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1. RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

FACULTY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME (FSGS) ROUND 1 2017 – CLOSING REMINDER
Round 1 of the VCA and MCM Faculty Small Grants Scheme for graduate researchers is closing soon. 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 for activities that occur after Confirmation. 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

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, SYMPOSIA, CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

SHANE NICHOLAS MFA VCA CANDIDATURE EXHIBITION –BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

In the office stood Richard Kongrosian. “Something terrible’s happening to me,” Kongrosian wailed, as soon as he spied the two of them. “I no longer can keep myself and my environment separate; do you comprehend how that feels? It’s awful!” He came toward them, visibly quaking; his eyes rolled with abject fear and sweat stood out on his neck and forehead and hands. “Can you understand?”

Opening: Wednesday 1 February, 6-8pm
Dates: 1 February - February 18 2017
Trocadero Art Space
Suite 1, lvl 1/119 Hopkins Street Footscray
12-5pm Wednesday-Saturday
trocaderoartspace.com.au

Melbourne Social Equity Institute supports interdisciplinary research on social equity issues across the full spectrum of life including health, law, education, housing, work and transport. The Institute brings together researchers from across the University of Melbourne in partnership with external organisations to identify unjust or unfair practices that lead to social inequity and work towards ways to ameliorate disadvantage.

Staff from across the University of Melbourne are invited to join us on Monday 20 February for a half-day event showcasing the research the institute is currently supporting and to learn how to become involved with the Institute in 2017 and beyond.

Through all our research programs there is a commitment to community-led and community-engaged research. Hear from community-researchers behind the ‘Choice, Control and the NDIS’ project and learn how to become involved with the pioneering Community Fellows Program.

Be updated on our new research program on Poverty and Income Inequality currently being developed in conjunction with the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Discover the ways the Melbourne Research Alliance to End Violence Against Women and their Children (MAEVe) is bringing together researchers, industry, government agencies and the community to tackle the problem of violence against women and their children.

(MAEVe is funded by the Hallmark Research Initiatives and run under the auspices of Melbourne Social Equity Institute)

Our Refugees and Asylum Seekers research program co-ordinates and supports interdisciplinary research primarily relating to the resettlement and social integration of refugees and asylum seekers. Gain insights into the challenges and future directions of this area. Our highly regarded Doctoral Academy brings together a cohort of research higher degree students from across the university to share their research, knowledge and ideas on social equity issues. We’ll explain how the Academy supports students through peer-learning opportunities and mentoring from experienced academics.

Melbourne Social Equity Institute Showcase
Monday 20 February 2017
9.30am – 1.00pm
Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room
Sidney Myer Asia Centre

To RSVP for this event please email social-equity@unimelb.edu.au by Wednesday 15 February (acceptances only). An accessibility guide for the Sidney Myer Asia Centre can be downloaded here (Word document). If you have any accessibility requirements or any other queries related to this event don’t hesitate to get in touch.
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 Friday **3 February 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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