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EXTERNAL GRANT SCHEMES

ARC Linkage-Projects
ARC Linkage-Projects grants support collaborative Research and Development projects between higher education researchers and Partner Organisations which are undertaken to acquire new knowledge and involve risk or innovation. Proposals must contain a cash and in-kind contribution from a Partner Organisation. Eligible Partner Organisations include private sector industry organisations; private non-profit organisations and government agencies. Applications are currently being invited for Round 1 funding to commence in January 2007. For further information go to: www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/grants/opportunities/external/arc/arc-linkage.html

NHMRC Project Grants and Development Grants
The Project Grants Scheme is the NHMRC’s main avenue of support for individuals and small teams of researchers undertaking biomedical, public health and health services research in Australian universities, medical schools, hospitals and other research institutions. The NHMRC Development Grants Scheme aims to support the development of health or medical research that has commercial potential and which has the potential to benefit the Australian community. Development Grants provide funding for research commercialisation at the early proof-of-concept stage. Note: If you have not already submitted a Notification of Intent to Apply, you will not be able to apply for this round. Contact Julie Matarczyk on ext: 5874 or juliema@uow.edu.au for further information.

2006 URC Research Partnership Grants
Many of you will be familiar with the URC New Partnerships scheme. This scheme has been revamped and will now be known as Research Partnerships. Although there are many similarities between the old scheme and the new, there have been some significant improvements. You can now request up to $20,000 from the URC for Project Grants, and we have also introduced Partnership Development Grants, which allow you to apply for up to $5,000 to assist you in establishing a partnership. The primary objective of this scheme is to develop and support, on a competitive basis, high quality industry related research projects and pilot research projects of modest cost conducted by researchers of proven excellence in collaboration with partners who provide matching support. The research project should relate to and enhance key areas of research activity, including Research Strengths, Faculty Strategic Research Areas, and URC Strategic Research Initiatives. It is expected that researchers with projects supported under this scheme will submit a future application in the following year for external funding through, for example, the ARC Linkage Projects Scheme. Projects must demonstrate a collaborative research program. This scheme continues to have an open deadline and applications can be submitted at any time. There are new guidelines and application forms which should be reviewed prior to the preparation of an application. Forms are available at: https://intranet.uow.edu.au/content/raid/rso/InternalFunding/urc-researchpartnership.html Please contact Elizabeth Phillips on ext: 4522 or eliza@uow.edu.au if you have any questions.

2006 UIC International Links Grants
Funding is available from the University Internationalisation Committee (UIC) to support the development of strong research and teaching collaborations with international partner institutions. Funds will be awarded for a period of 1 year, and individual grants will be limited to a maximum of $10,000. Revised guidelines and application form for this scheme will be available in May. Please contact Julie Matarczyk on ext: 5874 or by email at juliema@uow.edu.au for further information.

DEST, through its scholarship programs, has announced opportunities for professional development for academic staff and research students in India and Malaysia. Details of these funding schemes, which also contain opportunities for incoming academic staff and research students, can be found at the DEST site: www.dest.gov.au or contact Trish Tindall (trish@uow.edu.au)
**RESEARCH ETHICS**

Following the University’s recent review of its Biosafety Portfolio, the Biosafety Committee has changed its name to reflect its area of responsibility and will be now known as the Gene Technology Review Committee. More at: [www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/ethics/genetechreview/](http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/ethics/genetechreview/)

**Human Ethics Training**

CDU will be running a session on how to complete your human ethics application as part of the Grants Management Workshop Series. See the ‘CDU Courses’ section in this newsletter for details.

A training session will also be run in May through CEDIR, focusing on applications relating to education methods. Please contact Dr Geraldine Lefoe on 4221 3193 or Eve Steinke on 4221 4457 for more details.

| Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) - Health and Medical |
| Upcoming meeting on 9th May (agenda deadline 24th April) |
| Next meeting 13th June (agenda deadline 29th May) |

| Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) - Humanities, Social Science & Behavioural |
| Upcoming meeting on 16th May (agenda deadline 1st May). |
| Next meeting 13th June (agenda deadline 29th May) |

| Animal Ethics |
| Upcoming meeting 8th June (agenda deadline 18th May) |

| Gene Technology |
| Upcoming meeting 4th May (agenda deadline 20th April) |


**PROFESSORIAL LECTURE SERIES 2006**

General and academic staff are welcome to attend these lunchtime lectures, to hear about the research work and achievements of academic staff members who have either been promoted to Professorial level or are recent appointments to the University.

