From the Associate Dean (Research)

I have a sense of energy and excitement as I write to you through the HUB newsletter. I recognise this is partly because it is research week and we have two prestigious Visiting Scholars with us. I do hope you are able to find the time to attend their presentations or have an opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with them. But the excitement is also because we are moving closer to the appointment of a new Associate Professor/Professor in Ageing and the creation of a post-doctoral scholarship in Ageing. As you are aware, Dr Trish Mitchell and I, have embarked on a series of meetings with key organisations within the Aged Care Sector to explore the possibility of joint funding the post-doctoral scholarship. We have been met with enthusiasm, agreement in principle and a desire to use this exercise to develop meaningful collaborative partnerships in teaching and research in the future.

Another initiative that has the potential to increase our research performance is the formalisation of the research mentoring sub-committee. The inaugural coordinator of this sub-committee is Dr. Ian Blackman. He and the committee are currently planning a mentoring workshop for the academic members of the school and an information package to be given to all new academic staff. The workshop will be held on the 28th of November 2005. I am sure if you have any ideas that might contribute to the day that they would be pleased to hear from you. Also please put the Research Summit date in your diary, it is the 29th of November 2005. A previous initiative that came from the Dean, Ms Linda Saunders is the release of staff from a fortnight of teaching commitments to write for publication. It has come to my attention that some of you have found it difficult to capitalise on this offer. If you have not taken advantage of the offer yet, my understanding is that it is possible to take it this coming semester. My advice is to start planning for it immediately and begin your negotiations with your supervisor now. It is imperative that the school increases its DEST publications so I do hope you find a way to take advantage of the offer.

There are of course other research initiatives happening throughout the school and several grant applications have been submitted to funding bodies. While too many to name here, I would like, in closing, to thank all of you for your efforts to increase the research activity and productivity of the School of Nursing & Midwifery and I look forward to an exciting second semester.

Dr Jan Paterson

What’s NEW in the HUB?

New faces in the Hub...
We would like to welcome Wendy Green who will join the Hub as an Administrative Assistant Research and will be available for research support to all School’s staff and postgraduate students.
Wendy Green is replacing Julie Nixon who is going to undertake another position as a Project Officer for Jan Paterson’s new project.

Mentoring Research Program
The research oriented mentoring scheme in the School has begun to take shape! At the last Group’s meeting, it was agreed to establish a Mentoring Committee as a sub-committee of the School’s Research Committee. Membership of the Mentoring Committee consist of Dr Ian Blackman (Coordinator), Dr Julie Henderson, Ms Heather James, Dr Steve Parker and Ms Gina Kasprzyk (Administrative support).
The program of the scheme, which is currently under the development will be launched at the one-day Mentoring Workshop on the 28th of November 2005. All Academic Staff and Higher Degree students will be invited to attend the workshop.
Translating services
The HUB now maintains a list of contacts that provide translating services. If you require these services for any of your projects or other research activities, please contact the HUB.

Transcribing services
We have recently updated the list of people interested in providing transcribing services. Please contact the HUB if you are in need of these services.

We would like to maintain the Hub Newsletter as a forum for sharing information about the research activities undertaken in the School. If you have recently been involved in any research activities or services that you would like highlighted, please send information about them to the HUB for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Research activities

Congratulations
In the March edition of the Hub Newsletter we informed you that Dr Anne Hofmeyer (the graduate of the School and the former member of the School’s Academic staff) has been awarded a Canadian Post Doctoral Fellowship.
In addition to this, Dr Hofmeyer has been awarded a provincial 2005 Alberta Heritage Foundation Medical Research (AHFRM) Health Research Career Renewal Award, for the period of two years.
Please visit http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/ for more information about the Foundation and the award.
If you would like to learn about Anne's recent professional achievements you can visit Anne's web site: http://www.nursing.ualberta.ca/homepage.nsf/name/HofmeyerAnne

