

# FACULTY OF SCIENCE – RESEARCH BULLETIN

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Welcome to the **FIRST** edition of the Faculty of Science's Research and Graduate Studies Bulletin, where we outline all things research and science related!

The bulletin will be produced the first week of every month and will profile all aspects of research being undertaken within the Faculty of Science. The bulletin seeks to outline current opportunities for both staff and students including professional development, research tools and funding opportunities. There will also be profiles of research staff and news about great achievements.

The bulletin will be emailed every month to all staff and HDR candidates in the Faculty of Science. If you have a news item, a resource, announcement or a great achievement related to research or HDR candidature you'd like to share, please send it to [Deborah](#) or [Melanie](#) for inclusion in the next bulletin.

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## Leverage Funding

The Faculty can support leverage funding on external grant applications. This scheme is designed to provide cash-for-cash support for high quality external research funding applications. The funding is aimed to be a sweetener to the external funding body. Researchers should submit a request via email to [Deborah Munns](#) at least **2 weeks prior to the internal Research Office closing date** for the external funding scheme.

The request should provide a brief project overview, external funding body, expected outcomes, alignment with the CSU Research Narrative, draft budget information including the proposed dollar amount of Faculty leverage commitment that you are requesting and what the leveraging will be utilised for during your project.



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## Upcoming Partial HDR Scholarships

Partially funded HDR scholarships with industry and RDC's as partners for a duration of 3.5 yrs are now available for consideration. Preference will be given to supporting domestic students. Scholarships will be based on current APA rates and it will be generally expected that up to 50% of the total scholarship costs will be provided by the partner/s, with CSU providing the other 50%. The Faculty will also consider other reasonable proposals. The expectation is that the student will be principally supervised by a CSU staff, but can have co-supervisors from outside of CSU. The project be developed in direct collaboration with the partner.

Interested staff should send their intent to apply including the partner's details via email to [Deborah Munns](#) prior to entering into detailed discussion with industry. An application form and guidelines are currently under development for this scheme and will be available mid-August.

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## Upcoming - Seed Grants

Seed grants will support early career CSU researchers who are relatively new to the research grant system or researchers wanting to develop new initiatives. Up to \$10,000 per grant is available per application.



Staff should send their intent to apply in a brief sentence via email to [Deborah Munns](#). An application form and guidelines are currently under development for this scheme and will be available mid-August.

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## Gayle Smythe on Long Service Leave

Gayle, Associate Dean Research, is currently on long service leave until 30th September 2016. *For all student research enquiries* (PhD, Masters, Honours and Professional Doctorate) please contact [Dr Sandra Savocchia](#) or [Melanie Snell](#) and for *all other Research* enquires (grants, compact funding etc) please contact [Deborah Munns](#)

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## CSU Research Narrative

It is essential that all researchers familiarise themselves with the CSU Research Narrative as it underpins the University's ethos and rationale in research. It is designed to be an internal document which outlines a number of research themes that embody the University's ethos in research. The CSU Research Narrative can be downloaded from the CSU Research Page. [CSU Research Narrative](#)

\*\* The new Science Compact funding schemes will ask researchers to link their project to the CSU Research Narrative.

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## Symposium Winners

The following students have received prizes for outstanding presentations at the Faculty of Science Higher Degree Research and Honours Symposium, held on 30 June and 1 July 2016:

**HDR Presentation Prize:** With a tie for first place, the prize was split between:

**Michelle Toutounji** (School of Biomedical Science) &

**Cara Wilson** (School of Animal and Veterinary Science)



**Honours Presentation Prize:** **Aurelie Quade** (School of Agricultural and Wine Sciences)

**Poster Presentation Prize:** **Shumaila Arif** (School of Animal and Veterinary Science)

Congratulations to all of the presenters, the quality of presentations was very high throughout the Symposium.

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## Census Date – 5 August

Good luck to those students working hard to submit their soft bound thesis for examination prior to the census date **5 August 2016**. Please note your thesis must be received by the Research Office by close of business in order to avoid fees for 201660.

If you are posting the address is as follows:

Research Office  
Charles Sturt University  
Locked Bag 588  
Wagga Wagga NSW 2678



If you are at maximum candidature but don't think you will make the deadline you will need to request an extension to your candidature via the Sub Dean Dr Sandra Savocchia **URGENTLY**. Please include the following-

- Detailed account of the reasons relating to non-completion within the maximum candidature period.
- A timeline outlining remaining work to be completed and expected date for submission of your thesis for examination.
- Written support from your Principal Supervisor.

