Feedback and news items can be sent to vcamcm-research@unimelb.edu.au

★ - New Listings

1. **News**

   **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.

2. **Resources and Support**

   ★ **Study Away leave and Student Travel Insurance**  
   **What:** If you are planning to undertake research activities off campus or overseas, it is mandatory that you have an approved Study Away application that includes a travel insurance application, prior to departing for your research activities.  
   **Guide to Study Away:** http://gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/info-resources/study-away.html  
   **Study Away policy:** https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1209  
   **Travel Insurance Links:** https://fpg.unimelb.edu.au/io/internal/students/std-travreg.html
How to Pay or Defer your SSAF Fee

What: When you incur Student Services Amenities Fee, you can pay or defer the payment. The steps are:

- Log into your Student Portal via the following link: https://my.unimelb.edu.au/login/pages/login.jsp
- Click on ‘Student admin’ on a single top menu for a second menu bar to appear
- Clink on ‘Fees’
- To pay your SSAF fee select ‘Access my Student Invoice or Commonwealth Assistance Notice’
  - Request ‘Statement of Liability’ and it will be send to your University email address in 15 minutes. Use the statement to pay the SSAF fees as per indicated instructions
- To defer your SSAF fee select ‘Apply for Commonwealth Assistance (HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP, SA-HELP)’
  - Apply for SA-HELP by clicking on ‘New Application’ button on the left side of your enrolled course
  - Have your tax file number ready before proceeding

Students are not eligible to graduate if SSAF fees or library fees are outstanding

Graduate Research Candidate Re-enrolment and Student Cards at Stop 1

What: Please note that in 2016 current University of Melbourne Student Centres will be called Stop 1. Graduate Research Candidates need to be enrolled at the start of their degree and no further re-enrolment is required. Upon yearly expiry of your student card, you can replace it at the following locations:

- VCA&MCM Stop 1, Elizabeth Murdoch Building, 234 St Kilda Road
- Faculty of Business and Economics - Stop 1
- Eastern Precinct - Stop 1
- 757 Swanston Street - Stop 1

Further Information: Faculty of Business and Economics: http://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/contact
Eastern Precinct: http://studentcentre.unimelb.edu.au/eastern/contact_us
757 Swanston Street: http://maps.unimelb.edu.au/parkville/building/199
3. Events, Forums, Performances, Seminars and Exhibitions

★ Yenching Global Symposium - 2016
What: We welcome applicants from leading universities to apply for 48 expenses-covered places to join 96 Yenching Scholars, 48 other PKU students on the Peking University campus. With the theme ‘China Meets the World and the World Comes to China’, the event will comprise engaging lectures by renowned thought leaders and practitioners, panel discussions, and interactive sessions about China’s impact on the world and the influence that the world has on China.
The Symposium is recruiting graduate or postgraduate students (Master’s level or higher) in any field of study, as well as young professionals. Candidates must be under 30 years of age and have a strong interest in China and demonstrated leadership skills.
When: Thursday March 24 to Saturday March 26. Applications are now open and will close at midnight (CST) on 31 December 2015.
Where: Peking University, China
Further Information: website.
Contact: Prof. John Holden, Associate Dean, The Yenching Academy, Peking University
www.yenchingacademy.org

Graduate Research Symposium - Call for Presentations - Reminder
What: We would like to invite all graduate researchers to participate in the 2016 Graduate Research Symposium which will be presented as a Faculty wide event on Friday 26 February at Parkville. It will be part of the compulsory Orientation Program for all new faculty researchers. What a great audience! These Research Symposia are designed to provide an opportunity for you to “test” your research projects in a semi-formal and supportive interdisciplinary environment. There will be a strong emphasis on Confirmation Seminars at this event, as many of you will be due for Confirmation at this point. It will also provide a forum to get to know other graduate students and share research and research experiences across the whole of the VCA-MCM Faculty. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided during the day.
The presentation format for a Standard Presentation for Masters and PhD level will be 30 minutes duration with a presentation/performance of 20 minutes and a 10 minute response/question time. For PhD Conversion, Confirmation and Completion Seminars, a presentation timeslot of 60 minutes duration including 40 minutes presentation and 20 minutes response time will be allocated. For MCM Completion Seminars only, a presentation timeslot of 60 minutes and a response timeslot of 60 minutes will be allocated. Priority will be given to Confirmation and Completion seminars.

