding of Aboriginal childrearing within policy and practice and deliver positive outcomes for both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal families and children.”

The 25th Victorian Premier's Awards for Health and Medical Research were held on 25 March at Federation Square in Melbourne. Three of the 24 shortlisted finalists are La Trobe academics, as well as La Trobe alumni:

- Dr Amy Baxter – NHMRC Peter Doherty Fellow at the La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science
- Dr Wendy Bunston – Associate lecturer in clinical social work, family therapy and infant mental health
- Dr Mishel McMahon – researcher in social work and Indigenous Academic Enrichment Advisor, La Trobe University Shepparton campus

Excellence in Health Research and Translation Awards

The inaugural Excellence in Research and Translation Awards were held on 20 March at Glasshouse, Olympic Park, showcasing La Trobe University’s excellence in translating research in clinical and community-based healthcare form the publication into current practice. The award was presented to the COSMOS trial team, from the Judith Lumley Centre, School of Nursing and Midwifery, in partnership with the Royal Women’s Hospital, with Professor Rob Pike, Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Science, Health and Engineering (SHE) presenting the award to team representative Professor Helen McLachlan. The team received a trophy and a $5,000 prize to spend on future research.
The Excellence in Health Research and Translation Awards are a new initiative designed by the College of Science, Health and Engineering to celebrate and recognise the world class work of La Trobe’s researchers, showcasing La Trobe’s excellence in translating research in clinical and community-based healthcare from the publication into current practice and acknowledging the tremendous amount of skill, effort and collaboration required in order for a new knowledge to have a beneficial impact on the health and wellbeing of people in the real world. Attendees were drawn from La Trobe’s academic community and from industry. Dr Norman Swan of the ABC Radio National Health Report gave a keynote about the importance of research translation. The Judges commented that the winning project had made a significant and demonstrable contribution to worldwide healthcare over the past decade.

The event also featured the launch of La Trobe Academic and Research Collaborative in Health (ARCH) a consortium of nine leading Victorian healthcare providers for La Trobe University. The La Trobe Academic and Research Collaborative in Health consortium allows La Trobe to create pathways that accelerate the translation of high quality research into practice. This initiative is made possible through strong partnerships in research, training and teaching. Details about this can be found on the ARCH website.

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La Trobe University and Manchester Metropolitan University Collaborative Agreement

La Trobe University recently signed a collaborative agreement with Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK.

One element of that agreement is to support research collaborations between MMU and LTU researchers in all disciplines. To that end, the Vice-Chancellors of each institution have provided funds to support these research collaborations. For 2019, LTU researchers can apply for funding between $5,000 and $15,000 from a total pool of $40,000AUD. A similar amount is being provided to MMU staff.

The intent is that LTU staff can apply for funding from LTU if they collaborate with at least one MMU staff member; similarly, MMU staff can apply for funds from MMU if they collaborate with at least one LTU staff member. (see attachment application form)
Priority will be given to projects that will increase the number and quality of peer reviewed outputs with international co-authors, and lead to future joint applications for large funding schemes.

Applications will be assessed by a joint committee of MMU and LTU senior staff. The application form for LTU staff is attached to this email and contains further details of the funding scheme. Applications are due to PVCRD@latrobe.edu.au by 4:00pm Monday 29 April, 2019.

Any questions about the scheme can be directed to Dora Horvath via d.horvath@latrobe.edu.au

Contracts to be signed by June 30

The Research Office and Legal Services experience a high volume of contracts to be reviewed and executed, with invoices to be raised requiring payment prior to June 30, accordingly, we would be grateful if you could please submit contracts requiring execution and invoicing prior to this date by 2 June 2019.

Thanks from the Contract Team:
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Ethics, Integrity and Biosafety

Upcoming Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training – Bendigo

GCP Training will be held at the Bendigo campus on Thursday 30 May. This training is open to all staff and students involved in the conduct of research involving humans. For anyone conducting Clinical Trials, completion of this training every 3 years is compulsory. Additional training sessions will be scheduled later in the year at the Melbourne campus. Expressions of interest can be sent to research.governance@latrobe.edu.au, further information and registration details will be disseminated in the coming fortnight.
Upcoming deadlines

*Due to the Easter and Anzac day public holidays the Low-Risk Human Ethics Committee deadlines have been extended by one week. All deadlines are advertised online.

