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Professor Anna Ryan appointed as Head of the Department of Medical Education:

The Professor Anna Ryan is appointed as the Head of the Department of Medical Education (DME). Professor Ryan's appointment follows an extensive global search and selection process. Professor Ryan is a medical doctor and holds a number of educational qualifications, including a PhD in medical education. She is ideally suited to this position given her contributions across the three core areas of the department - the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, Custom and Graduate programs, and medical education research.



Anna's expertise in medical education extends from medical students, junior doctors, and trainee education, through to continuing professional development for experienced clinicians. Anna has been working in the DME since 2009 and has taught across all years of the MD program. Since 2019, she has served as Director of Assessment, and throughout 2023, she served as Interim Head of the Department of Medical Education. She is an editorial board member of the leading journals *Advances in Health Sciences Education* and *Medical Education*, and a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Association for Health Professional Educators. Please join us in congratulating Anna and wishing her continued success in this role!

Themis Scheduled Outage:

There will be a scheduled outage whereby Themis will be unavailable from 8.30pm on Friday 19 January until 12.30pm on Sunday 21 January. During this period the team will be completing the 2023 notional cash and encumbrance carry-forward process.

Staff Commuting and Working from Home Survey:

Complete the commuting and work from home habits survey for your chance to win one of four \$65 Flora and Fauna eco-store gift vouchers!

The results of the survey will assist the Sustainability Strategy team to calculate the University's overall carbon emissions, determine how sustainable current practices are and direct efforts to encourage more sustainable practices.

[Enquiries](#) | [More information](#)

CaLD Researchers Network:

Facilitating medical research involving CaLD people and communities enables inclusion and diversity, improving health outcomes for everyone. We are seeking your interest in joining a network to bring together and grow the pool of CaLD researchers in MDHS.

Our network aims to:

- Build a community of researchers, providing collaborative professional development and mentoring.
- Encourage engagement of CaLD community links within the University and associated health and medical research institutes to enrich the pool of research participants.
- Highlight opportunities for CaLD researchers and research participants.

Please contact us to learn more and be part of this exciting project on CALD-net@unimelb.edu.au.

BreastScreen Australia Conference:

After a five years hiatus The BreastScreen Australia Conference is being re-launched on 13-15 March 2024 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

The conference will showcase key issues related to breast cancer screening, including:

- Engagement of target populations and what is working well nationally.
- Diagnosis of breast cancer and what is changing.
- Latest research.
- How data analysis is paving the way for screening and prevention.
- Recent outcomes and benefits of early diagnosis.

The program is directed towards radiologists, radiographers, nurses, surgeons, breast physicians, pathologists, health promotion workers, engagement specialists, marketing and quality officers, data managers, analysts and health policy professionals. [Please click here to learn more.](#)

Parkville Precinct GR Seminars:



Title: **'The use of neuroimaging to facilitate detection and management of atrial fibrillation'** by Dr Angelos Sharobeam.

- Fri 19 Jan 2024 @ 9am – 10am
- Ewing Lecture Theatre, Level 5, Clinical Sciences Building, RMH
- Zoom – [Link](#) / Password - 833192
- Enquiries: kmng@unimelb.edu.au
- Website: [Parkville Precinct GR Seminar Series](#)

2023 International Clinical Trial Collaborations - Round 2:

The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide grants of financial assistance to support Australian medical research and medical innovation projects:

- promote Australian involvement in international collaborative investigator-initiated clinical trials research through the establishment and co-ordination of clinical trial site/s in Australia.
- provide high-quality evidence of the effectiveness of novel health treatments, drugs or devices in 'usual care' settings, which will support a decision on whether to deliver the intervention in an Australian setting.

Timeline –

- 24 January 2024 - Draft application due to RIC for strategic review and compliance and eligibility check
- 5 February 2024 - Final application and Authority to Submit (ATS) Form submitted to RIC
- 7 February 2024 - Final application submitted to NHMRC via Sapphire

[More details.](#)

2023 Targeted Translation Research Accelerator - Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Mechanisms:

The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide grants of financial assistance to support Australian medical research and medical innovation projects that conduct small scale developmental projects that investigate the common pathophysiological mechanisms and pathways of disease or disease-related complications, focused on patients at higher risk of poor outcomes with:

- Topic A (Incubator): any type of diabetes, including atypical or mixed phenotypes.
- Topic B (Incubator): cardiovascular disease and type 1 diabetes.
- Topic C (Incubator): cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

This grant opportunity is intended to support early stage, small scale research projects that seek to assess the potential and feasibility of novel strategies to address critical or intractable health issues.

Timeline –

- 29 January 2024 - Work in Progress Review due
- 12 February 2024 - Submit final draft application including UoM CEO Letter of Support, to RIC for strategic review
- 19 February 2024 - Submit completed Authority to Participate form
- 19 February 2024 - Complete online application including attachments ready for compliance check
- 21 February 2024 - Receive signed UoM CEO Letter of Support and authorization from RIC to submit your application to the sponsor by 5pm
- 21 February 2024 - Application submitted to the Business Grants Hub portal

[More details.](#)

2023 Targeted Translation Research Accelerator - Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Drugs and Devices:

The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide grants of financial assistance to support Australian medical research and medical innovation projects that, through competitively selected national organization/s partnering with small to medium enterprises (SMEs), accelerate into practice promising drugs and devices focused on cardiovascular disease and the complications of diabetes (types 1 and 2).

- Topic A (Targeted Call for Research): drugs (preclinical and clinical development)
- Topic B (Targeted Call for Research): devices (including, but not restricted to, diagnostics).

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