- **Wednesday 19th April**, Jan Wright (Education Faculty)  
  "Interrogating expert knowledge: Risk and the ethics of body weight"

- **Wednesday 24th May**, Adrian Vickers (Arts Faculty)  
  “Indonesian history: problems of knowledge”

All presentations are in 14.G01 (12:30pm - 1:30pm) – Bring your lunch!


**UNI IN THE BREWERY**

Our 2006 program includes some very interesting researchers speaking about their work. We hope you can come along and enjoy a beer or wine at the Five Island Brewery. Everyone welcome and encouraged to contribute in discussion.

| Upcoming Presentations |
| May 17th |
| 5:30-6:30pm |
| Alan Wearne, Shady Cosgrove (Faculty of Creative Arts) |
| ‘How NOT to write a Best Seller’ |

| June 28th |
| 5:30-6:30pm |
| Professor Thomas Madsen (Science) |
| ‘Was T. Rex warm blooded? A study of pythons and rats in tropical Australia’ |

| September 20th |
| 5:30-6:30pm |
| Professor Jan Wright (Education) |
| ‘The obesity epidemic: a moral panic?’ |

**Where:** Five Islands Brewery, Eastern end of the WIN Entertainment Centre (Cnr Harbour and Crown Streets) Wollongong. **Cost:** FREE. Further information: phone Vicky 4221 4126 (vwallace@uow.edu.au) or visit [www.uow.edu.au/research/unibrewery/](http://www.uow.edu.au/research/unibrewery/)

**RESEARCH STUDENT CENTRE**

**Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Day Conference 2006**

The 2006 HDR Student Day Conference will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2006.  
Supervisors – start encouraging your students to participate in the conference  
Students - start thinking about how you can best present your work.  
Further information will be made available in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about the conference contact Jessica Lopez by email to jessica@uow.edu.au or on extension 5454.

**Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Orientation and Enrolment Day**

The Spring session Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Orientation and Enrolment Day for HDR students will be held from 9.00am on Tuesday, 18 July 2006.  
If you did not attend the Autumn orientation please ensure you attend the Spring session one. Information will be available on the web site shortly. If you have any questions about the orientation or your enrolment please contact Jessica Lopez, HDR Events Officer in the Research Student Centre on (02) 4221 5454, jessica@uow.edu.au.
Commercialisation Workshops

Both HDR and Academic Staff have returned from their residential Commercialisation Workshops held in conjunction with UniQuest armed with more information to support their growing research careers. This is proposed to be an annual event so please read this newsletter for future workshops. UoW participants were amongst the winners of both groups which demonstrates the capability and professionalism of our people. More at: www.uow.edu.au/research/workshops/

Trailblazer is back for 2006!

Trailblazer is an innovation competition open to researchers and students at the University of Wollongong, designed to foster innovation, progress ideas, inventions or research outcomes as well as reward our researchers. The competition is in collaboration with UniQuest. For more information contact your MICD: Craig Peden - Commerce, Creative Arts, Informatics, Engineering (x 5407) Aapo Skorulis - Health, Education, Arts, Science (x 4578) Troy Coyle – Law (x 4420) or visit: www.uow.edu.au/research/trailblazer

2006 Commercialisation Expo

On 18 - 20 June 2006 there is a ‘commercialisation expo’ to be held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. It will showcase Australia’s R&D capabilities and commercialisation opportunities. The Peter Doherty Prize for innovation is valued at $100,000 and submissions must be in by 21 April 2006, contact your MICD for further information or visit: www.expo2006.com.au

Congratulations to Mathematician, 
Associate Professor Song-Ping Zhu, who has cracked a formula that will have important implications for researchers, traders and investors working on the valuation of American-style stock options. Song-Ping Zhu’s paper “An Exact and Explicit Solution for the Valuation of American Put Options” has been accepted by Quantitative Finance.

A new book “Diagnosing ‘Disorderly' Children” by Dr Valerie Harwood (Education) is based on Valerie’s in-depth research with children diagnosed with behavioural difficulties, and provides a thorough critique of today’s practices. It is published by Routledge.

Dr Karen Malone from the Faculty of Education has had a book and book chapter published recently. The book is “Learning to Teach: New Times, New Practices” (Oxford University Press) and the chapter is “Trainsurfing: ... it’s like bungee jumping without a rope” from the book, “Sexuality, Sport and the Culture of Risk” (Meyer & Meyer Publishing company).

