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Meet your representatives: New NECTAR Co-Chairs»

Congratulations to Rebecca Gidley (2nd term), Youssef Hafiz, Siva Karuturi and Sean Perera, who have been endorsed by the NECTAR Custodians as the 2019-20 Co-Chairs of NECTAR! These fantastic ECAs have self-nominated to lead the Network on behalf of all ECAs at ANU and to give it a strong voice in academic governance. No additional nominations were received; an election is therefore not required. [Learn more](#) about the new Co-Chairs and their visions for NECTAR.

A big Thank You to the 2018-19 Co-Chairs, whose terms have just ended: Rebecca Gidley, Umme Habiba Hossain, Claudia Munera and Mohammad Saadatfar. Thank you for your past and ongoing contributions to NECTAR.

Next NECTAR volunteers' meeting Wednesday 6 November at Fellows Café 12–1pm, RSVP nectar@anu.edu.au. All welcome.



**ECA Halloween Party»
Friday 1 November, 5–8pm
ANU Union Bar**

We know how you've been feeling... hiding your true self. But no more! Enjoy a Spooky Sundowner full of candy, decorations and escapism. You don't have to come in costume but prizes will be awarded for most clever, spooky and funny. Everyone is welcome.

This event is organised by ANU ECAs and proudly sponsored by NECTAR.



NECTAR sponsors a Ceramic Petrography workshop»

ECA Mathieu Leclerc, who established the Interdisciplinary Pottery Research Group (IPORG), wants to build an ANU research team excelling at analysing prehistoric pottery. Mathieu was successful in securing NECTAR sponsorship for a Ceramic Petrography Workshop, because it will enable ECA from at least three colleges to get to know each other while building career-valuable skills.

Are you organising an event for ECAs but need some extra funds? Find out whether you are eligible for NECTAR sponsorship.



Academic freedom of early-career researchers particularly at risk in new world funding»

An article in the conversation this week, which highlights a number of arising impediments to academic freedom, says early-career researchers are threatened. "Early career researchers are particularly vulnerable to publication restrictions when companies fund their research" says Chair professor Lisa Bero.

At NECTAR we meet ANU ECAs who are under pressure to seek company funded research and are looking for guidance.

[Read more.](#)



Town Hall meeting: Protection of Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom»

Members of the university community are invited to a meeting to contribute to the development of an ANU statement about freedom of expression and academic freedom.

Written responses are also invited. Please submit to Academic Board Secretary by 31 October 2019. [Register here.](#)



TELfest – Celebrate Education Innovation at ANU» 19–20 November

Join ANU Online for TELFest, a showcase of the University's best practice and innovation in education. This free event is for all staff at ANU who contribute to teaching, including academic staff, tutors, demonstrators and professional staff in education support roles.

This is an opportunity to connect with colleagues to discuss your teaching practice, learn about new approaches and techniques, and debate key issues in technology-enhanced learning.



NHMRC-workshop recordings now available»

Are you planning to apply for an NHMRC Investigator Grant but missed NECTAR's workshops earlier this month?

Recordings of the Emerging Leadership Investigator Grants workshop, as well as the Leadership Investigator Grants workshop are available [on request](#).



BioPhotonics Careers Workshop» Friday 15 November Swinburne University of Technology

Creating your career in biophotonics after a PhD or as postdoc researcher can be complex and confusing.

At this one-day workshop, you will hear from leading academics about active research areas and what they look for in researchers. Learn about career opportunities in Industry, showcase your

research in a mini-poster session and build your professional network.



Freilich Project Early Career Research Small Grants Scheme» Applications due Friday 15 November

The Freilich Project for the Study of Bigotry is welcoming applications for the 2019 round of the Early Career Research Small Grants Scheme (for activities to be undertaken in 2020).

Three grants of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded to emerging scholars to assist research into the causes, the histories and the effects of ethnic, cultural, religious and sexual bigotry and animosity.



First Wednesday Connect @ DESIGN Canberra Festival» Wednesday 6 November 5–6.30pm

Join the community of creative innovators at CBRIN's First Wednesday Connect. This free, monthly get-together aims to encourage collaboration between entrepreneurs, researchers, investors and innovators of all sorts.

This month's event celebrates and promotes Canberra as a global city of design.



Join the NECTAR Custodians» Next meeting 6 November

Are you an ECA? Would you like to help shape or drive Early Career Academic experience at ANU? We meet regularly to discuss issues and share ideas. Come and join us!

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The NECTAR newsletter The Early Career Academic is open to all but not everyone gets it. Please forward this to your colleagues and invite them to join NECTAR! Feel free to send in submissions to promote your research and ECA events, due 1st of each month.

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