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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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Annual Progress Report 2006 – Advance Notice

The 2006 round of Annual Progress Reports is due to commence in late July. There will be a major change in procedure compared to previous years, in that students and supervisor will access, complete and submit forms online. This will deliver numerous benefits to all involved, especially in terms of time, effort and resources. Extensive information about the new procedures will be published on the ORD website and emailed to students and supervisors in July.

Graduate Studies Staff Attend Conference in Adelaide

Leah Dowsett (ORD), Delia Giggins (ORD) and Joanne Boycott (CBS) recently attended the Postgraduate Research Administrators Taskforce (PRATs) meeting and the 7th International Quality in Postgraduate Research conference held in Adelaide. Leah also, as part of her recent Vice-Chancellor award for her achievement in the development of the online procedures for the Annual Progress Reports, is visiting New Zealand to gather information about processes related to administration of graduate research at several of the universities there: Auckland University of Technology; University of Auckland; The University of Waikato, Massey University, and Victoria University of Wellington.

eGrad School – an ATN Initiative

eGSA, the e-Grad School (Australia) project, is building a virtual graduate school to operate in Australia and internationally. eGSA provides postgraduate students, their supervisors and universities with online access to resources and activities relevant to their needs. eGSA will focus on the development of career-enhancing skills and knowledge and is specifically designed for postgraduate students, whatever their home university or location. eGSA is funded by the Department of Education, Science and Training through its Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund and by the Australian Technology Network of Universities: Curtin, Queensland University of Technology, RMIT University, University of South Australia, and University of Technology Sydney. As part of the eGSA, the University Librarian, Ms Imogen Garner, is leading a team from across the ATN universities to develop INFO-SCHOLAR, an online information literacy course for the e-researcher. More information is available at <http://www.egradschool.edu.au>.

Free mentoring for Postgraduate Students! – Peer to Peer Support Program

Postgraduate students who need help in Matlab, Simulink, SPSS, Editing and Endnote can apply for assistance through the new Peer to Peer Support Program designed by CUPSA and the Office of Research and Development. For more information on how students can be linked to appropriate mentors please email CUPSA via admin.cupsa@curtin.edu.au.

Research Information Literacy Program

As one of the possible modules to attend as part of Section D of the RILP, "Information Dissemination", a seminar on "How to give short presentations" is being held from 10.00-11.30am on Tuesday, 13 June. Please book online at <http://is.curtin.edu.au/cgi-bin/seminars/index.cgi?theme=12>.

Upcoming Seminars

As part of the 'Enriching Postgraduate Teaching and Learning Seminars', look out for this seminar happening on 15 May: "Research Involving Humans: What You Need To Know About Ethics". Please visit <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/eptl.html#registration> for more information and to register online.

Scholarships Update

ORD are hosting a Cheese and Wine gathering to welcome the 2006 scholarship recipients. It will be on May 5th, 3-5pm. All new scholarship recipients are invited.

The 2007 round of the Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS) and Curtin International Research Tuition Scholarships (CIRTS) will open for applications on 1 June 2006 and close on 31 August 2006.

Prospective applicants should visit the Scholarships website for more information:

<http://www.scholarships.curtin.edu.au/scholarship.cfm?id=42>.

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