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Welcome to Issue 19 of the Faculty of Science Research Bulletin. We hope you are refreshed after the Easter break.

In this month's issue we get to know the Faculty's new Associate Dean of Research (Acting), Assoc Professor Jane Quinn who started in the role in March. There are announcements about the Three Minute Thesis Competition at CSU and the FOS Research Forum, which in 2018 will focus on early and mid-career researchers. Additionally there is news about numerous funding schemes, including the new FOS 'Return to Research' scheme, and award opportunities that are currently open to

researchers.

The bulletin is emailed to all staff and HDR candidates in the Faculty of Science in the first week of each month. 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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Congratulations - Approved for Graduation



Matthew Sproats, thesis titled “The effect of cognitive strategy intervention on the occupational performance of individuals with an upper limb amputation using a prosthesis”

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Welcome to our New Candidates

Angus McMillan – School of Animal and Veterinary Science, working with Kris Hughes and Jane Heller. Angus commenced this session full-time on the Wagga campus.

Emma Lynch – School of Animal and Veterinary Science, working with Michael Friend and Michael Campbell. Emma commenced this session full-time on the Wagga Wagga campus.

Karly Liffen - School of Animal and Veterinary Science, working with Hayley Randle, Michael Campbell and Natalie Waran. Karly commenced this session full-time on the Wagga Wagga campus.

Kiri Westphalen - School of Animal and Veterinary Science, working with Michael Friend, Bruce Allworth and Shawn McGrath. Kiri commenced this session part-time by distance.

Bridgette Logan - School of Agricultural and Wine Science, working with John Mawson, Leigh Schmidtke, David Hopkins and Steph Fowler. Bridgette commenced this session full-time on the Wagga campus.

Clare Sutton - School of Biomedical Science, working with Patricia Logan and Russell Roberts. Clare commenced this session part-time by distance.

Ruth Crawford – School of Community Health, working with Herbert Jelinek, Kylie Murphy and Narelle Patton. Ruth commenced this session part-time by distance.

Sushil Dahal – School of Community Health, working with Herbert Jelinek and Herbert Jelinek. Sushil commenced this session full-time on the Albury campus.

Kent Hortle – School of Environmental Science, working with Lee Baumgartner, Robyn Watts and Jen Bond. Kent commenced this session full-time by distance.

Leanne Greenwood - School of Environmental Science, working with Dale Nimmo and Jodi Price. Leanne commenced this session full-time by distance.

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Congratulations – Thesis Submissions

Congratulations to the candidates who have just submitted their thesis in time for census date. Please note that examiners may take between two to three months to complete their review and provide their reports to the Research Office. When all three reports are received, they will be forwarded via the Faculty to the Principal Supervisor to discuss with the candidate.

We hope you can now take a well-earned break and wish you all the best with the examination process.

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3MT @ CSU Competition 2018 – Call for Expressions of Interest



All HDR students should have recently received an invitation to participate in [The Asia-Pacific Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\) competition](#). 3MT is an academic competition that challenges doctoral students to describe their research within three minutes to a general audience with only one PowerPoint slide.

You can register your interest by completing a CSU 3MT registration form via [SurveyMonkey](#). **Expressions of interest close 20 April 2017.**

CSU heats will be held in early June across various campuses and online. The specific number of heats and locations will depend on the number of participants.



The CSU final will be held in Wagga on Wednesday 27 June (the afternoon before our HDR & Honours symposium). We encourage all staff and students to come early to either participate or support our finalists.

The winning candidate will go on to compete in the 3MT final in Brisbane on Thursday 27 September, 2018.

Last year we heard special guests Vice-Chancellor Professor Andrew Vann and Deputy Vice-Chancellors Professor Mary Kelly and Professor Ken Dillon present their own three minute doctoral thesis. We can't wait to see what entertainment is in store for us this year. We hear it's good ;)

If you have any questions about participating please email [CSU's 3MT organisers](#).

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Ethics Process Information sessions for Supervisors



The Presiding Officer of the Human Research Ethics Committee will be holding two Ethics Process Information sessions **targeted at student supervisors**. The sessions will be held via video conference on **Wednesday 4 April 3-4pm** and **Wednesday 11 April 3-5pm**. Academic Staff supervising students are invited to attend. The sessions will provide information on how students should apply for ethics approval and tips for Supervisors to support their student/s through the process.

