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Dear Colleagues,

This is DVC(R) Bulletin #15 to provide an update on important issues affecting researchers at UNSW. If you missed the previous bulletins – the contents are available at <http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/newsletter.html>.

1. RESEARCH SHOWCASE – 18 & 19 MAY 2009

A reminder that the **Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Showcase is on next week**. We would appreciate your RSVP (for any part of the Showcase) for catering purposes as soon as possible.

There has been considerable external interest, and we will have representatives from industry, State and Federal Government attending.

When: 8.30 am to 5.30pm on Monday 18 May & Tuesday 19 May

Where: Tyree Room and Foyer/Galleries (Scientia Bldg)

Who: Research staff and students across all Faculties

RSVP: research-showcase@explode.unsw.edu.au

The final Program is available at: <http://www.unsw.edu.au/research/res/ProgramCCESFINAL.pdf>

2. 2010 ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS

The Australian Research Council's *Future Fellowships* is a new scheme created to promote research in areas of national importance with the aim of attracting and retaining the best and brightest mid-career researchers. The ARC *Future Fellowships* aim to address the fact that many highly qualified mid-career researchers choose to work overseas to further their careers due to a perceived lack of opportunities in Australia.

Targeting of potential applicants, now, is essential to ensure that UNSW is well-positioned to respond immediately once the 2010 Fellowship Guidelines are released (expected mid-September with a closing date in November), and when the successful round-1 2009 Future Fellows are announced (November).

The Research Strategy Office will coordinate, and provide strategic support to, all ARC Future Fellowship applicants in the next round. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from potential applicants should be submitted to the Associate Deans (Research) in your Faculty. Further information and the EOI form are available at <http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/funding.html>. A guide for Heads of School is available to assist in the process and this may be obtained by contacting Lee Williamson (l.williamson@unsw.edu.au).

3. UNSW DEAN'S RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

These scholarships are a new initiative in 2009 to ensure that UNSW is able to offer scholarships to outstanding local students at any time of the year i.e. outside the major scholarship rounds (see <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/deansscholarship.html>). Applications should be submitted directly to the Dean of Graduate Research for assessment.

The scholarships include a limited number of Research Excellence Scholarships (\$30-35K, for University Medallists) and UNSW scholarships (\$20-30K) for award to exceptional local students with outstanding academic results and research experience, who have been accepted for admission to a PhD commencing in Semester 2, 2009 (latest date for enrolment 31 August 2009). Only new, commencing PhD students, who are assessed to be competitive with the top 10% of all scholarship applicants to UNSW will be considered for these special out-of-round scholarships. All other applicants will be referred to the next major scholarship round (closing date 31 October, 2009 for Semester 1, 2010).

4. eRESEARCH

UNSW researchers, research students and research or project support staff are invited to participate in a survey which focuses on the present role of digital technologies and their potential in research. UNSW is a founding member of Intersect (<http://www.intersect.org.au/>), the new peak eResearch body in NSW, and Intersect is seeking input on future priorities through a survey aimed at finding out how various digital technologies are used in different research fields and what kinds of services and technologies future researchers in this area will require. The information will also be used to identify research fields that need eResearch support, and to establish priorities that will direct future development of eResearch infrastructure and capacity building in NSW as well as within specific universities. Your responses will help to increase research community understanding about the role and potential of eResearch in Australia.

This survey will take about 20 minutes to complete, and you can skip all irrelevant questions. Your participation is anonymous unless you choose to identify yourself. To begin the survey, please click on <http://tinyurl.com/d72tf9>. Please also bring this survey link to the attention of PhD and Masters students who use digital technologies in their research areas.

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