



The HREC will increase their scheduled meetings from monthly to fortnightly ensuring timely consideration of applications. Meetings are scheduled to commence in February 2018. 2018 meeting dates can be found [here](#)

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## Research/funding Opportunities

### Carer's travel grant for academic women

Capstone Editing invites applications for its carer's travel grant for academic women. This supports women with children in meeting the cost of childcare while travelling for a conference or for research purposes.

Applicants must be women and the primary care givers of at least one child under the age of five. They must be employed as an academic staff member at an Australian or New Zealand university. The grant is worth AUD 3,000. For further information: <https://www.capstoneediting.com.au/travel-grant>

## Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

DFAT's International Relations Grant Program funds nine individual grants rounds, some of which can be seen below. For more information visit <https://dfat.smartygrants.com.au/>

**Australia-ASEAN Council Grant Round 2018-19** - Submissions are now open.

Submissions close 5:00PM 4 April 2018 (AEST).

Find out more about Australia-ASEAN Council Grant Round 2018-19...

**Australian Cultural Diplomacy Grants Program 2018-19** - Submissions are now open.

Submissions close 5:00PM 9 March 2018 (AEDT).

Find out more about Australian Cultural Diplomacy Grants Program 2018-19...

**Council for Australian Arab Relations (CAAR 2018-19 Grants Round)** - [Submissions are now open.](#)

Submissions close 2:00PM 4 April 2018 (AEST).

Find out more about CAAR 2018-19 Grants Round...

**2018 Australia-India Council Grant Round** - Submissions are now open.

Submissions close 2:00PM 29 March 2018 (AEDT).

Find out more about 2018 Australia-India Council Grant Round...

**2018-19 Australia-China Council (ACC) Grant Round** - Submissions are now open.

Submissions close 2:00PM 28 March 2018 (AEDT).

Find out more about 2018-19 Australia-China Council (ACC) Grant Round...

**2018-19 Australia-Indonesia Institute Grant Round** - Submissions are now open.

Submissions close 5:00PM 21 March 2018 (AEDT).

Find out more about 2018-19 Australia-Indonesia Institute Grant Round...

## Save the date: Australian Regional Development Conference (ARDC) – 17 & 18 September 2018, Tweed Heads

The Australian Regional Development Conference focuses on the advancement of economic and social outcomes for Regional Australia – Economic, Planning, Infrastructure, Environment and Community

Development. This is the perfect opportunity to gather leaders for regional development to connect and address critical issues, challenges, research and initiatives.

## **Global Connections Fund**

The Australian Government's Global Connections Fund - <https://globalconnectionsfund.org.au/> - and the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE - <https://www.atse.org.au/>) have announced the next round of Priming Grants are now open.

Priming Grants offer total funding of \$7,000 AUD per applicant to eligible SME-researcher partnerships for activities preparing cooperative, international R&D projects or facilitating technology solutions.

All information concerning the Priming Grants and the application process is available on the Global Connections Fund website - <https://globalconnectionsfund.org.au/priming-grants/>

## **Research Grant into impacts of 'big data' on consumers**



The Consumer Policy Research Centre (CPRC) is inviting Australian interdisciplinary research teams to apply for a \$100,000 grant to investigate data collection and consumer profiling practices in Australia.

The Centre is offering this grant because we believe that Australia is currently lagging behind other countries in building a deeper understanding of the impacts of 'big data' collection and consumer profiling. Even as global consulting groups and international experts are highlighting the need to carefully consider how we manage consumer data, active discussion around the implications for Australia has been limited. Sophisticated marketing strategies, advanced profiling techniques and powerful machine learning technologies are profoundly changing consumer markets. These advancements are moving much faster than policy and regulation. While some aspects of data collection and consumer profiling can improve user experience and assist in the delivery of more relevant content, other indications are that the trend towards personalisation can increase inequality and exclusion.

We think the Australian policy community urgently needs to discuss what sort of consumer markets we want moving forward. To do this, we are seeking the support of some of Australia's best and brightest academics with this research grant. We hope that by working together, we can prompt the national conversation that we need to have.

