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1. RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

WEEKLY GRADUATE RESEARCH BULLETIN IS MOVING TO LMS
In 2017, Weekly Graduate Research Bulletin will be moving to LMS. You will receive weekly alerts of new edition availability and any extra information will be uploaded during the week.

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LINKS
- University of Melbourne Graduate Researcher Hub for all current graduate researchers, with resources and information to get you from orientation through to graduation
- Graduate Researchers Homepage on Research Professional: your homepage for research funding
- Skills development opportunities offered by the University of Melbourne.
- The Thesis Whisperer [blog]: just like the horse whisperer – but with more pages
- Career Services and resources to support your career development and prepare for employment

2. EVENTS, PERFORMANCES, SYMPOSIUMS, CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

VCM&MCM GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2017 - REMINDER
We would like to invite all graduate researchers to participate in the 2017 Graduate Research Symposium which will be presented as a Faculty wide event on Friday 24 February 2017 at Southbank. 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. Lunch will be provided.

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.

What do you have to do to be involved?

1. To present your work, submit an Abstract by **Monday 23 January 2017**. This should include:
   - Student number and full name;
   - Presentation title, indicating if this is a Conversion, Confirmation or Completion Seminar – or your Progress Review seminar presentation;
   - 100-150 words abstract in word format;
   - An image of your work with an image credit that you are happy for us to use in publicity;
   - Any technical requirements for the presentation;
   - Your Course and Supervisor/s detail.

Submit this 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 the whole day;
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. Encourage 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, and especially new research students should 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 2017.

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**GRADUATE RESEARCHERS ORIENTATION**

Orientation day for graduate researchers provides a welcome to all graduate researchers (PhD, Professional Doctorate, Masters by Research or MPhil candidates) who are new to the University of Melbourne or a graduate research degree. The day introduces you to the important elements of your graduate research degree, and the comprehensive research training and professional development services available at the University. Registrations now open. Free attendance with morning tea and lunch provided. Register:

MELBOURNE ENGAGEMENT LAB - 2017 PROGRAM DATES ANNOUNCED

The Melbourne Engagement Lab, part of the Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education has released its 2017 Calendar of events. The Melbourne Engagement Lab runs programs to assist academic staff and graduate researchers of the University of Melbourne with engaging a broad non-specialist audience, whether via the written word or through other forms of communication. More information: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/9fma Enquiries: Melissa Hendicott. 890356429 / melissa.hendicott@unimelb.edu.au

3. FUNDING, RESEARCH AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTCOMES

FACULTY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME (FSGS) ROUND 1 2017 - Reminder
Round 1 of the VCA and MCM Faculty Small Grants Scheme for graduate researchers is now open. The purpose of the scheme is to support research towards the thesis and major research project for candidates who have passed Confirmation. Up to $1500 for Masters and $3000 for PhD candidates can be applied for during candidature.
Guidelines and information FSGS information is now located on the LMS in the VCA and MCM Research Community https://app.lms.unimelb.edu.au
Round 1 Deadline is 1 February 2017 5pm.
Enquiries to vcamcm-research@unimelb.edu.au

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

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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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