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The Network for Early Career Academics at ANU



The 2023 NECTAR Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 12 September 2023
Online and in-person, 1pm - 2:30pm
Registration essential and closing tomorrow!

The NECTAR Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an opportunity for reflection and discussion on the situation of early-career university staff at the Australian National University. In 2023 this can be both backward-looking, to the university before and through the COVID-19 pandemic, and forward-looking, to the needs of early-career staff in the here and now.

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The agenda for the 2023 AGM will be circulated to registered attendees in advance of the meeting. Core items will include:

- Submission of the 2022 AGM minutes
- Submission and summary of the 2023 NECTAR Annual Report
- Reflections by outgoing 2022/23 NECTAR Co-chairs
- Reflections by NECTAR Executive Champion Professor Ann Evans, Dean Higher Degree Research
- Review of nominations for incoming 2023/24 NECTAR Co-chairs
- Open discussion of key issues facing early-career staff

Attendees of the 2023 NECTAR AGM are also invited to a free same-day social lunch in the Kambri Precinct prior to the commencement of the AGM. To receive full event details it is essential to register.

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Please email nectar@anu.edu.au with any questions or issues in the lead-up to the event.

Warmest regards,

The NECTAR Team

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.

SHAPE Futures network for arts, humanities and social sciences ECRs turns one

The SHAPE Futures network, for early to mid-career researchers in and across SHAPE (Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts for People and Environment) disciplines across Australia, recently turned one.

SHAPE Futures is still a new initiative, launched in mid-2022 with the intention of advocating for, connecting, and providing opportunities and support for EMCRs in this sector – both within and outside of academia.

You can find out more about them by visiting shapefutures.com.au, or by contacting ANU's own Dr Natasha Szuhan, the SHAPE Futures Executive Committee's Officer for Insecure Employment: natasha.szuhan@anu.edu.au.

New ECR research calls for reimagining of common practices in line with sustainability values

In [a new article](#) in Sustainability Science, a group of ECRs have called attention to the opportunities for 'creative destruction' in the university sector, and especially in academia as an international practice, made possible by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 'Creative destruction in academia: a time to reimagine practices in alignment with sustainability values', Wassénus et al. write of the pressure to present and research in faraway places in a time of worsening climate change:

"We hope that academia, pushed forward by the scholars in it, takes this window of opportunity for creative destruction to radically reimagine and reorganize itself into a new phase where it can be both sustainable for people and the planet. We, therefore, hope that we will be a transitional generation who will use our values and discomfort to help reshape practices and change the status quo."

Exciting new additions to the Library collection

It has been five years since the devastating flood in the Chifley Library. Since that time, the ANU community have done incredible work to rebuild the collections, buildings and facilities. In the first semester of 2023 an enormous number of new resources have been made available through the ANU Library catalogue.

In addition to physical materials, the Library has replaced many resources in online format, enabling far greater discoverability and accessibility than was possible previously. Collections have not only been replaced, but improved. To see the full list of new titles and materials, [visit their website](#).

The ANU Library also continues to run industry-best training in core programs and skills, including EndNote and data management. Visit anulib.anu.edu.au/news-events/events-exhibitions for the full list of free upcoming courses.

68th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES)

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is the pre-eminent organisation promoting applied economics research and policy engagement in agricultural and resources industries. From February 6-9 2024, ANU will be hosting their 68th annual conference

The AARES 2024 Annual Conference will explore the grand challenges that are facing the Australasian region and beyond, such as biosecurity, climate change, environmental degradation, energy system transitions, and food security.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) invites submissions of (1) Contributed Papers and Posters, and proposals for (2) Special Sessions and (3) Pre-Conference Workshops by Monday 9 October 2023. Details about the call for submissions can be [accessed here](#).

The LOC is also seeking postgraduate volunteers to help at the conference, offering complimentary registration. If you or a student you know is interested in volunteering, please get in touch with LOC member, Helena Clayton: Helena.clayton@anu.edu.au.

EMCR funding, networking and competitions Women in Physics, Astro, and Engineering Annual Gala 2023

Join fellow Women* in Physics, Astro and Engineering for our second annual gala on Friday September 15th at 11:30am in Marie Reay Teaching center (superfloor). Come celebrate and network with your peers in an afternoon filled with insightful seminars, interactive sessions and a job fair. Not to mention delicious food!

The event is aimed at all those who identify as women in RSPHys, RSAA and CECC at the ANU, including academics, professional staff, PhD and Master's students. The event is also open to 3rd and 4th year undergraduates. It is an unrivalled opportunity for you to learn more about the reality of being a woman in leadership.

[Registration is essential and closes today!](#)

Events and opportunities



Webinar: Consumer engagement in research »

Wednesday 6 September – 10am-1pm

This webinar will delve into the world of consumer engagement and its significant impact on grant writing. Discover how involving consumers in the research process can lead to more meaningful, impactful, and successful grant applications. [Register here.](#)



Lost in Diagnosis: Navigating the communication challenge of misdiagnosis in women »

Thursday 7 September – 5:30pm

This ANU ECR-led event will feature an immersive and interactive discussion on the challenges women face when seeking diagnosis and the importance of communication in the

diagnostic encounter. [More info and free tickets here.](#)



Free public lecture: Nano-magnets for biomedicine »
Monday 11 September – 6pm-7pm

Tiny magnets that are one thousand times smaller than the width of a human hair are starting to be used in technologies all around us. Come along to hear how a theoretical physicist studies nano-magnets and what exciting problems are currently being solved. [Register here.](#)



Groupwork Workshop for College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics »
Wednesday 20 September – 1pm-3pm

In this two hour interactive workshop, explore how you can create new group work opportunities in your courses or level-up existing ones. [Register here.](#)



Lunch Vox #8: Inclusive and accessible learning experiences at ANU »
Monday 25 September – 12pm-1:30pm

To further explore and promote accessibility in higher education, hear from people who have navigated access barriers and discuss innovative approaches and best practices for creating an inclusive learning environment. [Register here.](#)

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