



The Buzz

By NECTAR
The Network of Early Career Teachers
Academics and Researchers

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Early Career Academics to lead \$10 mil ANU Grand Challenges

The ten million dollar ANU Grand Challenges Scheme, to stimulate transformative research on the world's most tractable problems, is to be granted to teams led by Early Career Academics. However, some ECA have called NECTAR to say they fear ...

» Read more [here](#).

Discuss and plan collaborations on the 19th July 12pm Fellows Café.

» Register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-career-academics-of-anu-discuss-the-anu-grand-challenge-scheme-tickets-38219867599?aff=Buzz>

Events coming up



19th July 12 pm Early Career Academics to lead Grand Challenges, Fellows Café

» [Registrations welcome](#)



3rd Aug 12pm Early Career Academics to discuss letters to ANU VC following NECTAR retreat 2017, Fellows Café



Here is what people said about NECTAR Early Career Academic Retreat 2017

"This NECTAR retreat is exactly what early Career Academics and PhD candidates need!"

"A positive ECA environment – great people!"

"This is my first time at a NECTAR retreat and I have obtained so much knowledge and information... broadening my skills."



Redefining the ANU PhD – NECTAR invited to the discussion

NECTAR has been invited to send a representative to join the Committee of Inquiry redefining the ANU PhD. We selected Catherine Settle. This consultation is open to all and we encourage you to attend.

» [Read more](#)



3rd Aug 4.30pm Discussion continues at our social event which last month evolved dinner as well as drinks and world café style forum. Venue TBA.



ANU Library looking for an Early Career Academic for a symposium

NECTAR has been invited to recommend an ECA as a Speaker for an Academic Panel Discussion as part of a Symposium for Scholarly Information Services Staff. (8th September, speakers to be recommended by end of July.) Deborah Apthorp filled this role last year and said it is really worth doing.

» Nominate for this role nectar@anu.edu.au



Grant writing courses

NECTAR has had a number of enquiries for grant writing courses which are hard to find at ANU. This traditionally has been provided by the colleges. I'm currently investigating to see which colleges are running grant writing workshops and where the need is for future training. Image from the NECTAR Retreat Prof Joanne Tompkins, ARC Executive Director Humanities and Creative Arts.

» Let me know what you need in this space nectar@anu.edu.au



Thank you!

An enormous thank you to all the volunteers of NECTAR who helped build the NECTAR Retreat 2017 – which I have been told was great success! I've really enjoyed being part of this team and getting to know you. I would also like to give a special thankyou to our volunteer photographer, Chris Taylor, who took all the fantastic photos in this newsletter. GREAT WORK!

Education fellowship?



There is an interesting talk coming up on the ANU [Education Fellowship Scheme](#). NECTAR would like to facilitate ECA to apply for this fellowship.

Training and events of note:

I'm investigating who runs what training and mentoring around ANU. Here is a couple of finds:

New supervisor training? – There is a HR training program coming up for New supervisors, [Read more](#).

Innovation ANU

- Noting Spark Commercialization in October
- Innovation ACT in mid-August
- [Technology Transfer Office ANU calendar](#)

Join NECTAR

NECTAR – the Early Career Academic Network of ANU is led by a collective of volunteers who we call the NECTAR Custodians. If you are interested in becoming a NECTAR Custodian please [contact us](#) and come along to one of our [regular meetings](#).