Human Ethics (Above Low Risk)
Tuesday 16 April 2019
Tuesday 21 May 2019
Tuesday 18 June 2019

Human Ethics (Low and Negligible risk)
Thursday 11 April 2019
Thursday 2 May 2019*
Thursday 16 May 2019*

Animal Ethics Committee
Monday 01 April 2019
Monday 29 April 2019

Institutional Biosafety Committee
Thursday 04 April 2019
Thursday 02 May 2019

Grants

NHMRC Update
NHMRC Ideas, Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies and Synergy Grants are currently being compliance checked by the Research Office NHMRC Team

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We currently have 48 NHMRC Ideas Grants, 11 Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants and 4 Synergy Grants to be submitted. Synergy Grants will be submitted by the Research Office to NHMRC on **April 29**th and Ideas/Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants on **May 6**th.

**Grants recently submitted**

- Cancer Council Victoria Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Australia-India Council Grants
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Australia-Japan Foundation Grants
- Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund – National Dementia Support Program
- National Geographic Society Grants

US Department of Defence – Army Research Office Broad Agency Announcement for Fundamental Research

Australian Association of Gerontology – RM Gibson ECR Grants

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**La Trobe Accelerator Program – Cohort 4 Call out**

If you’ve got a prototype, problem or project – we want to help.
The La Trobe Accelerator Program is now taking applications for their upcoming Cohort 4 which includes 1:1 mentoring, workshops, financial and legal assistance, access to LTU student interns and introductions to venture capitalist funds.

Head to Latrobe.edu.au/accelerator for more information or contact a member of the team at accelerator@latrobe.edu.au

Research Infrastructure

Social Research Assistance Platform funding round #2 open!

The Social Research Assistance Platform is now accepting funding support applications. The Platform provides individual researchers and teams engaged in research projects, or finalising book, chapter or journal publications who are close to completion, with specific and specialised research support to facilitate effective completion. Applications close 26th April with expected outcome by 24th May. All funds must be used by the end of 2019.

For those who have their own funding, we also provide assistance to source the right research assistants (RAs) for your project. To date, we have assisted 30 researchers from across the University in sourcing and/or managing RAs for their respective projects. This service is available throughout the year.

Digital Research Training: new suite of courses for June

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. For further information and booking visit the Digital Research Training program

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 May.

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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Research Focus Areas

Upcoming Transforming Human Society, Research Focus Area events

Workshop: Researcher Vulnerability to Vicarious Trauma

The Transforming Human Societies Research Focus Area is hosting a workshop on Researcher Vulnerability to Vicarious Trauma on Friday May 3, from 10am until 1pm at the Union Hall Board Room at the Melbourne campus.

Vicarious trauma, or secondary traumatic stress, is well documented and understood in the context of the mental health professions and trauma workers' engagement with traumatized clients. Recent scholarship has documented the psychological impact of research into difficult subjects on researchers, and recommends training, preparation, and safeguarding measures. Numerous researchers at La Trobe have recently been conscious of their experience of, or their risk of, being traumatised by their research. At this workshop we will canvas the needs of researchers at La Trobe, hear from expert Cait McMahon about the nature of vicarious trauma and secondary traumatic stress, and discuss how we can better protect and support our research community.

For more details and to register your attendance, please visit the Eventbrite link here.

Forum: A Climate Conscious University

The Transforming Human Societies RFA in association with the Centre for the Study of the Inland (CSI) is holding a Forum on A Climate Conscious University on Friday May 17, from 10:30am to 1:30pm at the Physical Sciences 1, Room 221 (SEMS Meeting Room).

The forum is designed to explore La Trobe’s strengths when it comes to understanding the scientific and human dimensions of climate change, and how might we build on the kinds
of expertise we already have. To this end, the forum aims to map the research we're undertaking across all disciplines, with the aim of developing university strategies to advance our engagement this area and to identify opportunities for future projects and collaborations. Our external participants will include A/Prof Lauren Rickards (RMIT) and Dr Ruth Morgan (Monash University). Lauren is a co-leader of the Climate Change and Resilience research program of the Centre for Urban Research, and one of the few social scientists representing Australia on the International Panel on Climate Change. Ruth's research focuses on the changing relationships between people and their environments, with a particular interest in water resources and climate variability.

For more details and to register your attendance, please visit the Eventbrite link here.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scientist Travelling Research Award

This Australian Academy of Science award recognises research in the natural sciences, allowing interdisciplinary and sociocultural research, by outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander PhD students and early- and mid-career scientists. Two annual awards of $5500 are planned, with additional support to attend the Academy’s Annual Science at the Shine Dome event. Applications close on 1 June 2019 you can find out more on the Academy website.

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