Congratulations to Paul Bennett and his multi-disciplinary group!
The group, researching exercise in dialysis patients at Hampstead Dialysis Unit, was awarded the 2005 Amgen Australia / Renal Society of Australasia Renal Research Grant of $4,000 at the recent Renal Society of Australasia National Conference. The team is exploring Quality of Life, functionality, mobility and nutritional parameters in dialysis patients who undergo exercise programs.
The group’s members are:
Paul Bennett, Flinders University,
Leo Breugelmans, Nurse Manager Hampstead Dialysis Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital,
Carol Wegener, Registered Nurse Hampstead Dialysis Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital,
Megan Agius, Registered Nurse Hampstead Dialysis Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital,
Reuben Vanderzalm, Exercise Physiologist Hampstead Dialysis Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital,
Bob Barnard, Exercise Physiologist Hampstead Dialysis Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital,
Kathy Simpson, Dietitian Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Congratulations to Professor Charlotte de Crespigny!
The abstract of Charlotte’s 2002 publication: 'Double jeopardy: disadvantage and drug problems', Australian Journal of Primary Health, vol. 8, no. 1, pp. 70-76, has been included in the CSA Sociological Abstracts Database.
CSA is the worldwide information company, serving as a guide to researchers to help them be more effective in their work by enabling and expediting discovery, aiding the management and organization of quality information and providing tools to assist in its subsequent dissemination.
For more information about the profile of the Company, its products and support please refer to: http://www.csa.com/aboutcsa/company.php

Congratulations to Meri King, coordinator of the Diabetes Management and Education course. Her success at educating primary health care providers has led to an improvement in the dissemination of services to remote communities around Broken Hill. Recent graduates of the Diabetes course included primary health care workers from the Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation. They will now work with registered nurses to provide services in this remote area. Meri is hoping to secure funding to extend the local partnership model into other communities.

Research events
School's Research Week
This year Research Week will start on the 4th of July. The program of this five day event features presentations by Professor Christine Norton and Dr Sean Clarke, both of whom are Visiting Scholars, and by some of the higher degree students including Kath Peter’s final presentation.
Associated sessions include a Methodology Workshop and seminars entitled “Applying for Ethics Approval” and “Critical Thinking and the Thesis”. On Tuesday and Friday afternoon higher degree students will have the opportunity to meet with PhD/MSc supervisors.
Research Week activities will be held in room N416.

School’s Honours Program
This report indicates Honours activities between February and June 2005.
Six current nursing and midwifery Honours students were awarded 2005 Faculty and School of Nursing and Midwifery Honours Scholarships. Faculty awardees were:
Visiting Scholars
In July the School will host two Visiting Scholars:

Dr Sean Clarke, Associate Director, Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, will visit our School from the 29th of June to the 8th July. Dr Clark will present at the School’s Research Week addressing the issues of nursing outcomes research and the future shape of nursing.

Professor Christine Norton, Burdett Professor of Gastrointestinal Nursing, Kings College, will visit our School from 4th of July to 21st of July. During this time, Professor Norton will give a presentation on building research capacity during the School’s Research Week. She will also be involved in other teaching and research events at the School and at the General Repatriation Hospital.

Both of the Visiting Scholars will make themselves available for the School’s Academic Staff and Higher Degree Students to discuss common teaching or research interests. For more information and to arrange an appointment please contact Ms Jenny Rickards on 8201 3468.

Critical Reviewer Group members wait for you!
Those researchers in the school who are considering writing a new publication or starting work on a research project, are encouraged to approach members of the Critical Reviewer Group. Members of this Group are happy to assist you with your publications, grant proposals or reports.

For your convenience, please find the names of people who volunteered themselves as the reviewers so far:

Dr Martin Caon
Professor Charlotte de Crespigny
Ms Jenny Donovan
Dr Paul Drew

Dr Pauline Glover
Ms Lyn Gum
Ms Alison Hutton
Ms Heather James
Dr Jackie Jones
Dr Lindy King
Dr Trish Mitchell
Dr Jan Paterson
Dr Steve Parker
Dr Trudy Rudge
Ms Linda Saunders

New members are still welcome to join the group.

Editorial services
Dr Pauline Glover is a member of the scientific committee for the 27th International Confederation of Midwives Congress titled Pathway to Healthy Nations to be held in Brisbane in July 2005. The scientific committee consisted of seven members of the College and they, along with a small international review panel, double blind reviewed over 1200 abstracts. The final program has some 600 papers included and the congress already has over 2000 registrants. It promises to be a fantastic event!

