

## WELCOME to this edition of ANU Agent News!

The newsletter is available exclusively to ANU agents at:

[http://info.anu.edu.au/studyat/International\\_Office/getting\\_in/agents/index.asp](http://info.anu.edu.au/studyat/International_Office/getting_in/agents/index.asp)

New issues will be available regularly and will contain information that is directly relevant to you and your work in representing the ANU. So please visit the site as often as possible for the most up to date news about Australia's National University.

### FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK

The Australian National University has recently marked a milestone in our evolution from developing research leaders to developing leaders.

Founded as primarily as a research institution and training ground for Australia's future research leaders, it wasn't until 1960 that ANU enrolled its first undergraduate students.

With our distinctive research-led education and unique status as Australia's national university, ANU has attracted many of Australia's brightest young minds over the past 48 years.

Like our researchers and educators, many of our alumni have gone on to make an outstanding contribution to the nation, and indeed the world. ANU can count among its alumni the CEO of an internationally renowned museum, 14 Australian ambassadors, business leaders and journalists of distinction.

On 24 November 2007, for the first time an alumnus was elected Prime Minister of Australia. Along with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, and his wife, businesswoman Thérèse Rein, eight other members of the Ministry are ANU alumni. This is testament to the talent we have had the privilege to nurture over the years.

We have just finished welcoming the latest intake of new students to our campus. Among them will be future leaders in research, in education, in business and in public life. The nurturing of their talent is essential to ANU meeting the vision of our founders to take its place among the great universities and help Australia align itself with the enlightened nations of the world.



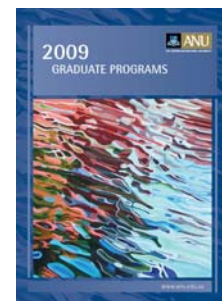
### 2009 GRADUATE PROGRAMS GUIDE

The 2009 Graduate Programs Guide has arrived – and we hope you find it a useful and informative 'snapshot' of ANU's extensive postgraduate offerings!

The purpose of this publication is to provide prospective students with an overview of all postgraduate study opportunities at ANU, covering both research and graduate coursework. Although it is an overview, the publication still provides more than enough information for students who ask the questions 'Does ANU offer what I want?', 'Am I eligible?' and 'Where can I find out more?'.

It will enable any ANU staff member or agent to respond with authority to any initial graduate study enquiry and provide a point of referral to deeper, second-tier information.

Copies should now be at your offices... So don't forget to throw out the old guides, and we look forward to feedback on the new!



## 'AGENT MANAGER' SAVES DOLLARS – AND MAKES SENSE



The ANU Admissions Office is committed to continuous service improvement – and the latest innovation to ensure this is the rollout of *ANU Agent Manager*, the latest generation of *ANU Apply Online*.

This online application portal has improved the turnaround time for student applications, as well as the accuracy of communications and documentation.

Malcolm Bullock, Senior Business Analyst in ANU's Student Business Solutions area, has outlined the key areas that *ANU Agent Manager* has streamlined the online application process:

### **COST**

*Free:* Quite simply and unequivocally, no application fee is being charged. So that's one less cost incurred by prospective students.

### **SPEED**

*24 Hour Upload:* That's all it takes, from the lodgement of an application by an agent, to receipt by ANU Admissions staff.

*Paperless:* No supporting documentation needs to be faxed or couriered to ANU – everything just needs to be scanned, uploaded and submitted electronically.

### **RELIABILITY & EFFICIENCY**

*Just One Login:* No more logging in with numerous student email identifiers – agents will have one login and password, for every application, every time.

*Guaranteed Receipt:* There are no misplaced applications, and no lost mail or emails.

*Online Tracking:* Want updates about an applicant's status? The online application tracking facility can tell you this, without the need to contact the Admissions Office.

Contact [Malcolm.Bullock@anu.edu.au](mailto:Malcolm.Bullock@anu.edu.au) to discuss trialling ANU Agent Manager today.

