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USQ PhD student Maree Horne receives Grains Industry Research scholarship

Maree Horne graduated from USQ in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) majoring in Biotechnology. For the past 3 years she has been one of two primary staff working in the Quality Assurance laboratory at Weis Frozen Foods. As of this year, she has been offered a Grains Industry Research Scholarship for her PhD study, which will be available for the next three years.

The scholarship is offered only to students who have also been awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent and provides a tax free annual top-up of \$17 145, and an additional annual operating budget of up to \$10 000.

Maree's project will investigate the fungal pathogen *Bipolaris sorokiniana* which is involved with spot blotch, common root rot and black point diseases of winter cereals. These diseases can cause significant loss of yields and quality downgrading of harvested grains. The project will aim to provide a greater understanding of the disease, and therefore enable more effective controls to be made available.

The ERA 2010 National Report has been released!

http://www.arc.gov.au/era/outcomes_2010.htm

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Maree Horne receives Grains Industry Research "top-up" scholarship.

ARC Discovery Application, Progress Report information

Discovery Projects proposals for funding commencing in 2012 are now available for drafting and submission in the ARC Research Management System (RMS), accessible via the ARC website at www.arc.gov.au. The closing date for submission of proposals is 5:00pm (AEDT), Monday 21 March 2011 with an internal closing date of Friday 25 February 2011. As outlined by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Scholarship) last year, all projects must also be reviewed and supported by the relevant Centre Director / Associate Dean Research before forwarding to ORHD. For further information regarding RMS please visit:

http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/system_default.htm#gams.

The Discovery Projects Instructions to Applicants and Frequently Asked Questions for funding commencing in 2012 are also now available on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_instructions.htm. Further information and submission documentation relating to the Discovery Projects scheme, including the Funding Rules and a Sample Form, are also available at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_default.htm.

If you have any questions regarding the Discovery Projects scheme, please contact either Jill #1892 or Tracey #1799 or email ORHDGrants@usq.edu.au or the ARC on email arc-DiscoveryProjects@arc.gov.au or phone +61 2 6287 6600.

The new Progress Report templates for projects active in 2010 are available on the [ARC website](#). Please note that all Progress Reports for 2010 must be submitted on the 2010 templates. The deadline for submission of Progress Reports has been extended to Monday 28 February 2011. If you have any questions regarding Progress Reports, please email progress.reports@arc.gov.au or phone +61 2 6287 6600.

FOR and SEO Codes

For all research data collection please ensure that you are using the 6 digit [ANZSRC Fields of Research \(FOR\)](#) and 6 digit [ANZSRC Socio-economic Objective \(SEO\)](#) found on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website. These codes are used for research reporting/surveys to government and other funding bodies. The old FOR/RFCD/SEO codes are no longer being used. The finance team have updated the USQ Project forms (research) to reflect this and have also created links to the code lists on their website (<http://www.usq.edu.au/financialservices/forms/sysaccess>). A link to the codes and further information can also be found on the research website (www.usq.edu.au/research/ANZSRC). If you have any questions or difficulties regarding the use of these codes, please don't hesitate to contact [Sarah Raican](#).

USQ research website updates

The research website is currently being redeveloped to give the website a fresh new look and feel as part of a larger USQ redevelopment project for 2011. We hope to highlight the research and projects of our staff, students and Research Centres alike and to incorporate a number of testimonials within the research webpages. Corporate Communications and Marketing Services are assisting us in this work. We thank all those who have and will assist us in developing a research page that better represents the work and needs of students, staff and the community.

ARC/NHMRC announce Australian Research Integrity Committee members

On the 11th January the ARC/NHMRC announced the Australian Research Integrity Committee members (http://www.arc.gov.au/general/research_integrity.htm). The members include:

Mr Ron Brent (Chair)

- Dr Kerry Breen, AM
- Emeritus Professor Sheila Shaver
- Ms Julie Hamblin

Research student enrolments

Semester 1 commences 28 February 2011 and enrolments are now open. Please contact the Office of Research and Higher Degrees by emailing orhd@usq.edu.au with your full name and student ID if you have any difficulties.

