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Welcome to the latest Higher Degrees by Research Information Update. The aim of this publication is to provide staff with relevant and timely information about issues relating to higher degree administrative processes. In this issue:

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GRS Staff Changes

Professor Mark Ogden has been appointed on a 4 month fixed term contract to the position of Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Training.

["It's a pleasure to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Professor Kate Wright in this position over the last 5 years. While these are big shoes to fill, I am looking forward to working with the team in the Graduate Research School and ORD for the next few months. My background is that I have worked in the Department of Chemistry for almost 20 years, and have had the privilege of supervising 15 PhD students to completion. I've also served as Postgraduate Coordinator in Chemistry, and spent three years as Director of the Nanochemistry Research Institute. I'm hoping that my experiences will prove useful in this role, and I am sure I will be learning a great deal about just how much work goes on "behind the scenes" to ensure our HDR students get the most out of their time at Curtin".](#)

Sok Bewley, HDR Scholarships Officer, will be commencing LSL in early March for 4 months. Sharon Hinchliffe from Student Services has been seconded to the position and we look forward to welcoming Sharon to the GRS team next week.

Annual Progress Reports 2016

The 2016 APR round is now open and will remain so until **Thursday 31 March 2016**. Students and supervisors have been advised, via their Curtin email, and requested to login at <http://hdrforms.curtin.edu.au/login.cfm> to complete their reports before the deadline.

Detailed information and advice about the APR process is available on the GRS website at <http://research.curtin.edu.au/postgraduate-research/current-research-students/annual-progress-reports/>. However, if you have any specific queries or concerns about the 2016 APR round, please email GRS.CurrentStudents@curtin.edu.au and mark your email for the attention of Jo Boycott.

Turnitin requirements for HDR's – Thesis chapters

Last year, an "Originality Checking" feature was added to the Research Integrity training on Blackboard for HDR students, for students to submit certain aspects of their written work via the links to Turnitin. The Turnitin links allow electronic submission of (i) the Candidacy proposal (made compulsory from 1 August 2015); (ii) up to 6 thesis chapters; and (iii) other papers and presentations. Students have been requested to start using the thesis chapter submission links from this year, prior to submission of their final thesis to the Graduate Research School for examination. As part of the requirement, students must share the Originality Report for each chapter/submission with their supervisor, discuss the report results, and where appropriate, make changes to reduce the percentage of text-matching. The Graduate Research School will begin enforcing this requirement from 1 July 2016.

New - Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) National Pilot Project

The SAGE pilot is being conducted at Universities across Australia. At Curtin, it will address gender equity in all areas with emphasis on the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine (STEMM) sector. Over the next two years, Curtin and other pilot participants must determine its current position, based on analysis of data, and then develop a plan that will assure a solid foundation for the elimination of gender bias and the development of an inclusive culture that values all staff. Recruitment of approximately 6 academic staff and 6 students is underway to form a HDR Self-Assessment Team (SAT). The HDR SAT is one of 5 planned Curtin SATs that will help gather information and make recommendations to the Vice Chancellor. More information is available via the SAGE website. <http://www.sciencegenderequity.org.au/> or by contacting the Project Coordinator, Vicki Ward vicki.ward@curtin.edu.au

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Scholarships

Current HDR students have been emailed details on the following scholarships which close 29 February:

[Curtin University PhD Completion Scholarships](#)

[HDR Publications Scholarships](#)

[2016 Mobility Scholarships](#)

Seminars and training

Information including copies of the presentations and the iLecture are available on the GRS website for the recently held [HDR Orientation](#) and the [HDR Supervisor Induction](#). The seminars schedule for semester 1, 2016 will be made available this week on the [Seminars and Training website](#).



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