

Editorial

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The Faculty Research Day is a one-day conference, taking place on 7th December 2021. The purpose of the conference is to celebrate the diversity and richness of doctoral research within the Faculty, and to support our doctoral researchers' scholarly and career development by providing a supportive and engaging environment to develop research ideas, potential contributions and future personal career goals.

Our doctoral community is a vibrant, diverse group of international doctoral researchers. Doctoral provision within the Faculty consists of two distinct pathways – PhD and Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA). Our PhD researchers are predominately studying a full-time programme, which are mostly suitable for individuals who would like to undertake their research studies shortly after completion of their undergraduate or postgraduate degree. Whilst our DBA researchers study part-time, and are already have management experience, and are looking to create a significant contribution to professional practice through their research.

The ability to share both PhD and DBA research experience is an integral aspect to the Faculty Research Day, and provides a valuable platform for individuals to exchange their ideas, present their research findings, display their work in progress and discuss advances in the area of Research methodology within the Business and Law faculty domain. It provides an important opportunity for researchers and practitioners to come together to share their experiences in this varied field.

The day will be opened with a keynote presentation by Professor Rowena Murray, University of West Scotland (UWS), who will be speaking on “*How to write your thesis and then a Q&A for surviving the VIVA*”. After the keynote speaker, there will be poster presentations from both PhD and DBA researchers. Each presentation will be ten minutes in duration, followed by five minutes of Q&A from the doctoral audience.

Following the presentations, there will be a prize giving ceremony, presented by Professor Keith George, PVC Research and Knowledge Exchange. The prizes will be awarded for Best Poster, Best Presenter and Best Abstract. The day will then draw to a close with final remarks from Professor Dave Bryde Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer, followed by a networking opportunity.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the following people, who have been instrumental to the success of this Faculty Research Day. Firstly, Professor Rowena Murray, for giving up her time to deliver the keynote speech. Secondly, to the judges of the Best Abstract award: Professor Ian Fillis, Professor Rosalind Jones and Professor Jim Stewart, from the Faculty of Business and Law. Thirdly, Jess Swainson and Mel Baxter for organising and administrating the event. Fourthly, Cath Dishman for creating the electronic Open Journals webpage. And finally, our Student Representatives, Mollie Bryde and Bo Wen (PhD), and Sarah Williams and Martin Hudson (DBA) for being part of the Organising Committee.

We hope that after such a disruptive period, with many of us experiencing large periods of isolation, that the Faculty Research Day will help resurge and reenergise the engagement, interaction and vibrancy of our fantastic doctoral research provision within the faculty.