## GRADUATE STUDIES SELECT

### A Flexible and Innovative New Study Option

Graduate Studies Select is a new option for postgraduate studies at ANU. It recognises that graduate students have a range of professional and personal needs that cannot always be met by following a program of study in a single academic discipline. Entry to the program requires either a Bachelor Degree or equivalent recognition of prior learning. Students are able to select subjects from an extensive range of multi-disciplinary graduate subjects, and subjects can also be tailored for groups in organisations with specific needs. Some subjects are offered externally (online); some are intensive, offered fulltime over a period of a few weeks; others follow the traditional university structure involving weekly lectures and tutorials.

Graduate Studies Select allows people to structure studies and direct their learning in a way that meets academic, personal and professional interests. The program also enables people to develop skills and expertise in a wide range of learning areas. For example, a student could construct a program of study comprising courses in art history, environmental science, finance and management.

A suite of new academic awards has been created for the Graduate Studies Program. While ALL students are admitted to the **Master of Studies**, they can elect to take out the **Diploma of Graduate Studies** or the **Certificate of Graduate Studies** if earlier completion is preferred.

All graduate subjects which can be included in study leading to one of these awards have been categorised as **transitional**, **advanced** or **specialist**.

The **Certificate of Graduate Studies** will be available to students who successfully complete 24 units of postgraduate subjects.

The **Diploma of Graduate Studies** will be available to students who successfully complete 36 units of postgraduate subjects, including a minimum of 12 units from courses in the Advanced and/or Specialist subjects.

The **Master of Studies** will be available to students who successfully complete 48 units of postgraduate subjects, including a minimum of 24 units from subjects in the advanced and/or specialist categories.

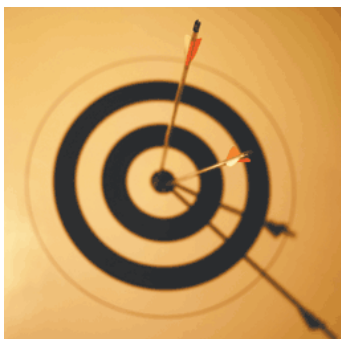
Restrictions on the number of transitional subjects that can be taken for the Diploma of Graduate Studies and Master of Studies are designed to ensure that students acquire a breadth and depth of knowledge and skills.

Admission is open throughout the year, and commencement will depend on individual course choice.

Further information is available from the Graduate Education Unit at ANU where an Academic Adviser, Dr Anna Robinson, has been specifically appointed to assist students with study plans; and a Corporate Liaison Officer, Ms Priscilla Wadham, has been appointed to assist with tailored course development.

For further information go to the ANU website: [http://studyat.anu.edu.au/graduate\\_studies.html](http://studyat.anu.edu.au/graduate_studies.html) or contact [Anna.Robinson@anu.edu.au](mailto:Anna.Robinson@anu.edu.au) / [Priscilla.Wadham@anu.edu.au](mailto:Priscilla.Wadham@anu.edu.au).

## NEW! BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



The ANU College of Business and Economics is offering an undergraduate program in Business Administration, to start in Semester 1 2009.

The BBA equips students with core skills in business, management and leadership. It caters for students whose senior secondary studies have included a variety of areas such as Language, History, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Economics, Business or Science.

The BBA also allows students to choose a major from the different disciplines offered by the ANU College of Business and Economics, such as Accounting, Business IT, Finance, International Business, Management and Marketing, or from any other area across the University.

## NEW MENTORING PROGRAM FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR LAW STUDENTS

The ANU College of Law's CHAT mentoring scheme is a new initiative where small groups of first-year Law students will be paired with a later-year student to assist them to adjust and familiarise themselves with studying Law at ANU.

The scheme, which was launched at the Law School's Welcome BBQ with an address from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb, also matches students with two staff mentors.

The CHAT mentoring scheme runs in parallel with the University's long-established SIGN Mentoring Program, which gives all new students the chance to be mentored by a later-year student from the same discipline area.

[http://law.anu.edu.au/Undergraduate/CHAT\\_mentoring.asp](http://law.anu.edu.au/Undergraduate/CHAT_mentoring.asp)

[http://info.anu.edu.au/studyat/International\\_Office/SIGN/index.asp](http://info.anu.edu.au/studyat/International_Office/SIGN/index.asp)



## MORE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PATHWAYS

After several years offering the highly successful *ANU Access English* (the direct-entry English program), ANU College has introduced a new English pathway designed especially for prospective Foundation Studies students – *Pathway to Foundation (English for Academic Purposes)*.