Details below:

Wednesday 4 April 2018 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Physical rooms are available on **Bathurst Campus at VC ART BA01 1435.G7**; and **Wagga Campus VC ART WW01 21.102** or you can join the meeting via the following methods:

1. Join from any computer using Web Browser: <i>(Chrome is recommended)</i> https://conference.csu.edu.au/449563	2. Join from your CSU computer using Skype for Business: 449563@video.csu.edu.au	3. Join using your Phone: Dial 37555 and input the Conference ID as 449563 , followed by the hash (#) key. External callers Ph. 02 6933 7555
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Wednesday 11 April 2018 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Physical rooms are available on **Bathurst Campus at VC ART BA01 1435.G7**; and **Wagga Campus VC ART WW01 21.102** or you can join the meeting via the following methods :

1. Join from any computer using Web Browser: <i>(Chrome is recommended)</i> https://conference.csu.edu.au/	2. Join from your CSU computer using Skype for Business: 440276@video.csu.edu.au	3. Join using your Phone: Dial 37555 and input the Conference ID as 440276 , followed by the hash (#) key. External callers Ph. 02 6933 7555
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Travel Grants of up to \$2,000 available from EMBL Australia



EMBL are sponsoring ten of the best PhD students in Australia to train at the prestigious European Molecular Biology Laboratory.

With an EMBL Australia travel grant, you could take a short course, attend a conference or work alongside some of the world's best young researchers at EMBL's six facilities: EMBL Heidelberg or EMBL Hamburg (Germany), EMBL Grenoble (France), EMBL-EBI Hinxton (UK), EMBL Rome (Italy) or EMBL Barcelona (Spain).

The travel grants are open to students enrolled in a PhD course in the life sciences at an Australian university.

Applications close at midnight (AEST) on 30 April 2018 (for the travel period 1 July to 31 December 2018).

Apply [here](#) or for enquiries, contact student.admin@emblaustralia.org.

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Getting to Know: Associate Professor Jane Quinn

This month we meet Jane Quinn who was recently appointed Associate Dean of Research (Acting) for the Faculty of Science.



How long have you been at CSU?

I arrived at CSU in 2008, in the middle of the drought. It was like landing on another planet. I'm very glad things in the Riverina are not like they were then!

What drew you to CSU?

I came to CSU to be part of the new Vet School. It was a very exciting time and great to be part of a School that was building a new course with lots of new staff arriving. Apart from being here to teach, one of my clear remits was to help build a research profile in the School. I've been working to deliver on that for CSU ever since.

At which university did you work at prior to CSU? What did you do there?

I came from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland I held a senior research position in a group whose focus was on understanding how the central nervous system develops in the embryo. I had a strong track record in research in that area and brought that expertise and background with me to CSU.

What are your research/teaching specialities?

My research specialism prior to arriving at CSU, and the profile I have now are somewhat different. In Edinburgh, our research tool of choice was the rodent model and I spent the vast majority of my time looking at how gene mutations affected brain and eye development in the whole animal system. My specialism was creating chimeric embryos, often using embryonic stem cells, to examine gene function in vivo.

On arriving at CSU it quickly became apparent that working with rodents was going to be a challenge, whilst working with large animals was not. So I shifted my focus of activities, still looking at the brain, but from small animals to large ones. Sheep specifically in the first instance and more recently cattle too.

My area of research now extends broadly across the field of neurotoxicology in both small and large animals, looking at the effects of both naturally occurring toxins as well as pharmaceutical ones, but also generating large animal model systems for pharmaceutical testing and novel treatment interventions. I also have a strong focus of research on the causes of photosensitisation in livestock, and with my colleagues in the Plant Interactions Group within the Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation, identification of the compounds that causes these outbreaks. It is work that is scientifically challenging, but very interesting and highly relevant to Australian livestock production systems.

What drew you to your research/teaching specialities?

To answer the research question first, I was always fascinated with how the brain worked and particularly how it was formed. That such an incredibly complex structure in terms of its function can look so bland from the outside is still a source of permanent amazement to me. I loved working with whole animal systems, and with primary cells derived from those systems, to answer really complex questions about the fundamental biology of the central nervous system. Thinking about the brain, its function and dysfunction, is still a constant source of excitement for me. Moving from the brain into other organ systems happened stochastically for me here, and I very much enjoy the toxicology work that I am now involved in. A central feature of all of this is the animal, whether human or livestock, and how it works on a cellular basis. I guess that's what drives all of my research at the end of the day.