Adrian Vickers, Professor of Asian Studies at the Faculty of Arts, launched his latest book “A History of Modern Indonesia” Cambridge University Press, in April. Guided by the life and writings of the country’s most famous author, Pramoedya Ananta Toer, Adrian Vickers takes the reader on a journey across the social and political landscape of twentieth-century Indonesia.

An essay review article of the recent book “The Obesity Epidemic” by Michael Gard and Jan Wright (Education), has been published in the International Journal of Epidemiology (2006;35:207-208). The essay is by Richard Klein.

CDU COURSES FOR RESEARCHERS

Jump Starting Your Research
This workshop is designed for female academic staff who wish to enhance their research activity. It will cover content from understanding grant schemes, developing networks to time management skills for researchers.

July Workshop
Duration: 10:00am - 3:00pm Date: Thursday 20 July, 2006

Research Grant Management Workshop Series
This workshop is designed for academic staff who have been awarded a research grant and general staff who provide research grant administrative support. Each module is a stand alone and must be nominated individually.

Ethics
Thursday 4 May, 2006 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Where to publish?
Thursday 18 May, 2006 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Reporting Outcomes
Thursday 1 June, 2006 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Managing partnerships
Thursday 29 June, 2006 12.30pm -1.30pm

Unlocking the Secrets of Research Grant Writing
This workshop is designed for researchers who wish to gain an insight into the elements of successful research grant applications and further develop their grant writing skills. Peter Strong, an external presenter as well as many experienced internal presenters will conduct a presentation in the essential elements of writing a successful research grant application.

May/June Workshop
Session 1
9.30am - 4.00pm
Wed. 31 May, 2006

Session 2 (Optional)
2.00pm - 5.00pm
Wed. 21 June, 2006

September/October Workshop
Session 1
9.30am - 4.00pm
Wed. 6 September, 2006

Session 2 (Optional)
9.30am - 12.30pm
Wed. 4 October, 2006

If you wish to attend any of the above courses please nominate through Web Kiosk. Keep an eye on the staff development calendar at (http://staff.uow.edu.au/cdu/calendar/) for more courses scheduled throughout 2006.

PUBLICATION SUCCESS

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Access more with ScienceDirect

In 2005, the Library expanded the subscription to ScienceDirect, allowing all our clients to access the full range of current journal titles available via this platform. This is a huge increase in available resources and a considerably more convenient way of accessing full text resources from this significant publisher.

Given that all UOW users now have access to current journal titles on ScienceDirect, and in most cases to previous issues from the last ten years or more, the Library has once again restricted transactional access to academic staff. No new transactional access passwords will be issued to students. Research students may request articles from earlier volumes through regular document delivery channels. This is consistent with access to many other collections, where we provide access to current years but rely on document delivery for earlier years. Look under S on the Library’s Databases web pages: www.library.uow.edu.au/eresources/databases/

Find the arts information you need

The New York Review of Books is a valuable source of articles covering books and the arts, including music, theatre, dance and film. It also explores issues arising from culture, politics and intellectual life, from 1963 onwards. Search the current issue via the Table of Contents, or explore the Archive via a keyword search. Look under N on the Library’s Databases web pages: www.library.uow.edu.au/eresources/databases/

Keep on track with conferences

Are you interested in attending a conference or presenting at one? Use the Papers Invited link to identify conferences in your research area.

ISI Proceedings enables you to track emerging ideas and new research in specific fields before the material appears in journal literature. It is an index to the published literature of the most significant conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops and conventions.


STAFF AWARDS

Congratulations are offered to Associate Professor Bev Derewianka, (Faculty of Education) for being the recipient of this year’s Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Research Supervision. The nominations received highlighted Bev’s dedication and commitment to her students.

Eve Steinke, (Ethics Officer at the RSO) has been awarded the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Services for General Staff. Eve’s nomination was made in recognition of the integral role she plays in the management of Research Ethics for UOW staff and students, and staff at the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service. The awards will be formally recognised at the Vice-Chancellor’s Award Ceremony being held on Friday, 23 June 2006. More at - http://staff.uow.edu.au/awards/

INNOVATION AT UOW

As part of the Australian Innovation Festival and the Illawarra Innovation Showcase being held in May, the University of Wollongong has organised a number of events to showcase its innovative and cutting edge research. More information on events at: www.uow.edu.au/about/community/innovationweek06.html

Dr Lynda Gillen, Accredited Practising Dietitian, Associate Research Fellow and Project Manager at the Smart Foods Centre, School of Health Sciences was recently awarded the Joan Woodhill Prize for Excellence in Research – Doctorate Award for 2005 by the NSW Branch of the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) at their annual Awards night last February. Dr Joan Woodhill was one of Australia’s pioneering dietitians in NSW, who was supportive of dietitians undertaking research. Lynda received the award for her body of research that comprised her PhD thesis entitled (brief) “Dietary Advice Strategies: Linking Science to Food” conducted within the Department of Biomedical Science, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences at the University.