What do you have to do to be involved?
1. To present your work, submit an Abstract by Friday 22 January 2016. This should include:
   • A Title;
   • An Abstract for the presentation, as for a conference paper (100-150 words);
   • An image of your work or your headshot with an image credit that you are happy for us to use in publicity;
   • Your Course and Supervisor/s details;
   • Indicate if this is a Conversion, Confirmation or Completion Seminar – or your Progress Review seminar presentation.
When: Friday, 26 February 2016; Abstracts accepted by Friday, 22 January 2016 (as places are limited, late abstracts will not be considered)
Where: Various locations at the University of Melbourne Parkville
Submit your abstract electronically by the due date to vcamcm-research@unimelb.edu.au
2. If you are presenting a paper, we would ask that you commit yourself to attending as much of the whole day as you are able;
3. We encourage you to come along on the day as an audience member if you do not feel ready to present;
4. Encourage other students (including new researchers and honours students) and your peers to attend;
5. Invite your supervisor to attend.

While it is a requirement that all PhD candidates approaching confirmation and completion will present at such a forum, the Symposium is open to all graduate researchers; honours students and especially new graduate research students are encouraged to attend and participate.

With your participation, we look forward to a robust and innovative Symposium program this year.

This is just one of the research initiatives taking place in 2016.

On behalf of: Professor Barbara Bolt & A/Prof Linda Kouvaras

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

4. Funding, Research and Career Opportunities

★ Subscribe to Research Grants Bulletin & Stay in Touch with Grants Opportunities
What: The Research Grants Bulletin is a highly valued fortnightly email service available only to staff and students of the University. It contains the latest information on research grant opportunities, as well as related seminars and workshops.

Melbourne Careers Centre
What: Melbourne Careers Centre provides a range of careers programs and resources to support students in building employability and career management skills. Check out our website for help with writing resumes, preparing for interviews, job seeking strategies and up-coming career events. Come and talk to a careers consultant about your career queries, or to get feedback on job applications via Careers Express (short 10 minute consultations) Service).

5. Conferences

★ Disability, Human Rights and Social Equity Conference
What: Disability, Human Rights and Social Equity Conference will be held at the Melbourne Law School early next year, on 4 and 5 February.
When: Thursday 4 to Friday 5 February 2016. Early bird registration ends Monday, 21 December 2015.
Where: The Institute for International Law and the Humanities (IILAH), a research institute of the Melbourne Law School.
Further Information and registration: http://mseiconference.unimelb.edu.au
Ninth Annual SMI Postgraduate Students’ Conference
What: The Ninth Annual Society for Musicology Ireland (SMI) Postgraduate Students’ Conference presentations in the areas of postgraduate musical study (Musicology and Ethnomusicology, Music Theory, Performance, Music Pedagogy, Composition, and Music Technology). In addition to traditional paper sessions (20-minute presentations followed by 10 minutes discussion), the conference will include ‘lightning’ papers (up to 10 minutes) for new presenters, including masters and advanced undergraduates. The conference may also include a poster session and/or installation. There will be a concert on the first day and a Careers Forum on the second.
When: Friday 15 to Saturday 16 January 2016
Where: Trinity College, Dublin
Further Information: http://goldenpages.jpehs.co.uk/2015/09/30/smi-postgraduate-conference-2016/

6. Profile, Publishing and Exhibiting Opportunities

Interview with a young international researcher - Global Academy Tip
What: Having studied as an undergrad in Germany, and for her PhD in Switzerland, Tatjana Aue went on to her first postdoc role in the USA before returning to Switzerland. In an interview with the Society for Psychological Research, she discusses her motivations for choosing different countries at the start of her research career. Aue goes on to consider the similarities and differences between countries in their approach to research. A notable point Aue makes is that the differences between countries are actually no greater than the differences between institutions in the same country. The interview covers Aue’s experience of international research methods, transitioning into a new culture, and the types of funding opportunities available to international researchers.

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Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year

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