Although my current position does not involve any teaching, for the last 10 years I have taught veterinary science, animal science and equine science students here at CSU, as well as supervising honours, Masters and PhD students. I have taught mainly two subject areas: embryology and neurophysiology. Having now worked in those areas for more than 25 years made it easy for me to be passionate about my subject content. However, these are very challenging subjects for my students and trying to make them easy to understand can be the biggest challenge of all. I can't say I'm perfect at that, but I keep trying!

Are you currently working on any research projects?

Yes, absolutely! I have a number of research projects ongoing including those investigating the causes of photosensitisation in livestock and wildlife in Australia; understanding neurotoxic syndromes in animals and humans; testing pharmaceuticals to reduce stress in production livestock, and also a new multi-centre project which will be determining novel approaches to disease diagnosis in cattle.

Why does this research interest you and why is it important?

I like my research to have real life impacts. The common theme through all my projects, whether focussing on animals or humans, commercial or applied, is to bring better quality of life for people or animals. I like to undertake research the outcomes of which will have a direct impact on the way we treat livestock in terms of production practices or pharmaceutical interventions, as well as improving the lives of people in our communities. My work also takes the basic science of a condition, or mode of action of a substance, and applies that to a real-life problem. I guess I'm a animal / people solutions person – and that always takes me back to the brain where dysfunction can have such a dramatic impact on quality of life in humans and animals. I like to think that my research will have some impact on society, for the better, however small.

Who is funding your research?

I have a number of different funding partners, but particularly Meat and Livestock Australia and commercial animal health companies.

What do you do away from CSU?

My life can be as busy out of work as in it! I breed and show dogs, specifically a rare French hound variety called a Brand Basset Griffon Vendéen, amongst several other breeds, and also breed Quarter horses and Appaloosas. We have a small flock of sheep as well as the usual chooks, ducks and other assorted farm accoutrements. Most importantly, I have two kids - one of whom is studying at ANU (not science, I might add) and the other who is experiencing all the stresses of year 12. To help me manage all this and an extremely patient husband who puts up with everything when I am frequently travelling for work. So home is busy with always something going on. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Thanks Jane for agreeing to be interviewed.

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Faye McMillan – Finalist in Women of the Year Awards



Congratulations to Associate Professor Faye McMillan, from the School of Nursing, Midwifery & Indigenous Health, who was a finalist in the in the 2018 NSW Women of the Year Awards. She was nominated in two award categories - NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year, as well as Rex Airlines Woman of the Year.

Photo: CSU academic Associate Professor Faye McMillan (right) with the NSW Governor His Excellency General The Hon. David Hurley, Mrs Linda Hurley (front) and The Hon. Tanya Davies MP at a reception at NSW Government House in Sydney on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

Read more at <http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/indigenous/csu-finalist-inspired-by-other-women?Vh0xSK8R8i4K9eIA.99>

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FOS 'Return to Research' Funding Scheme



This scheme is designed to facilitate a return to active research for staff within the Faculty of Science. This is targeted at staff who have taken a significant career break for reasons including, but not limited to, maternity or paternity leave, extended sick leave, carers leave or other circumstances that have required a break from their research activities.

Funding can be used to support activities such as external grant submission, data collection and analysis. The maximum individual request can be <\$7,000.

Applications, including a detailed budget and prospective research outputs, as well as a supporting letter from the relevant Head of School, should be submitted to Associate Dean Research by email. Applications can be made at any time and will be considered on a case by case basis.

For further information please contact [ADR AProf Jane Quinn](#).

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EMCR Research Forum - Save the date: 7th and 8th of November

Faculty of Science Research Forum – Taking the Next Step



This year the focus will be on guiding **early and mid-career researchers** in taking *the next step in their research career*.

The Faculty of Science will host a research forum on the Wagga campus on the afternoon of 7 November and the morning of 8 November. All EMCRs within the FOS are encouraged to attend, with travel costs from other campuses to be covered.

** ECMRs are classed as being within 15 years of being awarded their PhD (or a CSU Level C and below).

More details to be released soon.