A/Prof Gregory Rose (Faculty of Law) was awarded a $20,000 research contract by the Centre for Environmental Research Training Initiatives (CERTI), Sri Lanka. The contract entails the production of research papers on promoting compliance with international environmental law principles and treaties. The project forms part of the work of the law program of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The University of Wollongong has won a coveted Microsoft Research Asia grant for internet security, with grant recipient Professor Rei Safavi-Naini and her research team from the Centre for Information Security beating dozens of entrants from a range of universities across the Asia-Pacific. The grant, worth over $20,000, will fund cutting-edge research into building tougher security for online transactions such as online banking. More information at: www.titr.uow.edu.au/newsletters/index.shtml

Professor John Rossiter from the University of Wollongong’s School of Management and Marketing, the most-cited Australian scholar in Marketing from 1988 to the current day, has been made a Fellow of the Academy of Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy (ANZMAC). The Fellowships recognise members of ANZMAC who have shown outstanding leadership in research, marketing education and discipline development within both their institutions and the Academy. Over his research career, Professor Rossiter has published eight books, many of which
represent leading thinking in advertising and marketing communications. In addition, he has published more than 100 articles and conference papers, and has attracted numerous research grants to support his work.

PhD student Mr Nick Hardcastle has been granted a $75,000 research scholarship from UOW’s Centre for Medical Radiation Physics and the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) to complete his research project titled on “Dose Adaptive Radiation Therapy for Prostate Cancer.” His research will involve looking at how new anatomy imaging devices can improve the precision of doses of radiation therapy given to patients with prostate cancer.

The Illawarra Cancer Carers group presented a donation of $100,000 to the University of Wollongong for research into an anti-cancer drug project. The money will provide a major boost to the research into the new anti-cancer drug formulation project headed by Professor Philip Clingan, and Professor John Bremner, together with colleagues Associate Professor Marie Ranson, Dr Tamantha Stutchbury, Dr Julie Locke and Ms Laurel Morrissey.

Joseph Ciarrochi and JT Blackledge from the Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences (in collaboration with Lis Lane from Wollongong Hospital) have secured an $86,570 research grant from the Cancer Institute NSW, to support a Psycho-oncology grant from the Cancer Institute Foundation (ARHRF) to complete his PhD student Joseph Ciarrochi and JT Blackledge from the Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences (in collaboration with Lis Lane from Wollongong Hospital) have secured an $86,570 research grant from the Cancer Institute NSW, to support a Psycho-oncology grant from the Cancer Institute Foundation.

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River, River – Music Theatre was broadcast on ABC Radio National 26th and 31st March. FCA lecturers Merlinda Bobis and Lotte Latukefu performed with Australian actors and the Bitabaras, a Filipino-Australian family of chanters from the Illawarra. A poetic monologue and opera composed by Sarah de Jong blend with the Pasyon, a traditional style of Philippine chanting. Adapted from Merlinda’s short story Fish-Hair Woman, River, River is about militarism and singing the dead to sleep. The production received a grant from the ABC Regional Fund in 2005.

The University is currently establishing a Marine and Freshwater Centre in the Shoalhaven region to provide some facilities for carrying out research associated with sustainable coastal development issues. This includes research in associated marine industries, such as aquaculture, fishing and recreational uses, as well as possible environmental assessment projects. The Centre is likely to open by July 2006 and any staff or local industry partners interested in making use of the Centre’s facilities should contact Ron West (ron_west@uow.edu.au).

UoW Renews Associate Membership to NANO Network
The University has renewed its membership of the “Nanostructural Analysis Network Organisation” (NANO) providing UOW researchers access to sophisticated materials analysis facilities. UOW researchers have access to the advanced microscopy facilities at Sydney University and the University of NSW. The membership agreement also enables UOW researchers to participate to a limited degree in training programs run the electron microscopy units at USyd and UNSW. Details on the facilities available and contact persons can be found at the NANO web site www.nano.org.au or by contacting Prof. Geoff Spinks gspinks@uow.edu.au.

