Hi all,

**Open Access publishing agreements**

The University of Auckland Libraries and Learning Services have signed “Read and Publish” agreements with several publishers, including Brill, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Springer Nature, and Wiley. The agreement with Elsevier continues to be active. These agreements seek to increase the number of open access articles published in journals and eliminate the need for authors to pay article processing fees. Full details of this initiative are available on ResearchHub, but please note that we must use our staff email addresses, not @gmail.com or @aucklanduni accounts to be able to make use of the agreements. The attached slides summarise some of the important details we should pay attention to.

**Editing support for submissions and resubmissions**

In 2021, we have funded copy-editing for 27 papers written by our researchers and targeted at good quality academic journals. The Faculty Research Committee has allocated part of this year’s Research Development Fund (RDF) to assist those who need help with proofreading and editing their submissions and re-submissions to well-ranked academic journals. We invite applications on an ongoing basis which can be made by completing the attached form. Please note that researchers with positive balances in either a Research Development Account or a Personal Research Account will be expected to use funds in these accounts before applying for RDF money.

**A* Accelerator**

This is the third year of the A* Accelerator’s life after a pilot in the Department of MIB in 2020 and a faculty-wide run in 2021. The 2022 cohort launched its activities on 30 March. 10 projects involving 16 researchers from six of our departments are already in motion. Prof Emeritus Nigel Haworth continues to lead the A* Accelerator in 2022.

**Cassyni**

The Business School will be adopting Cassyni as a platform to organise our online seminars and research events. Cassyni will allow us to better organise, run, and publish academic research seminars online. The product is simple to use and has features that will be of benefit to organisers, presenters, and attendees alike. It can automatically integrate the workflow of time slot scheduling, speaker invitation, abstract and bio collection, and event promotion. It also provides archives with an easy online interface to edit the recording, which can be published with a DOI as a citable asset to maximise the reach and impact of our seminar series. We have a 3-month trial period for setting up the communities and seminar series. Faculty Research Committee members and professional staff colleagues have attended training sessions. Please contact Assoc Prof Edward Yiu or Christiane Rupp if you need more information, advice, or help.

**From the Early Career Researchers Committee’s desk**

We are cautiously optimistic that our ECR colleagues who are still scattered around the world will finally be able to join us in person in New Zealand this year. We are looking forward to this.

We have resumed our committee work. We plan to organise a half-day symposium (probably to be held in the mid-semester break of semester two) with a tentative focus on ‘External funding’. Colleagues have expressed a wish for additional workshops on grant writing for external funding tailored specifically to ECRs. Organising a weekend writing retreat for ECRs is also on the cards. If members of our ECR community have comments or ideas related to any of these plans, please get in touch with your ECRC rep. Finally, a reminder that the inaugural Aotearoa Business Schools
Early Career Conference (which our committee is helping to organise) has had a good uptake across most New Zealand Business Schools and is proceeding as planned.

Discovery Profiles is now live

The implementation of Discovery Profiles is now complete. Discovery Profiles is an extension of the current Research Outputs system and will replace the externally facing elements of University Directory and FindaThesis. Please review, update, enhance, and confirm the privacy settings of your profile and any research project and general supervision opportunities using the improved and renamed Te Waka Huia Rangahau | Research Outputs system. For further information on these changes and the learning resources available, please refer to the Discovery Profiles News and FAQs pages.

Updates to the research section of our intranet

We have added new material to the Research section of the Business School intranet that researchers may find useful. For instance, there is a new video collection from SAGE Research Methods which aims to help researchers gain additional insights in relation to research ethics and research integrity. To access a 30-day free trial, which enables you to explore the new collection, please refer to the ethics section of the intranet. Our library also offers a free of charge handbook covering social research ethics, which contains links to videos and related material. The handbook can be accessed by following this link.

Official launch of ResearchHub

Over the last 12 months, clicking on the hyperlinks in these ADR Updates has led us to the pages of the ResearchHub. Until now, the platform has been in a development phase; it will be officially launched across the University on 11 April 2022. This launch is the first step in improving the overall quality of information available in relation to research support and services offered across the University. The design of the ResearchHub recognises the need to create a single space where up-to-date content on broad research focused services, resources, and people is easily discoverable. For any questions about ResearchHub, please contact the project team at rehubproject@auckland.ac.nz.

Did you know?

ResearchGate dealt a blow in lawsuit

Neither side has emerged as the clear winner of a court case in which two major academic publishers sued ResearchGate for hosting 50 of their copyrighted papers. The court in Germany ruled that ResearchGate is responsible for copyright-infringing content uploaded to its platform by authors. But the court rejected the publishers’ request to be paid damages, and the direct implications for any article other than the 50 named in the lawsuit are unclear. The ruling is “far from a blocking order”, says legal scholar Guido Westkamp. “In principle, any other content is subject to a new lawsuit.” Both sides say they will appeal.

Take care and best regards,

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