Grant/Funding Opportunities
A word from our Research Associate
Dr Julie Henderson

The theme of the last three months has been consolidation of some the research groups and projects that are currently in place. Two of the research groups arising from last years summit, the primary health care group and evidence based group have identified research projects and are working them up. The education group or CHERN is yet to meet to decide on a project. There are also a number of individual and group research projects being worked up for funding over the next few months, including internal competitive grants.

We are also seeing some results from the School’s publishing initiative (SPI) in terms of increased publications. I am in the process of establishing a database so that we can monitor the outcomes of SPI leave. Please let me know about any publications rising from SPI leave to ensure that you can access funding again.

I recently attended a grant writing workshop in Sydney, which identified a number of opportunities for funding
for program grants. I am planning to establish a searchable database listing these opportunities in the next month or so. This will be available to all Hub staff who may be able to help you identify funding opportunities.

Grant opportunities

Queensland Government, Queensland Health
Rural Scholarship Scheme ($5,800 - $7,000)
Closing date: Any time
Office of Rural Health, Tel: + 61 (0) 7 4624 2880 Fax: + 61 (0) 74624 2888 Email: QHRSS@health.qld.gov.au
Office of Rural Health, PO Box 1006, Roma, QLD 4455

Gawler Council Community Donations Program
Each year, Gawler Council allocates a proportion of rates income to the Community Grants Program. The aim of this program is to encourage and assist projects which will benefit the residents of Gawler. Projects should contribute positively in one or more of the following categories:
Health / Wellness
Recreation / Sport
Community development
Arts / Culture
Environment
A maximum of $1000 is allocated per grant.
Applications should be made on the prescribed application form, and should be submitted by October.

Contact details:
Manager, Community Services
Town of Gawler
Phone: 08 8522 9236
Fax: 08 8522 9212
claire.taylor@gawler.sa.gov.au

Mental Illness Research Grants
The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) invites applications from individuals or research teams in clinical or public health fields for grants in support of research projects. Research projects are funded on a one year basis. However, applicants may seek additional funding on an annual basis for the duration of a multi-year research project. The maximum annual value of funding available is $60,000.
Closing date: 12 August 2005.

Mitcham Community Development Grants
Through its Community Development Grants, the City of Mitcham provides the opportunity for community groups and organisations to participate in and contribute to the community and cultural life of the City by developing projects/programs/activities which are innovative and offer a different approach to meeting community needs.

Veteran & Community Grants
Veteran & Community Grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran and ex-service community through activities or services that maintain and/or enhance well being. These grants focus on the delivery of funding through two streams: In-Home Support and Community Support, with healthy lifestyle issues a fundamental component of the streams.

Veteran & Community Grants provide funding for projects that address the needs of members of the veteran and ex-service communities through a range of support initiatives. This may be through:
- promotion of health issues & healthy lifestyles;
- supporting quality independent living at home;
- encouraging involvement in community activities;
- support for carers; and
- reducing social isolation.

There are three funding rounds each financial year in March, July and October.

Neuro-Oncology Nursing research Grant
2006 - ONS Foundation Small Grant Funding
Deadline October 1st 2005
One grant of $10 000 will be awarded to a project in which the principal investigator is involved in oncology research. Funding preference is given to projects that involve nurses in the research activity ad
that promote oncology nursing theory and a scientific approach.

Applicants are required to have a Phd. For more information go to: http://www.ons.org/awards/foundawards/smallGrants.shtml

Cancer Public Education Projects
Supported by the Oncology Nursing Society
Two grants of $2,500 will be awarded to projects which enhance the public's knowledge and awareness of cancer prevention, detection, and treatment modalities. The candidate must be an RN and have an interest in and commitment to oncology nursing. The major focus of the project should be some aspect of cancer public education.
Application Deadline: December 1, 2005
http://www.ons.org/awards/foundawards/publicprojects.shtml

Additional funding opportunities for oncology researchers can be found at: http://www.ons.org/

The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Awards
Announcing the 2005 APSAD Awards for Outstanding Contribution to Research and Practice. APSAD are calling for nominations for the APSAD Awards in two categories: the Early Career Award and Senior Scientist Award. The Award details and nomination form are available from the APSAD website, under ‘Domestic Events’.