Preference will be given to applications that:

- Bring together an interdisciplinary team of experts across the fields which may include: e-commerce, choice architecture / behavioural science, microeconomics, consumer policy & law or data ethics & privacy
- Produce new qualitative and quantitative datasets within the identified research field
- Avoid duplication of existing research, and
- Maximise impact with practical policy and practice implications.

All details of the grant program are available at: <http://cprc.org.au/cprc-research-pathways-program/research-grants/>

Please contact Lauren Solomon, Chief Executive Officer of the Consumer Policy Research Centre directly.  
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## Professional Development Opportunities

- **The 2018 Professional Development Calendar**

The PD Calendar for 2018 <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/professional-development/program-calendar>

19th Feb 2018	Online	<a href="#">Reading the Literature Critically</a>	HDR Candidates; academic and research support staff members who are at an early stage in their research career
20th Feb 2018	Online	<a href="#">Meet the Helpers</a>	HDR Candidates; academic and research support staff members who are at an early stage in their research career
21st Feb 2018	Online	<a href="#">Using Library Databases</a>	All CSU researchers, including HDR Candidates and research support staff members
22nd Feb 2018	Online	<a href="#">Overcoming Procrastination</a>	HDR Candidates; academic and research support staff members who are at an early stage in their research career
22nd Feb 2018	Online	<a href="#">Introduction to Research Application and Administration</a>	All CSU researchers
26th Feb 2018	Online	<a href="#">Survive Your Research Degree: Self-care for doctoral students</a>	HDR Candidates; academic and research support staff members who are at an early stage in their research career
27th Feb 2018	Online	<a href="#">Finding Research Funding Opportunities including Research Professional</a>	All CSU researchers, including HDR Candidates

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## Research Professional – Online Training Sessions 2018

**Research Professional** is pleased to invite you to a series of live online broadcast training sessions. Each session will provide an introduction to the Research Professional platform, demonstrate how to locate funding opportunities that match your interests and show how to set up email alerts to keep you informed of new developments.

You can view these demonstrations from your own PC and choose to receive sound either via your computer's mic and speakers, or by phoning in to a voice conference. You will be able to ask the presenter questions using a text chat feature. The times for these sessions are given in two time zones, AEST (Sydney) and NZST (Auckland). **Please check the start time in your own time zone before registering.**

**Friday 16 February 2018**

11:00 - 12:00 AEDT (Sydney)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/239151863637368067>

**Friday 23 March 2018**

11:00 - 12:00 AEDT (Sydney)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/821987584204336387>

**Friday 24 May 2018**

9:00 - 10:00 AEST (Sydney)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4449152199423438339>

**Friday 27 July 2018**

09:00 - 10:00 AEST (Sydney)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/410092936253433603>

**Friday 28 September 2018**

09:00 - 10:00 AEST (Sydney)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8567928254630505219>

**Friday 30 November 2018**

11:00 - 12:00 AEDT (Sydney)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1323196661191204099>

If you have any questions or need help, please contact either our **Client Services Team:**

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**Vitae membership**

CSU is now an organisational member of Vitae, the global leader in the professional development of researchers. Vitae works with institutions striving for excellence in development and career support for research staff and students.

The Vitae website [<http://www.vitae.ac.uk>] has a wealth of resources and advice tailored specifically to you as a researcher, whether your ambition is to stay within or move outside academia. All our staff and students get full access to the Vitae website as part of our subscription. Resources include:

- Advice for completing a doctorate
- [Career destinations and career stories of doctoral graduates](#)
- [Example CVs](#)
- Professional development tools and the [Researcher Development Framework](#) (RDF)
- [PDP ROC](#): Online course on professional development
- [Researcher booklets](#)
- Managing a research [career](#)
- [Equality and diversity](#) in research careers

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**What's New at the Library?**

**New Library resource available: IBISWORLD**

IBISWORLD is Australian's most comprehensive collection of Industry Market Research, Industry Risk Ratings and Company Research.