Publication data collection

A number of changes have taken place in regards to the collection and verification of research publications. As most people would be aware, RPCS was closed down late last year to ensure that ePrints became the only source of information regarding publications. Additional fields and reporting capabilities have been or are being added to ePrints to allow RPCS data to come over to ePrints and to enable the Office of Research and Higher Degrees to sign-off the publications for reporting.

Information sessions and workshops will shortly be conducted for staff members to update them on changes to the publications workflow and processes including: changes to submission dates; ePrint modifications; data entry; and publication reporting. There will also be some time for questions and answers.

As part of the updated workflow process all 2010 publications will now need to be deposited into ePrints by close of business on **4th March 2011** and verification material and coversheets forwarded to your faculty/department. This earlier submission date is to enable ORHD to work with Faculty/Department Research Administration staff and ePrints to ensure that all publications for 2010 have been captured. Please help us to ensure that we obtain the best submission to government yet by submitting your 2010 publications now.

As a result of changes to the current HERDC specifications we are now able to keep electronic copies of the verification material (ie we do not have to retain a hard copy). For publications published during 2011 or later we will now be asking staff members to scan all verification material into a single pdf document and deposit it along with the final published version of the publication into ePrints. Please ensure that **all** necessary verification material is available in the additional pdf file. This will be covered in more detail in the information sessions/workshop.

For further information please visit the publications section of the research website www.usq.edu.au/research/datacollection or contact [Sarah Raican](#).

ACSC postgraduate seminar provided opportunities for students

The Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments organised a one day postgraduate seminar on 15th of November 2010. Altogether there were 12 presentations. Each speaker was given a time slot of 25 minutes - 20 minutes presentation and 5 minutes Q&A. Each session was chaired by a postgraduate student. This forum provided a twofold opportunity to identify (1) what other researchers are doing; (2) potential areas of research collaboration within and outside of ACSC. All the presentations were very sound. ACSC believes that in bringing students together in this way, we can seize an opportunity to develop multidisciplinary research projects for external funding, such as ARC discovery/linkage.

The ACSC Management Committee made a decision to present 'best presentation awards' for the top three speakers. In order to evaluate the presentations, we developed a "presentation evaluation form". Each speaker was evaluated by their peers against the criteria stipulated on the presentation evaluation form. The three speakers who received the highest marks were:

- Precila G. Salcedo - first award (\$500.00)
- Ms Roshani Shrestha - second award (\$300.00)
- Rachel Graham - third award (\$200.00)

Grant Highlight of the Month: ARC Discovery and NHMRC Fellowships and Project Grants

The Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects for funding commencing in 2012 are now open. The external closing date for submissions to the ARC is 5pm (AEDT), Monday 21st March 2011. The internal closing date will be Friday 25 February 2011. The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) have opened Research and Practitioner Fellowships supporting health and medical research. The external closing date for the fellowship is 10th February 2011. External submission deadlines for NHMRC Project Grants, Centres of Research Excellence (CRE), Career Development Fellowships and TRIP Fellowships are 8th March 2011, 25th March 2011, 31st March 2011 and 24th March 2011 respectively. For more information on the [ARC](#) and [NHMRC](#) funding calendars please visit their respective websites.

Research Grants and Postgraduate Research Scholarships

Due to the large number of Research Grants and Postgraduate Research Scholarships opportunities that are now being received, a separate document with current listings can be found on the Research website (www.usq.edu.au/research/researchnewsletter) or by clicking on the [January Grants 2011](#) link. Further information regarding funding opportunities can be obtained by emailing ORHDgrants@usq.edu.au or by phoning Jill Albion (Grants Manager) on + 61 7 4631 1982 or Tracey Burke (Grants Officer) on +61 7 4631 1799.

Please note that all research grant applications must be submitted through the Research Office.

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