Nominations are due by 30 August and the awards will be presented at the APSAD Conference in Melbourne, 6-9 November 2005.

For further information about the awards: www.apsad.org.au
For further information about the conference: www.apsadconference.com.au

Timetable for ARC linkage-projects
2005 round 2 (includes Fellowships and Postgraduate Awards)
(Funding commencing 2006)
The Funding Rules, Draft Funding Contract and Instructions to Applicants are available on the ARC website at:
If you intend to submit an ARC Linkage-Project application or would like to discuss any aspect of the submission process please contact Melissa Hills, telephone 8201 2045, email mel.hills@flinders.edu.au

Round 2
Closing date for eligibility and exemption request to Office of Research
Friday, 14th of October 2005
Closing date for applications
Friday 25th November 2005

Current NHMRC Funding Opportunities

NHMRC Development Grants
The NHMRC Development Grant Scheme aims to:
• Support the development of health and medical research that has commercial potential and which has the potential to benefit the Australian Community.
• Provide funding for research commercialisation at the early proof-of-concept stage
There will be two rounds of applications in 2005. Round 1 applications close 2 February 2005. Round 2 applications open on 1 June 2005 and close on 1 August 2005. The internal closing date for Round 2 is 25 July 2005.

More information, including the scheme guidelines and application forms can be found on the NHMRC website: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research/grants/devgrant.htm

Institute Funded Grants
The Flinders Institute for Health and Medical Research offers a range of grants to its members. The links will become active when the grants are open.

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Research Student Maintenance (RSM)

Allows for some funds to help support a higher degree student. These must be applied for by the student.

Current students: 5pm Friday 12 November 2004
New Students: Within 4 months of commencement

Competitive Research Grants (incorporating Flinders Small Grants)
Next round June 2005

Competitive Infrastructure and Strategic Programs
12 November 2004

Large Equipment
Early 2005


Internal deadlines
Grant applications for signing and forwarding to external agencies must be received by the Office of Research by their internal deadlines. These are in the advertisements that come from both the Office of Research and our Research Hub.

Grant/project infrastructure checklist and procedure for submitting grant applications
The HUB has produced a checklist to assist researchers when they are considering infrastructure needs for grant requests. A copy of the checklist is attached to the back of this newsletter. An outline of the procedure for submitting grant applications is also attached.

Tips for completing writing projects on time
If you are experiencing difficulty in this area we may be able to help. We have two articles on this topic available for perusal. The first is entitled: “Extensive Writing Projects: Tips for completing on time” by Marilyn Oermann (Nurse Author & Editor Vol 9 (1) Winter 1999) and the second is by Fiona Jones and is entitled “How to succeed in Research” (The Psychologist, Vol 13 (6)June 2000). Please contact us to arrange a copy.

2005 Publications

Recently published articles


Other recent publication


Articles in print


Recent and future conference presentations and posters


Conference participation


School’s Publishing Initiative (SPI)
The intention of the initiative is to assist the School’s academic staff with their publishing activities. All academic staff members are invited to take two weeks SPI “timeout” per semester to write peer reviewed papers.
Process:
In order to establish this time the following steps should be taken.
• negotiation of the timeframe with your supervisor;
• coverage of teaching and other commitments negotiated with your supervisor; and
• space made in your diary for a dedicated commitment to the SPI during these two weeks.
Further, SPI leave will be depend upon demonstrable outcomes from the previous SPI.

Expected outcomes:
Level B completion of the draft of the article
Level C completion of the article ready for submission
Level D & E completion of two articles ready for submission.

At the end of the period of SPI leave contact should be made with Julie Henderson, the Research Associate, who will act as facilitator of this initiative. She will coordinate any mentoring with your nominated supervisor, mentor or critical friend and/or editorial assistance required to complete the paper. If the article is ready for submission it can be lodged with Julie Henderson who will ensure that it is sent on to the journal of your choice.

All staff are strongly encouraged to participate in this initiative

SONM Student publications
This is a message for all of the Academic Staff. If you know about any publications prepared or submitted by nursing students please let us know so we can track them for inclusion in our annual publication data collection for 2005.
The initial contact person for this matter is Dr Lindy King. Lindy, with the Hub assistance, is the patron of an informal network established to assist students with their potential publications.