Information available:

<http://clients1.ibisworld.com.au/?u=eSxeE62XTwK4Mqdn+Dy319Fr/mqcEcrn&p=yx7lwkb3KvpFE/djQWbWgA==>

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## BJBS in the Media



### Kenyan customs office fulfils wishes at CSU

A senior Kenyan customs officer has described his graduation from Charles Sturt University (CSU) as one of his greatest moments ever.

So impressed was Mr James Githinji with his graduation ceremony last month and his experience with [CSU online](#), he is continuing his education journey at the University in 2018.

Mr Githinji made the lengthy journey from the western Kenyan city of Eldoret to Wagga Wagga in regional Australia to receive a [Graduate Certificate in Customs Administration](#) from the University on Monday 11 December.

A Regional Manager with Kenya's Customs and Border Control in the Rift Valley Region near the Ugandan border, Mr Githinji said, "It (graduation) was an achievement I had yearned for, for a very long time. "It made me feel a completely different person.

"My graduation fulfilled not only the wishes of my heart, but also those of my employer, my family, my relatives, my work colleagues, my senior supervisors, my friends and associates."

In addition to increasing his skills and opening up career opportunities through higher education, the customs officer also hopes to share his newly acquired knowledge by conducting part-time presentations for his colleagues and the local business community.

Mr Githinji is not resting on his laurels. He is continuing his postgraduate studies at CSU in 2018 by enrolling in [Graduate Diploma in Customs Administration](#) through the University's [Centre for Customs and Excise Studies](#).

Read more at <http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/business-and-commerce/kenyan-customs-officer-fulfills-wishes-at-csu?BgfpsiyUiMkCSm8.99>

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### 'Risk' news – who do you believe?

Research by a Charles Sturt University (CSU) academic will help the understanding of risk communication in both traditional and emerging media.

Dr John Gaffey (pictured), lecturer in [justice studies](#) at the CSU [Centre for Law and Justice](#) in Bathurst, graduated on Thursday 14 December with a PhD for his dissertation about how audiences place value on both news and the authority of the source of 'risk' messages.

He found that news stories present risk information through narrative and the experiences of non-experts, and his interviews with viewers found they prefer this.

“This research used case studies drawn from television current affairs news stories to examine their narrative structure,” Dr Gaffey said. “I also examined experts and non-experts who provided information, and I interviewed viewers.

“The research findings are applicable not only to traditional media sources who may convey information about risk.

“They are particularly relevant to understanding risk communication in emerging media such as online news and social media, where the preference for experiential knowledge about risks is a defining feature.”

Read more at: <http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/business-and-commerce/risk-news-who-do-you-believe?L6HmxETArxECagc3.99>

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### **(Looks up from smartphone) .... sorry, what did you say**

Photo taken, filter applied and Instagram post uploaded, now back to the conversation. This may now be the reality of social engagement according to Charles Sturt University (CSU) researchers Associate Professor Yeslam Al-Saggaf and Ms Rachel MacCulloch and they want to know why?



Professor Al-Saggaf and Ms MacCulloch are currently looking for people to [participate in an online survey](#) to assist them in their research about how often and why people use their smartphones while engaging with others.

“You can see people using their phones in so many different social situations these days. At the dinner table, amongst friends, at the movies and even in bed. Is this as a result of boredom or shortened attention spans?” asks Professor Al-Saggaf from the [University’s School of Computing and Mathematics](#). “A recent study by dscout has revealed that people pick up their smartphones an average of 76 times per day.

“So, we’re keen to collect information from everyday people about why they use their smartphones during social situations and how frequently they do and what kind of things they’re doing on their phones while with other people,” Professor Al-Saggaf said.

Professor Al-Saggaf was interviewed last year for similar research he had conducted about how smartphones helped connect people and were potentially, dumbing us down or desensitising us to reality.

### **The CSU research is hoping to answer:**

- Why people use their smartphones during social interactions
- How frequently do they do it
- What apps do people use when they use their smartphones during social interaction
- With whom do they converse, and
- In what kinds of situations do they use their smartphones while conversing

The confidential survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed online by visiting: <https://www.research.net/r/RBSPU>

The study will build on previous research supported by the [Australian Research Council](#) and the [Australian Computer Society](#).