Not every student manages to achieve the required IELTS on their first attempt, and both ANU College and ANU recognise that taking successive IELTS examinations can be a daunting and stressful experience for many prospective students.

This 15-week program is open to any student who has an IELTS of 5.0 (with at least 4.5 in each band) or a TOEFL IBT score of 64 (TWE 18) (or the equivalent CBT or PBT scores) and intends to enter ANU Foundation Studies. At the end of the program, and subject to passing at 60% or above, students do not need to take an IELTS or TOEFL examination before entering foundation.

[www.anucollege.com.au/Programs/PathwayToFoundation.shtml](http://www.anucollege.com.au/Programs/PathwayToFoundation.shtml)

## SPOTLIGHT ON... BIOTECHNOLOGY

### Be at the cutting edge of new technologies

Biotechnology is an exciting and varied field of study, presenting graduates with a wide range of professional and academic opportunities. Offered at undergraduate, postgraduate coursework and research levels, ANU's Biotechnology programs equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to establish careers in industry, and both private and government laboratories. In addition, other career opportunities exist as a patent attorney or in policy planning areas relating to gene technology regulation and therapeutic goods administration.



As a research-intensive university, ANU Biotechnology researchers are currently exploring a diverse range of fascinating subjects in the field. Current projects include plant biotechnology such as using bees as models for biologically inspired autonomous vehicle navigation and image processing, medical diagnostic technologies such as glaucoma testing and the search for new pharmaceuticals ranging from antimalarials to drugs that inhibit inflammation and the spread of cancer. Researchers are also working on identifying genes responsible for particular diseases, investigating new drug targets for nematodes parasitic in humans and animals and the legal handling of biotechnology issues such as intellectual property and "Open Source Biotechnology".

As well as meeting the usual entry requirements for ANU College of Science undergraduate programs, applicants to the **Bachelor of Biotechnology** should have some background in chemistry. Undergraduate students may select half of their courses to focus on medical, plant, chemical or environmental biotechnology and also have the opportunity to select courses with a specific research focus. Students who complete a fourth Honours year open up the pathway to postgraduate research in a PhD.

At the postgraduate level, the **Master of Biotechnology** is a one-year coursework program, and includes intensive practical training in cutting edge methodologies and the creation and writing of a research proposal. There is also an opportunity for high-achieving students to include short research projects into their program. Admission requirements for the Master of Biotechnology are a bachelor degree incorporating biology, with some experience in cellular and molecular biology and an average score of at least 65% in relevant courses. Students who achieve good results in the Master of Biotechnology may spend an additional year of research to convert to the Master of Biotechnology (Honours).

The **Graduate Certificate of Biotechnology** is a six-month full-time coursework program and may be used as a pathway to the Master of Biotechnology.

One of the greatest advantages of studying a field like biotechnology at The Australian National University is that all students, whether undergraduate or postgraduate, are studying under world-class academics at the forefront of some of the most exciting technological advances of our time.

## EXTRA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ANU

### Partial Fee Scholarships from Engineering, Computer Science, Business and Economics

In addition to a number of scholarships offered centrally by ANU, some ANU Colleges offer additional scholarships of various amounts to international students.

The **ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS)** currently offers 10 scholarships of A\$10,000 to high-achieving international undergraduate students enrolled in engineering or computer science degrees. At the postgraduate level, there are a number of scholarships for CECS students ranging from A\$1,500 to A\$5,000.

The **ANU College of Business and Economics (CBE)** offers up to 10 scholarships each year for commencing international undergraduate students in their single or combined degree programs. The CBE College International Merit Scholarship for Commencing Students is valued at 50% of the full-time tuition fees for a bachelor degree program for one year (two semesters). Similar scholarships are also available for 2nd and 3rd year continuing students to reward consistently high results.

Students should be aware that scholarship awards at the University are very competitive and if an application is unsuccessful, it should not be taken as an indictment on the quality of the student... Simply being offered a place at Australia's number one university is proof enough that a student is of the highest calibre!

