1. Resources and Support

Prestigious Overseas Travel Scheme (POTS) Round 2, 2016

What: 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 Faculty Research Committee Grants Sub-Committee through a competitive process.

When: 2016 FSGS and POTS Round 2 deadlines: 1st May at 5pm.

Further Information and Enquiries: Bianca Durrant, Research Coordinator, bdurrant@unimelb.edu.au
(Note: Research office closed Monday 25 April 2016)

Online form and guidelines: http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/research/smallgrantscheme
Faculty Small Grant Scheme (FSGS) Round 2, 2016 - NOW OPEN FOR STUDENT APPLICATIONS

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.

When: 2016 FSGS Round 2 deadlines: 1st May at 5pm.

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Creative Arts Fellowships: National Library of Australia

The Creative Arts Fellowships at the National Library of Australia for 2017 are now open for applications, closing July 1, 2016.

The National Library offers three creative Arts Fellowships:
- The Friends of the National Library of Australia Creative Arts Fellowship
- The National Library of Australia Creative Arts Fellowship for Australian Writing
- The National Folk Fellowship

When: Applications close 1 July 2016.

Innovations in Teaching and Learning: When Practice Makes Perfect: An Interactive Discussion of The Citizen by its Editor

Editor Simon Mann, winner of the university’s inaugural engagement award and award winning journalist, will hold an interactive discussion of The Citizen, a publication in which Masters of Journalism students can publish under industry standard conditions and which is receiving notice through social media and local media outlets as well as winning local and international awards.

To register, please visit the event’s web page and click the link at the bottom of the page.

When: Wednesday, 27 April 2016, 1-2pm

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

What: Please note that 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
- 757 Swanston Street - Stop 1


Chancellor’s Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis

What: Nominations are invited for the annual Chancellor’s Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis. All students who completed a PhD degree in 2015 are eligible for nomination and supervisors are encouraged to consult with their Head of Department/School regarding the suitability of their student for nomination. Nominations must be submitted to Faculty Deans by Heads of Departments/Schools.

When: by Friday, 22 April

Further Information: including the nomination process, terms and conditions, criteria for nomination and award timeline can be found at: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/624a
Introduction to survey design
**What:** An introduction to the basic skills required in designing surveys for research and evaluation projects, drawing on examples from a range of research projects. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their own project needs and explore access to ongoing resources.
**When:** Tuesday 19 April
**Further Information:** [http://go.unimelb.edu.au/uc4a](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/uc4a)
Enquiries: Weilun Nien 9035 3821 / wnien@unimelb.edu.au

Qualitative research interviews: Principles and Practices
**What:** An introduction to the principles and practices of qualitative research interviews. Day One provides an overview of different interview methods, while Day Two introduces the practices of qualitative research interviews, including the different skills and techniques required to conduct interviews and prepare data for analysis.
**When:** Wednesday 20 to Thursday 21 April
**Further Information:** [http://go.unimelb.edu.au/oc4a](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/oc4a)
Enquiries: Weilun Nien 9035 3821 / wnien@unimelb.edu.au

2. Events, Forums, Performances, Seminars and Exhibitions

Faculty Events Listings: Find out what is happening and stay connected
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3. Funding, Research and Career Opportunities and Outcomes

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.
## 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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