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Research Master Closes for 10 days



The University Research Management system is undergoing a major upgrade.

Access to MY Research and PORTIA Information systems is scheduled to be closed from Friday 6th April 2018 until Monday 16th April. The system upgrade will provide a new access platform.

During this period urgent queries can be directed to the Research Office email: research@csu.edu.au or phone ext 32811.

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What Research Support can SPAN provide?



SPAN's primary role is to support research across all faculties and schools of the university with:

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – mapping and data visualisation
- Remote Sensing – multi and hyperspectral, LiDAR and thermal image analysis
- Spatial Statistics
- Survey planning and questionnaire design and implementation

SPAN acts as a digital data repository and supplier, providing access to, and the processing and interpretation of, large digital data sets, such as:

- Census, CURF Microdata and other ABS statistical data
- Topographic and Elevation data
- Climate, Weather and Environmental Data
- Health and Education data
- Satellite Imagery, Aerial Photography and Airborne Video Imagery
- LiDAR and hyperspectral data
- GIS and a range of other spatial data

SPAN can help you:

- Establish methodology for research projects
- Find data you need for your research
- Analyse your data for patterns (spatial and aspatial)
- Visualise and present data and research results effectively
- Access and use GIS software
- Access and use Remote Sensing / Image processing software
- Access and use R statistical software
- Access and use MatLab simulation and modelling software
- Access 'Ada' high performance computer
- Formulate survey methodologies, design questionnaires and implement on line surveys
- Loan hardware and software resources for researcher use

SPAN also prints conference posters up to 1m wide and metres long (continuous roll) on **cotton or silk fabrics** (ideal for overseas travel) or Tyvek at very competitive rates.

How to enquire about SPAN assistance for your research -

Phone Gail Fuller on 69332004 (internal 32004) or email gfuller@csu.edu.au to discuss your project and your requirements.

Gail is also available to speak at School seminars or Brown Bag lunches.

How to borrow equipment or software –

Use the website booking form from the SPAN website <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/span/>

Go to the Accessing Resources page and select software or hardware as required or phone SPAN on 32165.

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Fresh Science 2018 – Nominate now



Nominations for Fresh Science 2018 are now open!! Have you got some interesting research results, a discovery or invention, still early-career and curious about how to get publicity for it? Consider nominating for Fresh Science – a national competition that finds researchers with discoveries, helps them find the key, compelling 'story' in their research

For more information- [Fresh Science](#)

Nominations for Fresh Science close at midnight on Tuesday 24 April.

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Australian Academy of Science Honoric Awards – Now open



The Academy's honorific awards are open to **early (up to 10 years post PhD) and mid-career (8 – 15 years post PhD) researchers as well as senior scientists** who are making amazing contributions to Australian science across a range of disciplines in the physical and biological sciences.

The closing date for award nominations is **1 May 2018**. [Academy of Science Honoric Awards](#)

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2018 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes – Now open



ONLINE ENTRY

Applications for the *2018 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes* are now open, with entries closing on **4 May 2018**. Established in 1990 to reward outstanding achievements in Australian science and science communication.

There are over 16 prizes over four categories to be awarded including:

- Outstanding Early Career Researchers,
- Innovative Use of Technology,
- Emerging Leader in Science'
- Environmental Research, and
- Excellence in Interdisciplinary Scientific Research.

The winner of each category receives not only the prestigious award but also a cash prize. More information can be found at <https://eureka-entry.australianmuseum.net.au/>

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Participate in the Falling Walls Lab Australia 2018

The Academy of Science invites applications from Australian researchers, postdocs and students, entrepreneurs, engineers and innovators from all areas to attend the Falling Walls Lab Australia 2018. Deadline for applications is **5pm (AEST) Monday 28 May 2018**.

20 contestants will be invited to participate in this challenge with each required to give a 3 minute presentation on their research work, business model, social idea or initiative based on the "*Which walls will fall next*" concept.

Candidates should be research active in any field of the natural sciences, including technology, engineering and medicine as well as social sciences and humanities.

See the website for the [application forms and further details](https://www.science.org.au/opportunities/travel/grants-and-exchange/falling-walls-lab-australia): <https://www.science.org.au/opportunities/travel/grants-and-exchange/falling-walls-lab-australia>

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Ian Potter Overseas Travel Awards for Early Career Researchers



The travel awards are aimed at assisting early career staff (with an appointment of at least 3 years) to attend overseas conferences to develop their professional careers, and to interact with their peers in the international science. For travel after 21 September 2018. ****Generally, an early career researcher is considered to be within five years of completing a PhD.**

Close: 5 June 2018 – remember the CSU internal deadline.