Read more at <http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/it-and-computing/looks-up-from-smartphone-sorry,-what-did-you-say?cUMjgAUycuo5wJz9.99>

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### Investigative interview course targets serious crime

Policing students learned the value of up-to-date investigative interviewing software at a recent residential school at Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Port Macquarie.

Students from NSW, Queensland and Western Australia who are enrolled in the 'Investigative Interviewing' subject attended a residential study weekend held for the first time in Port Macquarie.

Key points:

- CSU offers innovative, quality online and face-to-face teaching and learning methods
  - CSU provides cutting-edge teaching facilities with integrated technology in the classrooms
  - Students develop strategic and tactical interviewing skills in immersive real-life scenarios
- Mr Daren Jay (pictured), lecturer in the CSU [Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security](#) (AGSP&S), said police officers and detectives from three states worked together with CSU undergraduates to develop their strategic and tactical interviewing skills in immersive real-life interview scenarios.

Read more at <http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/police-and-crime/investigative-interview-course-targets-serious-crime?pA5YmKT67UrdFtK.99>

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### Program helps boost central west businesses

CenWest Innovate seeks businesses in the wider central west to participate in its coming much-praised Next Stage Growth Program.

[Professor Morgan Miles](#) (pictured), Professor of Entrepreneurship in the CSU [School of Management and Marketing](#), is the academic lead on the Next Stage Growth Program.



Professor Miles said, "[CenWest Innovate](#)'s Next Stage Growth Program is a six-month acceleration program for existing businesses wanting growth in sales, revenue, skills, people, knowledge, capacity, markets, and more.

"The program is led by experienced, highly-qualified presenters and educators. The program will develop the skills and opportunities people need to successfully grow their business.

“Our Mentor Match-up will identify and will align participants with a personal business mentor peer-to-peer roundtable session, and create and develop a supportive cohort with other business owners from a wide range of business sectors and life experience.

“The Next Stage Growth Program will get participants working on your business, not just in it.”

Download an [application form](#) and apply today, or speak to CenWest Innovate’s Ms Christine Sweeney on 6338 4503 for further information.

Read more at <http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/business-and-commerce/program-helps-boost-central-west-businesses?MFF7UQgoMqdDRMHD.99>

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## HDR Candidate news

### HDR Candidate Welcome and Induction session



A reminder that the first HDR Candidate Welcome and Induction session is happening on Thursday 1 March, 2018. Please visit the [Professional Development Calendar](#) to register for this session. These sessions are highly recommended for new candidates commencing in 2018 and provide essential information about getting started.

Attending an induction session is also part of the probationary conditions for candidature— see probation and key milestones <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/forms-facts/hdr-guide/probation-and-key-milestones>

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## February Research Writing Bootcamp

Protect some solid time for your research writing (or editing, planning, data analysis, reading).

- **February Bootcamp:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 9am-5pm



All research writers, including doctoral candidates and other staff, are welcome to join the Research Writing Bootcamps – either online via Adobe Connect, or in person on the Wagga campus.

Most people notice that they achieve more than usual, and the atmosphere is focussed but informal and welcoming.

There is no need to register, but if you’d like a calendar invitation with the schedule for the day and the link to join, email Cassily Charles, Academic Literacy Coordinator in the Research Office – [ccharles@csu.edu.au](mailto:ccharles@csu.edu.au).

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## Attention students submitting on or before March census date



The March census date is a peak time for thesis submission.

Anyone who is intending to submit should ensure that they are familiar with the process and requirements for submission. Please refer to [this link on the CSU student portal](#) for all the relevant information.

Please note that if you are submitting your thesis, then the [Notification of Readiness to Submit & Appointment of Examiners](#) form will need to be completed by your supervisor and sent to the Sub Dean Graduate Studies two months before final submission.

Finally, please note that candidates are **no longer required to print** copies of their thesis for examination, the thesis should be an electronic document **submitted in an electronic format such as PDF**.

For any questions regarding the process please don't hesitate to contact [Hayley Gifford](#).

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