

Announcing the awardees of the 2021 High-achieving Researchers Scheme

Further to the recent communication announcing this inaugural scheme (Research Weekly 9/08/2021), Research Theme Leaders are delighted to announce the successful awardees.

Research Theme Leaders developed the High-achieving Researchers Scheme to recognise researchers who have demonstrated high achievement based on the research performance metrics of those who self-identified in RAS within the Health, Natural and Built Environments, Society and Culture, and/or Securing Digital Futures Research Themes.

Awards have been allocated to early-mid career and senior researchers who demonstrated strong research achievement within each of the Themes. This scheme rewards and recognises researchers who have produced high-quality research outputs or attracted substantial and consistent external research funding over 2018-2020. A further category was awarded in the Society and Culture Research Theme for strong non-traditional research output performance to recognise excellence in creative arts research. Professor Neil Drew was the recipient of a special award in recognition of generating the highest external research income of all those who self-identified within a Theme.

A total of \$45,000 will be awarded to recipients through 18 individual grants of \$2,500. This scheme will develop the research capacity of ECU's Research Themes by enabling high-achieving researchers to undertake further research activities or professional development.

Please note that members of ECU Strategic Research Institutes or Centres were excluded from this funding opportunity, as Institutes and Centres already receive research funding to support the research activities of their members.

The awards have been summarised below. Congratulations to the selected high-achieving researchers.

	High-quality research	External research income
HEALTH		
Level A-C	Dr Lauren FORTINGTON <i>School of Medical and Health Sciences</i>	Dr Johnny LO <i>School of Science</i>
Level D-E	Professor Sophia NIMPHIUS <i>School of Medical and Health Sciences</i>	Professor Beth ARMSTRONG <i>School of Medical and Health Sciences</i>
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NATURAL & BUILT ENVIRONMENTS		
Level A-C	Dr Mohammad IRANMANESH <i>School of Business and Law</i>	Dr Melanie BLANCHETTE <i>School of Science</i>
Level D-E	Professor Hongqi SUN <i>School of Engineering</i>	Professor Glenn HYNDES <i>School of Science</i>
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SECURING DIGITAL FUTURES		
Level A-C	Dr Xuequn WANG <i>School of Business and Law</i>	Dr Syed ISLAM <i>School of Science</i>
Level D-E	Associate Professor Ferry JIE <i>School of Business and Law</i>	Associate Professor Martin MASEK <i>School of Science</i>
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SOCIETY & CULTURE		
Level A-C	Dr Jun WEN <i>School of Business and Law</i>	Dr Shane ROGERS <i>School of Arts and Humanities</i>
Level D-E	Professor Denise JACKSON <i>School of Business and Law</i>	Professor Dawn Penney <i>School of Education</i>
		Professor Neil DREW <i>Kurongkurl Katitjin</i>
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SOCIETY & CULTURE Non-journal research outputs		
Level A-E	Dr Lindsay VICKERY <i>WAAPA</i>	

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