More information can be found [here](#).

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Alzheimer's Disease Grant Round – Open



As part of the partnership between the National Foundation for Medical Research and Innovation (NFMRI) and The Mason Foundation (managed by Equity Trustees), NFMRI will be seeking EOIs for projects investigating potential treatments and/or cure for Alzheimer's Disease. This special purpose grant round will **open on Wednesday, 4 April 2018** and will close at 6pm AEST on Thursday, 31 May 2018. It is envisaged that funding will commence in early to mid-2019.

More information [here](#)

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Defence Health Foundation Grants in 2018



The Defence Health Foundation invites Expressions of Interest from researchers for medical research grants available from the beginning of 2019.

The objective of the research must be to benefit the health and wellbeing of serving or ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Forces or their immediate families.

Our 2018 research priorities are for medical research that:

- Focuses on Women's Health for contemporary serving and ex-serving ADF members
- Utilises the application of evidence based Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)
- Focuses on Issues effecting Ageing Veterans
- Addresses the Management of Chronic Pain

Establishment and Booster Grants are on offer and range from 12 months to 3 years with a minimum of \$25,000 for establishment grants and higher amounts for booster grants.

Full details can be found on our website www.defencehealthfoundation.org.au including the **Research Grant Guidelines** and the **Expression of Interest** application form.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by Friday 4th May 2018. Successful applicants from this first stage will be invited to submit a full grant application by 13th July 2018. Grant recipients will be advised in November.

Further enquiries should be directed to the CEO, Chris Grigsby on 03 8679 1120 or to the Foundation Coordinator, Donna Ware on 03 8679 1122, or email info@defencehealthfoundation.org.au

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National Library of Australia Fellowships – Applications Open



Six funded Fellowships are available for 2019. Recipients undertake a three month residency at the National Library, enabling a sustained period of research based on the Library's collections. Fellows are normally expected to undertake this period of research in one block.

Funded Fellowships provide the following financial support to recipients:

- an honorarium of AUD \$1,000 per week for 12 weeks
- accommodation support, capped at AUD \$700 per week for 12 weeks if required (not payable to residents in the Canberra region)
- travel support equivalent to one return domestic airfare to Canberra (not payable to residents in the Canberra region). International travel is capped at AUD \$2,500.

Fellows may choose to extend their period of residency, but no further financial support can be offered.

For more information refer [here](#) Applications close on **April 30, 2018**, midnight Australian Eastern Standard Time.

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ACAIR – Launch Funding (previously events funding)

Under its Capacity Building program, ACIAR provides financial assistance to organisations or individuals wishing to conduct or attend events that directly benefit international agricultural research through the Launch Fund

The criteria for evaluating Launch Funding applications include:

- Likely development of skills and knowledge to improve international agricultural research
- Likely development, or maintenance of, research partnerships to improve international agricultural research

Applications are open from 5 March 2018 and will close on 14 May 2018. The Training Committee will evaluate applications and the successful applicant will be notified by the end of May. All activities will need to commence after 1 July 2018, and be complete by 30 June 2019.

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Other Funding Opportunities Now Open

*Please remember the Research Office 10 day internal deadline.

2019 Diabetes Australia Program Grants – Close 4 May

<https://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/program-management>

NIB Community Grants – Close 30 April - <http://www.nibfoundation.com.au/Funding/Community-Grants.aspx>

Heart Foundation of Australia – Vanguard Awards – Close 3 May -

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/research/apply-for-funding/vanguard-grants>

Perpetual Ramaciotti Health Investment Grants – Close 31 May -

<https://www.perpetual.com.au/ramaciotti/awards-and-recipients>

Australian Coal (ACARP) Research Funds (including environment and community) – Close 2 May - <https://www.acarp.com.au/funding.aspx>

Rotary Australia Mental Health Research Grant – Close 25 May –

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/research/current-research-opportunities/eoi-for-mental-health-grants/>

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ICM Agrifood Award

Two of Australia's most innovative young food and agriculture professionals will win the 2018 ICM Agrifood Award. An early career award for scientists or technologists who have achieved substantial peer/industry recognition for their work in a field critical to the overall Australian food sector in the past five years.