For further information on these scholarships and more please see the following sites:

ANU College of Business and Economics [www.cbe.anu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.cbe.anu.edu.au/scholarships)

ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science [www.cecs.anu.edu.au/students/future](http://www.cecs.anu.edu.au/students/future)

ANU general scholarships information [www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships](http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships)

## JACKIE CHAN OPENS MEDICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION CENTRE AT ANU



Jackie Chan with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and ANU Professor Judith Whitworth  
Photo: Julie Macklin, JCSMR

International movie star Jackie Chan today opened the Jackie Chan Science Centre, part of the new John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) building at ANU.

In 2006 Mr Chan made a generous donation to JCSMR that funded the eponymous centre, which showcases the past success stories – including two Nobel prizes – and ongoing work of one of Australia's premier medical research facilities.

"Jackie has a strong commitment to the education of young people and to provide them with opportunities that were not available to him when he was a child," said JCSMR Director Professor Judith Whitworth.

"It was an easy call for us to use this donation to help establish a dedicated Jackie Chan Science Centre as part of the public area of the new JCSMR Building, which will showcase our history, current science, and provide viewing

windows into laboratories."

Mr Chan's relationship with ANU extends back to 2002, when he made an initial donation for cancer research in memory of his mother and long-time Canberra resident Ms Lee Lee Chan.

The Jackie Chan Science Centre is designed to inspire the next generation of Australian scientists by giving them an insight into the past success stories and current research at JCSMR.

Initially consisting of a number of descriptive panels and windows into working laboratories, the Jackie Chan Science Centre will continue to develop as a place of discovery for budding researchers.

Part of ANU, JCSMR is Australia's national medical research institute. It was created in 1948 as a result of the vision of Australian Nobel Laureate Howard Florey and Prime Minister John Curtin.

## STUDENT PROFILE: AMANDA LEE (SINGAPORE)

### What made study at ANU the perfect choice for Amanda Lee?

For Amanda Lee from Singapore, studying at ANU provides exactly the right mix of academia, lifestyle, friends and environment, so that she feels her Australian educational experience is made truly unique. "Initially, it was the acclaim and prestige of ANU that drew my attention – coupled with the conducive study environment of Canberra," says Amanda. "I also felt that, unlike some other Australian institutions, ANU would not be thronged by my fellow countrymen and women – rather there would be a great balance between Singaporean and Australian students, which would then enhance the cross-cultural opportunities."

While she is a student in ANU's Gender, Sexuality and Culture and Religious Studies majors, Amanda has a keen eye for the visual – her favourite part about Canberra is its focus on 'space'. "The wide-open campus and stately, distinguished buildings really made an impression on me. I've been so used to sharp lines, metal and skyscrapers, that I felt Canberra to be so refreshing... A perfect choice for someone like me!"

*Amanda Lee, Class of 2009, is studying the Bachelor of Arts (Gender, Sexuality and Culture and Religious Studies majors) in the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences.*



## IN BRIEF...



Rohan and Nathan – new to ANU Student Recruitment and International

*New application fee:* ANU College has implemented a *new application fee (AUD \$165)*, which is to be paid at the time of application lodgement.

*Student Homestay Agreements (SHA):* These should be completed, signed and dispatched to ANU College at the same time as applications for Homestay accommodation.

<http://www.anucollege.com.au/services/accommodation.shtml>

*Farewell:* After eight-years of dedicated service, Ms Barbara Ryan has retired from ANU College. We wish Barbara well in her retirement, and welcome Ken Madej, who is the new Head of Program (Administration).

*Welcome:* After periods spent working in the ANU College of Business and Economics and ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, Mr Rohan McCarthy and Mr Nathan Burke have joined ANU Student Recruitment and

International as the 'Co-ordinator, International Recruitment' and 'International Recruitment Officer' respectively. Both Rohan and Nathan have eagerly embraced their new roles – and the challenges and exciting times ahead!

## HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

Just as we endeavour to keep our agents informed about changes within the University, it is very important that we know about changes in the offices of our agents.

So that we can continue to enjoy open lines of communication, please be sure to update us with any changes to your office structures and especially your contact details.

All updates should be sent to [Claire.Hughes@anu.edu.au](mailto:Claire.Hughes@anu.edu.au).

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