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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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Did you know?

Did you know that Graduate Studies staff now rely on HDR student responses to the **Curtin Annual Student Satisfaction (CASS) Survey** for monitoring of student satisfaction and for providing feedback on the supervisory process?

The CASS is open until the end of September so please encourage your students to complete the survey at <http://planning.curtin.edu.au/surveys/CASSsurvey/>.

Scholarships Update

The APA/CUPS round shall close on 31 October 2006. Application forms and guidelines are available online at

<http://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/scholarship.cfm?id=3> and <http://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/scholarship.cfm?id=17>.

Curtin received a total of 151 Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS) applications. These are currently being ranked in the enrolling areas.

HDR Supervision Update Seminar

There have been many changes to HDR in the last three years so a HDR Supervision Update seminar (29 September or 5 October) has been organised to summarise recent changes in HDR Rules and guidelines, trends in enrolments and completions, issues creating difficulties for scholarship holders and thesis examination, the introduction of new guidelines and policies affecting HDR supervision, and the implications for supervisors of the impending Commercialisation Training Scheme. The seminar will be especially useful to staff who need to undertake professional development in order to renew their membership of the Register of Supervisors. Please register online at

<http://is.curtin.edu.au/cgi-bin/seminars/index.cgi?theme=14>.

Commercialisation Training Scheme

The CTS is a DEST-funded initiative beginning in 2007. The objective of the CTS is to provide high quality research commercialisation training for the next generation of Australian researchers as a means of equipping them with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to bring research-based ideas, inventions and innovations to market. DEST will provide funding to support research commercialisation training for some eligible domestic HDR students to be undertaken on either a part-time or full-time basis during their degree studies. A Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation has been approved at each of the five Australian Technology Network Universities and development of the units is underway. The one semester full-time equivalent course will be entirely online through the Australian Technology Network's e-Grad School (see <http://www.egradschool.edu.au/>). A copy of the Guidelines for the CTS are downloadable from http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/commercialisation/commercialisation.htm.

Enriching Postgraduate Teaching and Learning Seminars

Research Involving Humans: What You Need To Know About Ethics (26 September)

To register for this seminar please visit <http://is.curtin.edu.au/cgi-bin/seminars/index.cgi?theme=55>.

Student/Supervisor Conflict: Practical Steps to Negotiate Solutions (Staff Focus) (10 October)

The Process of Thesis Examination (Staff Focus) (7 November)

To register for these seminars please visit <http://is.curtin.edu.au/cgi-bin/seminars/index.cgi?theme=14>.

Annual Progress Reports Update

ORD and Divisional Graduate Studies Officers would like to thank all supervisors and students who completed their APRs by the due date of 1 September 2006. Only about 10% of reports were outstanding as at 15 September and most of these were in progress.

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