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## Hugh Kearns Workshops for HDR Students and Supervisors

Hugh Kearns will be presenting two half day workshops for HDR Students and HDR Supervisors at CSU Wagga on **Tuesday, August 23rd**. Hugh is the author of the highly popular '*Seven Secrets of Highly Successful Research Students*' among other books. You can read more about Hugh's expertise on his [webpage](#).

Contact [researchpd@csu.edu.au](mailto:researchpd@csu.edu.au) to register your interest in attending one of these workshops.

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## Welcome to the new HDR Candidates Commencing 201660

Name	Degree	School	Principal Supervisor
Gregory Sawyer	MPhil	Animal and Veterinary Science	Dr Edward Narayan
Arundhita Bhanjdeo	PhD	Animal and Veterinary Science	A/Prof Gavin Ramsay
Darien Feary	PhD	Animal and Veterinary Science	Dr Narelle Patton
Vanessa Slack-Smith	DVStud	Animal and Veterinary Science	A/Prof Kristopher Hughes
Bonaventure Onodu	PhD	Agricultural and Wine Science	Dr Richard Culas
Jennifer Niem	PhD	Agricultural and Wine Science	Dr Sandra Savocchia
Julia Gouot	PhD	Agricultural and Wine Science	Celia Barril
Xinyi Zhang	PhD	Agricultural and Wine Science	Andrew Clark
Stephen Kelly	DSustAgric	Agricultural and Wine Science	Prof Geoff Gurr
Rachael Wood	PhD	Biomedical Science	Prof Chris Blanchard
Stephen Cork	PhD	Biomedical Science	Prof Chris Blanchard
Fergus Gardiner	PhD	Community Health	Dr Ezekiel Uba Nwose
John Roberts	PhD	Exercise Science, Sport and Health	Prof Frank Marino

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## Faculty of Science Ethics Committee New Dates & New Email Address

Faculty of Science Ethics meetings are now held on the second Thursday of each month, with the closing date for submissions the week prior. The next meeting of the Faculty of Education Ethics Committee will be held on **Thursday, 11 August 2016**, with the agenda closing on **Thursday, 3 August 2016**.



A new email address is now open for all correspondence and please send any correspondence or applications to the new email address: [FOS-FHEC@csu.edu.au](mailto:FOS-FHEC@csu.edu.au).

Information on the application process, templates and committee dates can be found in the [FOS Ethics](#) folder on the S: Common 90 days Folders

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## Employment Cost Calculator – Handy Tool



When you are calculating the costs of an employee, such as a research officer or administrative assistant, for your next research project it is important to remember to include the salary on-costs in your budget. On-costs are the additional costs incurred in employing someone. On-costs include workers compensation, payroll tax and superannuation and are added to the hourly pay rate.

The Division of Finance has constructed a handy employment cost calculator that can help with calculating salary rates and the associated on-costs. [Employment Cost Calculator](#)

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## 2016 Writing-Up Award – Open until 12 August

The CSU writing up award round for 2016 is now open with a **closing date of 12 August 2016**.

The Writing-Up Award for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students is designed to provide a modest income to authors during the preparation of research articles or books which are based on their thesis submitted for a PhD, Research Doctorate or Masters by Research. The objective of the award is to support the increase of publication rates of Higher Degree by Research students at CSU. This award is not available to CSU staff members undertaking HDR studies.

For further information and to apply please follow the below link:

<http://www.csu.edu.au/research/support/researchers/funding/internal/wuastudent>

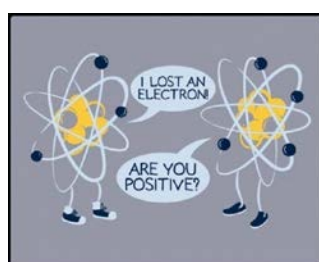
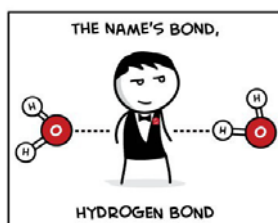
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## Academic Literacy, Learning and Numeracy Coordinator – Post Graduate Studies

From the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to the beginning of December 2016, **Joyce Voerman**, from the ALLaN team in Bathurst, will be acting part-time as the ALLaN Coordinator (Postgrad) while Cassily Charles is on long service leave. She will be looking after some of the HDR writing programs, and will be available for individual consultations with research students and/or supervisors about writing.

Joyce can be contacted directly about appointments, workshops, writing groups or other HDR programs and resources on ext 84279 or [jvoerman@csu.edu.au](mailto:jvoerman@csu.edu.au)

## Finally..... A Corny Science Laugh (or two)



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**Next Issue:** If you would like to contribute a story to the next issue please submit it to Deborah or Melanie by the **25<sup>th</sup> of August**. The next issue will be released in the first week of September.

Until next month.

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