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NECTAR's 5 people challenge»

Restrictions are beginning to ease, and we are slowly returning to campus. But life is still far from being normal, and will be for quite some time.

We would like to encourage you to take a moment and get in touch with 5 people you know; the colleague from the office down the corridor, the student who usually sits in the back of your class, the friend you usually have lunch with in the tearoom. Or maybe you know someone who you think might be at risk of feeling isolated and anxious, such as the colleague who started a new job at ANU just before the lockdown? Reach out to them and find out how they are doing. Sometimes it only takes a few friendly words to bring a smile to someone's face and remind them that we're all in this together.



Morning tea with DVC(A)» Tuesday 26 May – 10.30-11.30am

Join NECTAR's weekly Zoom morning tea and meet Professor Grady Venville, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). This is an opportunity to share your perspective on the current situation and how it impacts you with the University Executive.

Zoom meeting ID 718 109 312, password 051575.



Being influential» 11 & 18 June – 10am-12pm

Become a more influential researcher by better understanding and motivating your audiences. Discover the fundamentals of values-based communication and gain better understanding of the role of emotions and facts in persuasion.

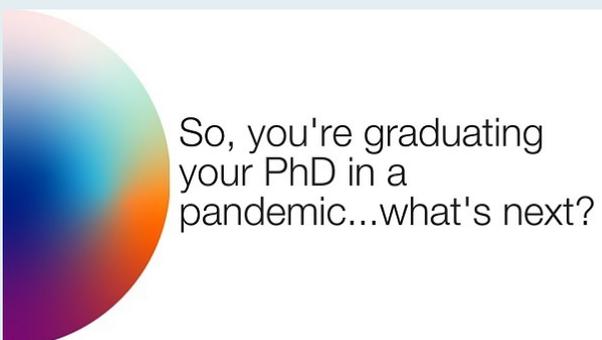
This is a 2-part workshop delivered via Zoom, participants need to be available to attend both parts. Placements are limited, registration is essential.



LinkedIn Learning»

Are you keen to improve a skill or learn something new to complement your existing skill set?

ANU staff now have free access to thousands of online courses on a wide range of topics through LinkedIn Learning. While these courses may not be a replacement for an interactive workshop, they are great for exploring new ways of thinking and getting a better understanding of the skills you will need to propel yourself forward.



So you're graduating your PhD in a Pandemic... what's next?»

Tuesday 9 June – 12pm

Even with the upheaval in the economy, there are areas of demand for research skills that will remain strong - even grow. In this lecture, Inger Mewburn will use a series of data snapshots about the current state of the post PhD market and show



you where the research intensive jobs will be.

Find out more [here](#).

Post-PhD employment – What are you good at?»

15-19 June

Do you need to show non-academic employers how valuable you could be to them? PhD graduates have a huge range of skills, but it can be challenging to explain this to others. This Pomodoro Break coffee course helps you translate what you can offer into language that can be understood outside academia.

Find out more [here](#). Registrations close 12 June.



Get #SoMe – Social media for researchers»

Starts 9 July

Researchers are being told that social media is critical to career success – but there is a lot of confusion about how best to make use of these tools. Join [@thesiswhisperer](#) and [@FirthSmith](#) to learn how to use social media to further your research career.

Find out more and submit your expression of interest [here](#), by 1 June.



12 Pro tips for digital interviews and interactions»

Are you a qualitative researcher rethinking how you might approach remote and online data collection?

In this blog, fellow ECAs Melanie Pescud and Belinda Townsend reflect on their expertise with remote and online data collection and suggest twelve helpful tips for conducting digital qualitative interviews.



Wellbeing during COVID-19»

Did you miss our virtual morning tea on University Mental Health Day? You can watch a recording of fellow ECA Jo Lane's presentation on how to take care of your wellbeing during the pandemic [here](#).



Working from home with caring responsibilities»

Working from home with kids is really hard. At a recent event, Liana Leach shared insights from her research on family and work, and answered questions from parents.

A recording of the event will be made available via the ANU website so keep an eye out for it.



TOP 5 – ABC media residency program»

Applications close 1 June

Are you an ECA working in the Sciences, Humanities or Arts? Apply now for the Top 5 program and fine-tune your skills in sharing your knowledge and expertise with audiences seeking credible material and informed debate.



Falling Walls Lab Australia 2020»

Applications close 6 July

Which are the next walls to fall as a result of scientific, technological, economic and sociological breakthroughs? Pitch your research and ideas for a chance to become the next big success story in innovation. ECAs from all disciplines are invited to apply.



Join the NECTAR Custodians» Next meeting 3 June – 12pm

Are you an ECA? Would you like to help shape or drive Early Career Academic experience at ANU? The NECTAR Custodians and Co-Chairs 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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