Australia’s first ‘Carbon Nanotubes’ machine has been installed at the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute at the UOW. The machine will enable the IPRI team and their research associates to make and design their own carbon nanotubes, instead of relying on commercial suppliers. It is funded by the UOW and the Australian Research Council.

Hyper Tech Research Inc., with the technical support of the University of Wollongong’s Institute for Superconducting and Electronic Materials (ISEM) and Ohio State University, has produced 0.8 mm multifilament MgB₂ wires over 1km in length. Hyper Tech is now offering a limited amount of kilometer-plus lengths of this round multifilament wire for development projects to device developers. The UoW, through its Institute for Superconducting and Electronic Materials (ISEM), has patented technology regarding nano-scale doped MgB₂. Prof Dou, Director
of ISEM, has demonstrated that substantial enhancement in critical properties of MgB$_2$ by nano-scale chemical doping can be transferred to the properties of wires.

Associate Professor Jilt Sietsma and Mr. Thim Zuidwijk from the Technical University Delft, The Netherlands have recently finished a visit to the Engineering Faculty. Their visits are a continuation of four years of research collaboration with Prof. Rian Dippenaar and Dr. Dominic Phelan. Jilt heads a research group at TU Delft concerned primarily with the experimental and mathematical modeling of phase transformations in metals. Jilt conducted research at UOW using a high temperature confocal microscope. Thim is an expert in the use of the Gleeble thermo-mechanical processing unit. His work builds on a short visit by Dominic Phelan to Delft in 2005 to assess the feasibility of the experiment.

Professor Robin Chowdhury (Faculty of Engineering) was invited by the Chancellor of Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) in, India to be an overseas advisor to the Centre for Disaster Mitigation and Management (CDMM), which was recently established at the University. Robin chaired a round table meeting of experts on Landslide Management and Mitigation. Head of the School of Civil, Mining & Environmentl Engineering, Professor Brian Uy recently presented one of two key note addresses at an International Symposium on the Design and Application of High Performance Steel in Construction in Hong Kong. His talk was entitled “Successful applications of High Strength Steel in Australia and Design using High Strength Steel”. Professor Uy also served on the international advisory board which drafted the newly released Hong Kong Steel Design Code.

The Wireless Research Group at the Telecommunications and IT Research Institute (TITR) was recently host to the IEEE Fellow and Distinguished Lecturer, Prof. Jacob Gavan of the Holon Institute of Technology, Israel. Prof. Gavan gave an on campus public seminar entitled “Radio Systems Techniques for Enhancing Energy Efficiency, Reducing Interference and Parasitic Radiation” on the 3rd of April.

Mira Kartiwi (PHD student in Information Systems - Commerce) was awarded best paper at the QualIT2005 conference in November 2005. It has also been recommended to appear in the May 2006 issue of the Australian Journal of Information Systems (AJIS).

University staff and students from Marketing, recently won awards at the Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy (ANZMAC) annual conference held in Fremantle, W.A., in December 2005. The “Best Paper in Track” award was won by Tobias Langner (Visiting Research Fellow), Franz-Rudolf Esch and John Rossiter. The “Best Paper in ANZMAC’s Australasian Marketing Journal for 2005 was awarded to A/Prof Sara Dolnicar and Ms Melanie Randle (PhD student).

MCA-R student (Creative Arts) Rachel McDonald is directing a new production for Opera Australia. Poulenc’s “La Voix Humaine”, based on Cocteau’s play of the same name, is a one-woman show, to be performed in Sydney in 2008. More recently Rachel has been in Melbourne working on Operatunity Oz (to be screened on ABC in August).

Similar to the BBC version, it is like an operatic Australian Idol. Two-thousand entrants are narrowed down to one winner, who will perform a role in Rigoletto at the Sydney Opera House later this year. With six finalists left, all inexperienced, Rachel put together a show in eight days of rehearsal. At the end of this process, a workshop-style presentation was made to the deciding panel, after which they announced the winner.

Gareth Jenkins a PhD Creative Writing student (Creative Arts) presented his research at the ‘Writing at the Edges of Sanity’ section of the American Comparative Literature Association conference at the University of Princeton at the end of March. This is a major conference at an Ivy League university.