Nominations close **13 April 2018** – more information [here](#)

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Account Coding on Unimarket



A feature of the UniMarket procurement system is a setting that remembers the last code used (full string of FOAP). This can save buyers considerable time when processing requisitions and can improve accuracy. However, it can also produce **excessive coding errors** if the codes are not modified for different items. Correcting coding errors creates a lot of unnecessary work for all budget units and, if not picked up, can lead to errors in our accounts.

Please remember to amend account codes where it is different for each item on a requisition (particularly expense account code). Finance will monitor this but if the error rate persists, we will turn off this “remember” feature.

More information on the University's Chart of Accounts is available at: <https://cms.csu.edu.au/managing-at-csu/topics/money-and-resources/finance?a=916978> or <http://finance.csu.edu.au/policies#chart-of-accounts>.

For further information on this message, please contact the support team on 34444 or email eProcurementAdmin@csu.edu.au

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Professional Development Calendar for April

There are a range of professional development opportunities during April. Consult the [PD calendar](#) Register early to reserve your place. Continually revisit the calendar as additional programs are continually being added.



10th Apr 2018	Online	My Research Career, Module 3 – Building a track record, web presence	All CSU researchers, including HDR Candidates and research support staff members
19th Apr 2018	Online	My Research Career, Module 4 – The publication process	All CSU researchers, including HDR Candidates and research support staff members
24th Apr 2018	Online	Exploring Library Resources: Using ProQuest Effectively	All CSU researchers, including HDR Candidates and research support staff members
26th Apr 2018	Online	Qualitative Research, An Introduction	All CSU researchers
30th Apr 2018	Online	EndNote for Mac	All CSU researchers, including HDR Candidates and research support staff members
1st May 2018	Online	Introduction to Research Application and Administration	All CSU researchers
2nd May 2018	Online	Conducting Interviews - Logic and Logistics	All CSU researchers
3rd May 2018	Online	Managing Research Funds and Budgets at CSU	All CSU researchers

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National Science Week 2018



Did you notice the cartoon character above in the introduction area of the Bulletin? It is one of eight new characters each participating in science which are now available to download for **National Science Week in 11 – 19 August 2018**. We will feature one character per month in the lead up to National Science Week.

If you are interested in downloading the characters refer [here](#)

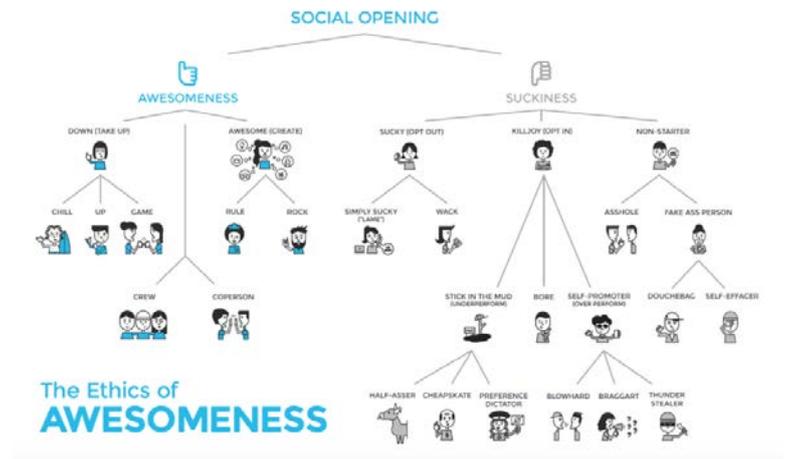
If you are interested in hosting a science themed morning tea during National Science Week, please register [here](#) for a Brain Break quiz pack before 17 July 2018.

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Finally.....be awesome!

As you come down from your Easter chocolate binge high, you may not be feeling that fantastic.

Check out philosopher Nick Riggle's [page](#) for some tips on being awesome!



**Thanks to Lisa McLean, FLO with FOAE for suggesting the Ethics of Awesomeness.*

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Next Issue:

If you would like to contribute a story to the May 2018 issue please send it to **Deborah or Melanie** by the **23rd of April**. The next issue will be released in the first week of **May 2018**.

Until next issue.....

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