1. **NEW FACULTY-WIDE HUMAN ETHICS COMMITTEE**
   On 1 July 2016 the VCA and Music Human Ethics Advisory Groups (HEAG) merged to form one faculty-wide HEAG. The new VCA and MCM HEAG is chaired by Grace Thompson and supported by Deputy Chairs, David Irving and Sanja Pahoki. The only change to the application procedure will be choosing “VCA and MCM HEAG” when creating an application or amendment in Themis. Deadlines for new applications and amendments will remain as advertised. More information on the ethics approval process for research involving human participants can be found on the Faculty Webpage. Contact Belinda Kelly Belinda.Kelly@unimelb.edu.au or ph: 903 59095 in the Faculty Research Office for any queries.

2. **EVENTS, FORUMS, PERFORMANCES, SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS**

   ★ **NATIONAL CAMPUS ART PRIZE**
   Three categories (the finalist of each receives $1000 cash prize): 2 Dimensional, 3 dimensional & Short Film/video. Open to all currently enrolled tertiary students The Art Prize culminates in an exhibition of selected works which will show from 12-30 October 2016, at the Watt Space Gallery, Australia’s longest-running student art gallery at the University of Newcastle. For more information and how to enter visit the TAG website: http://www.tertiaryaccessgroup.com.au/student-experience/national-campus-activities/how-to-enter-the-arts-prize-comp/
   Entries close 5pm, 7 September 2016.

   ★ **VISUALISE YOUR DATA**
   Thursday 25 August 2016, 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Creating visualisations of your research data can provide innovative ways of communicating and engaging with your research. This session will look at some of the techniques and tools for visualising research data, as well as how data visualisations can be used
to analyse, contextualise and better understand your data. Presenters: Associate Professor Gavan McCarthy (eSRC), Dr Arif Jubaer (SCIP), and Errol Lloyd (ResBaz). More information and registration: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/n6ya
Enquiries: Jennifer Warburton 8344 8466 jwarb@unimelb.edu.au

★ OMEKA WORKSHOPS
OMEKA is an image repository created for galleries, museums, and cultural collections, and is also a valuable tool for researchers working with images.
The University Library and Research Platforms are presenting two Omeka workshops as part of Researcher@Library Week. Monday 22 August (Parkville) & Friday 26 August (Southbank) at 10am. More information and registration: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/47ya Enquiries: Mark Shepheard 8344 4999 / shepm@unimelb.edu.au

★ ESSENTIAL IP AND LICENSING SKILLS FOR RESEARCH
Understanding and exploiting intellectual property lies at the heart of research and academic success. Yet terms like 'IP', 'licensing', 'patents' and 'trademarks' can seem perplexing, mundane and even off-putting. This three hour workshop demystifies these research-critical matters, and provides advice on where to get ongoing support and resources. Wednesday 21 August at 9am - 12pm. Registration essential. More information and registration: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/j9ya Enquiries: Melissa Hendicott 90356429 / melissa.hendicott@unimelb.edu.au

Faculty Events Listings: Find out what is happening and stay connected
Faculty Events Listings: http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/events
VCA Events Listings: http://vca.unimelb.edu.au/events
MCM Events Listings: http://conservatorium.unimelb.edu.au/events

3. FUNDING, RESEARCH AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTCOMES

★ PRESTIGIOUS OVERSEAS TRAVEL SCHEME (POTS) OPEN FOR APPLICATION ROUND 3 2016
The purpose of the Prestigious Overseas Travel Scheme (POTS) is to support the presentation of doctoral research at an international level. The focus on the prestigious nature of the presentation is paramount to success in this scheme. Applicants should seek consultation or advice from the Research Office to ensure their planned activities are suitable for this scheme. PhD graduate researchers admitted to Confirmed candidature are eligible to apply for an award of $1,500. Examples of previously successful applications to this scheme include:
- Presentation at prestigious international conference and accompanying program of research visits/field work
- Presentation of work at prestigious international venue and accompanying program of residency
This fund aims to support the travel costs for doctoral researchers to present at international conferences, forums and networks. International travel must be of at least 10 days research-related activity, that entails at least one distinct purpose that is clearly relevant and academically justifiable but not essential to the completion of the thesis. The purpose must include the presentation of doctoral research, and result in a reportable Research Output. POTS can only be awarded once during a PhD candidature. Applications are made online through the FSGS application form, which includes a subsection related to POTS that applicants must complete. The deadlines are the same as for the FSGS. Applications are assessed by the FSGS Committee through a competitive process.
2016 FSGS and POTS deadlines: Round 3 1st September at 5pm.
Information: http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/research/smallgrantscheme
Further Information and Enquiries: Bianca Durrant, Research Coordinator, bdurrant@unimelb.edu.au
★ FACULTY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME (FSGS) FOR GRADUATE RESEARCHERS OPEN FOR APPLICATION ROUNDEL3 2016

The Faculty Small Grant Scheme (FSGS) offers funding for graduate researchers to undertake activities associated with their research projects. Applications are made online. Applications are assessed by the FSGS Committee through a competitive process. Masters graduate researchers who have successfully completed their Confirmation (Formal Review) and PhD graduate researchers admitted to Confirmed candidature are eligible to apply. Masters graduate researchers may apply for up to $1,500 and PhDs up to $3,000 in total throughout their candidature. 2016 FSGS and POTS deadlines: Round 3 1st September at 5pm. Information: [http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/research/smallgrantscheme](http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/research/smallgrantscheme)

Further Information and Enquiries: Bianca Durrant, Research Coordinator, [bdurrant@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:bdurrant@unimelb.edu.au)

4. FACULTY OF VCA & MCM RESEARCH OFFICE LOCATION AND CONTACT LISTING

RESEARCH OFFICE LOCATIONS

The Research Office is located in Room 210 in the Conservatorium of Music, Building 141, Gate 12, Royal Parade in addition to our Southbank Campus location in the Old Police Hospital, Building 865, 234 St. Kilda Road.

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