



From the Dean

It's fast approaching that time of year when a number of prestigious and valuable scholarships are opened for application. In this edition you will find information concerning the Endeavour Cheung Kong

awards (http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/for_asia_pacific_applicants/endeavour_australia_cheung_kong_awards.htm) and Endeavour Awards programs (http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/summary_endeavour_awards/default.html) which hopefully will attract the same high degree interest that they did last year. It is also timely to be thinking about potential Rhodes Scholars for next year, and the revised website for South Australia can be accessed at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/scholarships/postgrad/rhodes.html>. You will already have had notification through pgcnet or gsnet concerning the General Sir John Monash Awards and hopefully you are actively seeking and encouraging potential candidates.

I should also remind you that the University has been reinstated as an AUSAID provider and, as such, will be actively seeking candidates for the Australian Partnership Scholarships (APS) (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/aps/>), the Australia Development Scholarships (<http://www.usaid.gov.au/scholar/studyin.cfm>), and the Australian Leadership Awards (<http://www.usaid.gov.au/scholar/ala.cfm>).

I should also note that our International Student Office has been running seminars to inform Associate Deans (International) of the impact and requirements of AusAID contracts. Later in the year we will have a similar presentation through REP for PGCs.

The new supervisor-training program will shortly run its third and final session for this semester. It has proved remarkably successful and has generated so much material that we hope to be able to establish a web site repository as a resource for other supervisors to access. If time permits we will even attempt to run a one-day in-house conference later in the year.

Annual reviews are not that far away and I would appeal to supervisors and students alike to use this opportunity for frank discussion. This year I again intend to follow last year's process of meeting with all students who have problems, and also meeting with a random selection of students to gain direct feed-back on their impressions of the annual review process.

We are presently starting to think about the 2007 edition of the Research Student Handbook, so if you have any

comments, suggestions or criticisms relating to the 2006 version it would be most helpful if you could pass these on to Donna Frost as soon as possible. We have already identified some areas for change and we will highlight these in a subsequent newsletter .

Finally I would like to say a formal thank-you to Gerry Mullins who will leave the Adelaide Graduate Centre at the end of July. During his time at the University of Adelaide Gerry has made a major contribution to Research Education and has been the driving force for our supervisor training. He has also been the editor of this newsletter and has chased up articles and contributions from us all. I am sure you will join with me in both thanking Gerry and wishing him well in his retirement.

Professor Richard Russell

Postgraduate Research Induction

The Adelaide Graduate Centre's next Induction Program will be held on the morning of **Friday, 21 July 2006**, concluding with light refreshments for all involved.

The Induction, which is compulsory for all commencing PhD and Masters by Research students, provides a valuable orientation to life as a research student at The University of Adelaide.

For further information and to confirm your attendance for the Induction, please register online, **by 17 July 2006** at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/induction/index.html>.

Can you help?

I am seeking two senior research students from each Faculty to participate in panel discussion sessions at the upcoming Postgraduate Research Induction of Friday, 21 July 2006 (11:25am to 1:00pm – with light refreshments to follow). Panels will be Faculty based, with each comprising a senior and experienced supervisor, a staff member from the Adelaide Graduate Centre, a subject librarian and two research students from the relevant Faculty. It is expected that each panel member will talk for about 10 minutes on their area of expertise with a general discussion and question and answer session to follow.

The student talks always receive very positive feedback from Induction participants and are considered one of the most valuable parts of the Induction Program. This is a great opportunity for you to provide your fellow students with a few tips and tricks to navigate their way through their research degree.

If you think you might be interested in participating in a panel and would like further information about what's involved, please contact Susan Western on 8303 3882 or by email to susan.western@adelaide.edu.au by 30 June 2006.

Many thanks

Susan Western

Endeavour Awards Program for 2007

The Endeavour Awards target high achieving Australian and overseas students, researchers and professionals encouraging them to continue with postgraduate, postdoctoral or professional research. A range of some 25 different categories of awards are available to support students from Australia wishing to study overseas as well as students from overseas wishing to study in Australia and for the professional development of experienced researchers. In particular the Cheung Kong Awards for Research and Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programs are now looking for applicants. **These close on 30 June and 14 July respectively.**

Details of these particular awards can be found at found at http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/summary_endeavour_awards/

2007 Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program seeks to promote and increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Australia through two way cultural and educational exchange. Grants are awarded to Australian students, scholars and professionals to study, teach, lecture and conduct research in the United States.

This year, 3 Senior Scholar Awards, 5 Professional Awards, 1 Postdoctoral Award and 13 Postgraduate Awards will be open to applicants from all fields of study.

The competition opens on June 1 and closes on August 31 2006. Application forms and further information can be obtained from: <http://www.fulbright.com.au>.

General Sir John Monash Awards 2007

Applications for the General Sir John Monash Awards 2007 Awards are now open. **The closing date is 31 August 2006.**

The Awards offer up to \$150,000 over three years for postgraduate studies (PhD, DPhil or professional Master's Degree) at any of the best universities overseas.

Only eight Awards are made each year to Australian citizens adjudged to have outstanding academic achievement, community consciousness and service and leadership potential in their field and the community. The Monash Foundation expects Award winners to make a significant contribution to the future development of Australia.

There is no restriction on the age of applicants or the fields of study.

Information is available from <http://www.monashawards.org>.

Postgraduate Research Open Night

The open night will be held on 7 July from 4:30pm to 7pm. Please encourage any potential PhD or Masters by research students in your area to attend.

There will also be information available to students wishing to undertake Honours in 2007, with a view to encouraging them on to a higher degree by research.

For further information and a schedule of events or to become involved on the night please visit: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/scholarships/postgrad/opennight.html> or call Adrienne Gorringer on 33929.

Research Education On-Line Module

Writing a Research Proposal

This module is designed to guide students through the steps of producing a Research Proposal for a postgraduate thesis in The University of Adelaide. It uses a range of relevant successful examples, which will be expanded in future semesters. To support learning using the module, a monitored online Discussion Board has been set up for all questions and comments.

This can be accessed via the module or directly from the MyUni website. We look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

All students and staff can access this new resource via MyUni.Login to MyUni [<https://myuni.adelaide.edu.au/webapps/login>] Under 'My Current Courses', select 'Writing and Speaking at Uni'. In the menu on the left-hand side of the screen, select 'Research Education Programs'. Click the relevant link.

An online discussion board, accessible from the same site, has been set up to enable you to discuss with your peers any thoughts, questions, issues you have about *Writing a Research Proposal*. It will be monitored by a Research Education Program staff member who will respond to questions when relevant. Please feel free to use it as your space to (politely and constructively) discuss your research world with others in your situation across the University.

Other online modules:

Plagiarism

Independent Research Writing