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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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Supervisors are Asked to Inform Eligible Students About the CTS

Round two of the Commercialisation Training Scheme (CTS) scholarships for 2007 has been extended to 6 July 2007. The CTS provides support for currently enrolled HDR students to enrol in a Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation at Curtin. This course, taught jointly by the ATN Universities and delivered fully on-line, provides 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 the market. Successful applicants will commence studies in second semester. For further information students and supervisors are urged to visit the Scholarships website at <http://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/scholarship.cfm?id=423> to download application forms.

Postgraduate Student Orientation

The Semester Two orientation session for higher degree by research students shall be held on Thursday 29 July 2007 from 8.30am-11.30am. Registration is essential so please visit <http://is.curtin.edu.au/cgi-bin/seminars/index.cgi?theme=32> to register online.

Scholarships Update

Please note closing dates for the following scholarships:

- Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS) and the Curtin International Research Tuition Scholarships (CIRTS) are open until **31 August 2007**
- Curtin Completion Scholarships are open until **6 July 2007**
- Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and Curtin University Postgraduate Scholarships (CUPS) open on 1 August and close **31 October 2007**.

For further information visit <http://www.scholarships.curtin.edu.au/>.

Enriching Postgraduate Teaching and Learning Seminars

Dates for the next seminars in the EPTL series shall be finalised shortly. They include:

- Preparing the Candidacy Application and Research Proposal
- Student/Supervisor Relationships
- Research Involving Humans: What You Need to Know About Ethics
- How to Pass Your Thesis with Flying Colours: (Student Focus)
- Who Writes the Papers? Issues of Authorship, IP and Copyright
- Plagiarism and HDR Studies
- The Process of Thesis Examination (Staff Focus)
- HDR Supervision Update: Trends and Changes Over the Last Three Years.

Please visit <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/eptl.cfm> in July for full details including online registration.

Thesis Update

Curtin has so far recorded 84 Higher Degree by Research thesis completions. This compares favourably to the same time last year when there were 62 completions.

Research Information Literacy Program

Information about the RILP is available at <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/infoliteracy.cfm>.

Staff Update

We welcome Bianca Ramsden to the team as a Graduate Studies Officer who shall be assisting in the areas of Scholarships and Thesis Examinations.

Professor Léonie Rennie
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