The Australian Geomechanics Society has approved Dr. Cholachat’s PhD research as the worthy recipient of an AGS award for outstanding PhD research. This is the first time that AGS has initiated such an award via the AGS-Sydney Chapter for high quality research by UOW students. Dr Cholachat is from the Faculty of Engineering.

The UOW Linking Women website at: http://staff.uow.edu.au/eed/linkingwomen/ provides opportunities for women to meet and share information and ideas, access information and resources, develop informal mentoring relationships and collaborative research relationships. While the network targets female staff, other interested members of the campus community are welcome to attend network events of special interest to them.

SONIC CONNECTIONS (10TH MAY 2006)
Hosted by the Faculty of Creative Arts (Prof. Greg Schiemer). International and national visitors and UOW staff and students will present papers and musical concerts to participants from the university and local community.

Enquiries: Olena Cullen (ext 4324)

SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTIVE FORUM (16TH-19TH MAY 2006)
Jointly conducted between the Centre for Supply Chain Research, University of Wollongong and the Cranfield Centre for Logistics and Supply Chain Management, UK, the 2006 Supply Chain Executive Forum will be held at Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley, Australia. More at: www.johngattorna.com/forum2006/

UOW HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH (HDR) STUDENT DAY CONFERENCE 2006 (27TH SEPTEMBER).
For further information contact Jessica Lopez jessica@uow.edu.au or x5454.
FABULOUS RISK: DANGER IN PERFORMANCE IN CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS & SIDESHOW
(8-10 DECEMBER 2006)

FABULOUS RISK an interdisciplinary, interactive, and performative conference, with a particular focus on the presence and impact of circus in the Illawarra. The conference is coordinated by the Centre for Canadian-Australian Studies (Faculty of Arts), other research groups at the University of Wollongong, and key Illawarra stakeholders in the profession: Circus Monoxide, Circus WOW, the Wollongong City Gallery, the South Coast Writers’ Centre, the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre and many others. This conference will be held in a Big Top, and it will specifically celebrate and emphasize the interaction of theory and performance. The conference will also bring together the Association of Circus and Performing Theatre Arts (ACAPTA) meeting, and a regional conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ).

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DUBAI RESEARCHER PROFILE

Cedwyn Fernandes, Associate Professor and Chair – College of Graduate Studies (UOWD)

“My research is concentrated in the areas of macroeconomics, internet banking and management. With macroeconomics I am concerned with understanding the dynamics of growth and inflation and the close nexus between money supply, prices and an inflation induced budget deficit. I have tested the self-perpetuating process of inflation in the Indian Economy using a strictly non-linear model. Recently along with Prof Ajit Karnik from the University of Mumbai, I developed a macroeconomic model for the UAE economy. The UAE economy is heavily dependent on a non-renewable natural resource (oil). What will happen when the natural resource is exhausted? The most significant policy issue to emerge from our experiments is that, in spite of concerted efforts to reduce the dependence on oil, the UAE economy continues to be highly dependent on it. There is an urgent need to harden the process of insulating government finances and the economy as a whole from shocks in the form of depletion of oil reserves.

I am also interested in the adoption and use of internet banking in the UAE and conducted one of the first major studies of the internet banking environment jointly with Dr. Raed Awamleh at UOWD. We identified factors influencing the intention to adopt and continued use of internet banking by customers in the UAE. A new construct called Relative Usefulness was derived from the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM). Our research was short listed as one of only seven finalists in the national Dubai Economics Research Award (DERA) in 2005 which recognizes excellence in economics research in the UAE.

There has been quite a bit of interest in the work I have been doing. For example, the Dubai Economic Department is interested in the structure of the UAE macro-econometric model. I am currently working on a paper which examines what the UAE can learn from city states like Hong Kong and Singapore in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). There has also been quite a bit of interest in the internet banking research from international and local banks in the UAE.”

Website for further information: www.uowdubai.ac.ae

ERIC

Another research newsletter has recently been launched at the University of Wollongong in Dubai (UOWD). ERIC - is a newsletter specifically designed for industry partners. ERIC (which stands for Education, Research and Industry Collaboration) contains information about industry-related activities at the UOWD. These include industry-relevant research projects and events such as workshops and seminars. ERIC also provides information about industry-based educational opportunities at the university. More information at: www.uowdubai.ac.ae/research/

To ensure inclusion of your research news, event or service in the next issue of RaIL (due for publication 22nd June), please e-mail details to vwallace@uow.edu.au by Friday June 9th.

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