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Research & Scholarship Activities: April and May 2026

Hybrid (DME Meeting Room N401) and Zoom: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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April Activities



Session Type: Research Focus Roundtable

Title: Leading Change in Medical Education: The National University of Singapore Transformation Story

Presenter: Dr Dujeepa Samarasekara (NUS, Singapore)

Overview: This session examines key principles of learning and assessment design reform, highlighting strategic alignment, innovation and faculty development. It explores Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore's strengths and contextual challenges, illustrating how these informed and shaped transformative, sustainable curricular and institutional change.



Thursday 2
April
(1-2pm)



No Roundtable



Thursday 9
April

Session Type: Scholarship Focus Roundtable

Title: HPE Selection in 2026: Current Practices, Outcomes & Future Directions.

Presenters: A/Prof Lyndal Parker-Newlyn (University of Wollongong); Associate Professor Jo Bishop (Bond University); Dr Tanmay Bagade (University of Newcastle)

Overview: This session brings together three expert voices—Jo Bishop (Bond University), Tanmay Bagade (University of Newcastle) and Lyndal Parker-Newlyn (University of Wollongong)—as they unpack their distinct approaches to selecting future medical students. From psychological aptitude testing to Multiple Skills & Personal Qualities Assessments, to the use of SJTs and portfolios, each speaker will share the research, rationale, benefits and challenges shaping their institution's model and we will engage in a discussion with attendees about where to next for selection?



Thursday 16
April
(1-2pm)



ANZAHPE Online Professional Development Event

Title: Bringing interprofessional education to life: Simulated IPE in Action

Presenters: Professor Margo Brewer + Panellists

[Register at this link](#)



Thursday 23
April
(1-2pm)



Session Type: PhD Candidate Confirmation

Title: Expertise in Simulation Debriefing: What does it look like and how is it developed?

Presenter: Nathan Oliver

Join via [this Zoom link](#) or using the following details Meeting ID: 81670332810 / Password: 725947



Monday 27
April (3pm)

	Session Type: Scholarship Focus Roundtable Title: Coaching to Support Self-Regulated Learning Presenters: Dr Svetlana King, Flinders University Overview: Academic coaching is a pedagogical approach designed to provide ongoing support for learners to develop SRL. This workshop draws on experiences of implementing academic coaching in two medical programs in Australia and the UK. It explores academic coaching principles that can support learners to longitudinally monitor their progress and development, building expertise in self-regulated learning and reflective practice. The session will include the opportunity to discuss ways in which academic coaching principles could be applied to participants' local contexts.		Thursday 30 April (1-2pm)
May Activities			
	Session Type: Research Focus Roundtable Title: Service Learning for Combating Public Health Issues, Building Socially Responsible Health Professionals and Sustainable Community Engagement in Pakistan Presenter: Prof. Rukhsana Ayub (National University of Medical Sciences, Pakistan) Overview: This presentation explores the pedagogical approach, public health outcomes, and practical strategies for integrating impactful service-learning into health professions curricula. It will share insights from a seven-year service-learning programme that mobilised over 100 health professions students across fifteen institutions to address iron deficiency anaemia in underserved Pakistani communities through screening, education, and clinical management, achieving significant improvements in women's knowledge and haemoglobin levels.		Thursday 7 May (1-2pm)
	Session Type: Research Training Focus Roundtable Title: Showcasing our Master of Clinical Education Students Presenter: Multiple Master of Clinical Education Students Overview: In this session you'll have the opportunity to hear from several of the DME Master of Clinical Education students about their research, derived from on-the-ground questions about why and how (and if) things work in health professions education.		Thursday 14 May (1-2pm)
	Session Type: Research Training Focus Roundtable Title: Cross Cultural Collaborations in Research (a Guide) Presenter: A/Prof. Anita Horvath (The University of Melbourne) Overview: Research programs are enhanced by incorporating cross cultural collaborations to ensure that research addresses not only the academic enquiry but also promotes equity, capacity building and mutual benefits. This session will explore both the challenges and opportunities that cross collaboration brings for shared learning, research relevance and equitable partnerships through insights gained in the establishment of the PRIME_Health project in Indonesia.		Thursday 21 May (1-2pm)
	Session Type: Research Training Focus Roundtable – <u>Extended Session</u> Title: Health Professions Education (HPE) PhD Works in Progress Presenter: HPE PhD Candidates - Julie Halton, Christina Olszewski, Patrick Bowers, Andrew Huang, Rachel Lim, Anisha Sandhu, Su May Koh, Christiaan Weitsz, Andrew Coggins Overview: This session provides MDHS PhD Candidates researching health professions education topics the opportunity to gain experiences talking about their research in a concise way, and to discuss, troubleshoot and gain insights from the audience discussion.		Thursday 28 May (1-3pm)

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