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# NECTAR

The Network for Early Career Academics at ANU

## A message from the NECTAR Custodians

Dear NECTAR community,

We hope you have finished a busy but rewarding Semester 1. The campus becomes a bit quiet during June and July, but it may be a good opportunity to attend international conferences, reconnect with people in your field, and be inspired by new ideas.

If you plan to travel to attend those conferences, please consider applying for the recently reinstituted [ANU Early-Career Researcher Travel Grant](#) (link requires ANU Login).

If you have ideas for needs like the ECR Travel Grant that would help you to thrive at our university, please email [nectar@anu.edu.au](mailto:nectar@anu.edu.au). NECTAR will make efforts to take your ideas on board and work with you to see them realised.

Read on for updates, or scroll down to find new and upcoming opportunities for EMCRs at ANU.

Warmest regards,

Wenting, Nikolay, Naomi and Shaam NECTAR Co-Chairs

## News and Updates

Read on for updates, or scroll down to find new and upcoming funding rounds, networking events, competitions and professional development opportunities for EMCRs at ANU.

### Do you know what EMCRs need? Get in touch.

As an organisation run by and for early-career teachers, researchers and academics at ANU, NECTAR is here to support its members to source, develop and deliver the resources and events they need.

Do you have an idea for a workshop or seminar? Do you want training in an area that the university doesn't currently offer? Do you want to found a discussion or working group around a particular topic or research area? NECTAR can help.

NECTAR's staff are able source venues, provide catering and do supporting administrative work to get new EMCR initiatives off the ground. Before that, we're an open ear for new ideas! So if you have one, [get in touch](#).

### 2023 NECTAR Mentoring Program up and running

We have an incredibly strong cohort of new Mentors and Mentees in this year's NECTAR Mentoring Program, and there are now 99 mentor-mentee pairs beginning to meet in-person and virtually across our university.

NECTAR is grateful to all the Mentors who signed up this year, and to all the mentees and mentors who have participated in our commencement workshops. We also must thank the Program's Matching Committee for working to pair up the almost 200 participants according to need, preference and experience.

We wish all the mentoring pairs the best of luck and already look forward to inviting new applicants for 2024.

### NECTAR & IDEA discussion, Wed 26 July, 11am

Join NECTAR for an overview and general discussion of the University's current Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) initiatives, and the ANU Gender Equity Strategy.

Aiming to improve common understandings and opportunities for mutual benefit, there will be a 1-hour discussion and Q&A. Email [nectar@anu.edu.au](mailto:nectar@anu.edu.au) for more information or watch this space for updates.

# EMCR funding, networking and competitions

## Interested in Collaborative Practices?

The Collaborative Practices Salon brings together people interested in collaboration for a morning of conversation, activities and reflection on collaboration. You may be an experienced collaborator or collaboratively curious – all are welcome. They aim for an energising, nourishing and fun event, with catering and refreshments provided. Come prepared to share your experiences of collaboration with others from across the university, and beyond. The next instalment is **Thursday 31 August, 10am-12pm**. [Register here](#) or for more info contact Dr Julie Monro-Allison: [Julie.Monro-Allison@anu.edu.au](mailto:Julie.Monro-Allison@anu.edu.au).

Alternatively, the Collaborative Practice Labs Program supports participants to embrace the opportunities and better navigate the challenges they encounter within their collaborations, through a series of five peer-learning 'Practice Labs' from August to November 2023. Open to academics, professionals and HDR candidates from across ANU. **EOIs are due Monday 31 July** to Dr Julie Monro-Allison: [Julie.Monro-Allison@anu.edu.au](mailto:Julie.Monro-Allison@anu.edu.au).

## Post-graduate Gender and Politics working group

Researchers in CASS and CAP are hoping to reach any post-graduate students at the intersection of gender, feminism and politics in various social science schools across the ANU. This will be an informal meeting where HDR students can present informally and get feedback on chapters and concepts. They hope it will bring together other peers working on similar issues and peer support through our research journey, as well as an informal network. Interested students can sign up using this spreadsheet and the organisers will be in touch for proposed dates going forward: [Gender Researchers Group](#).

## Professional development opportunities



### Audio/visual meet-up and workshop series »

Thursday 6 July, 3-4:45pm

Join a grassroots community of practice and meet your fellow content creators around campus. Open to all ANU staff involved or interested in creating AV and multimedia content, this instalment will include two practice workshops (audio optimisation and mobile shooting). [Read more here](#) and [register here](#).



### The Innovation Festival by Popsicule »

8-15 July – various times

Including mural-painting workshops, a public symposium and the real-time creation of a new piece of public art on the AD Hope building, this mini-festival at the heart of campus sits at the intersections of street art, science and public engagement. [More info and registration here](#).



### From Ideas to Impact: Mastering AI Tools for Academic Writing & Research »

Friday 14 July – 2:30-4pm

Join Dr Nici Sweaney, founder of *Ai Her Way*, to learn ethical AI integration, prompt-engineering for ChatGPT, research plugins, and powerful tools like Scite. Elevate your research and writing with practical insights and interactive prompts. Unlock the potential of AI in your academic journey. [Register here](#).



## **How to become a Consultant» Thursday 27 July, 3–4pm**

This session provides an introduction to what is involved in becoming a consultant, how to professionally run personal consultancies under the University's Paid Outside Work Policy, and how ANU Enterprise can support you. [Register here.](#)

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