**Target Group: All New Researchers**

**Objective**

The objective of the Faculty New Researcher Grant is to provide once-only training for new researchers in building their research profile. Specifically, the grants are intended to enable New Researchers to gain experience in grant writing, project management and the publication of findings.

**Eligibility Criteria**

All Commerce New Researchers are eligible to apply (please see Faculty Research Grant guidelines for details). New Researchers are defined as:

1. Academic staff who are new (within the past 12 months) to the Faculty and who have been appointed at Level C or below.
2. Academic staff who are currently undertaking a PhD or have been awarded a PhD within the past two years.

**Application Process and Assessment**

Applications can be submitted at any time and should use the Faculty Research Grant application form. Assessment will be carried out by a sub-committee of the FRC, including the Faculty Research Director and one representative from each School. The assessment process will normally be completed within four weeks of the application. Assessment criteria will be based upon:

(a) Track record relative to opportunities.
(b) Significance and innovation of the project.
(c) National benefit.
(d) Approach (conceptual framework, design, methods).
(e) Expected outcomes and outputs (including potential for external applications, collaboration and quality publications).
(f) Other contributions to the UOW Strategic Research Aims.

**Budget**

Grants will be funded up to a maximum of $2,500 over a period of 12 months.
1. Candidates should refer to the guidelines and the application form for Faculty Research Grants at: http://www.uow.edu.au/commerce/research/internal.html#fac_grants

2. Statements on how the project contributes to the UOW Strategic Research Aims, particularly:
   - Increasing the level of externally-funded research to enhance the capacity and diversity of our research effort.
   - Improving the quality, impact and recognition of outcomes of our research effort.
   - Encouraging linkages and commercialisation opportunities between researchers, industry and other partners.
   - Identifying, rewarding and promoting research activities that enhance the international reputation of the University.

   UOW Strategic Research Aims can be found at:


3. New Researchers are encouraged to seek guidance from senior academics throughout the project. This will also be viewed favourably by the assessment committee.

4. Five hard copies of the application must be submitted to the Faculty Research Manager.