

## School Seminar Program - 16 April

### Graphene and 2D materials in bio applications

A/Prof Shannon M. Notley - Applied Maths

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ms Katie Chong** from Nonlinear Physics Centre who has been awarded an SPIE Officer Travel Grant for 2015. Katie has received funding to attend the SPIE Optics + Photonics Conference to be held in San Diego in August.

## Red Cross Cyclone Pam appeal

Thank you to all who attended the RSPE Autumn BBQ on Tuesday, 31 March. We raised just over \$500 for the Red Cross Cyclone Pam Appeal.

Thank you to all of the helpers who made the lunch possible.

## ARC LIEF applications

For those participating on externally-led LIEF applications, please submit your Authority to Apply and Certification forms to the research office (Claire Ridgewell, [rspe.rm@anu.edu.au](mailto:rspe.rm@anu.edu.au)) by Thursday 2 April 2015.

## Purple Shin 2015

The ANU Purple Shin competition, established in 1973, is due to kick off in April and physics players are needed. This competition gives an opportunity for ANU staff and students to put their soccer skills to the test against various ANU teams. The skill level of the competition ranges from first time players to current and former ACT state league players. The competition is a great way to meet new people from other areas of the ANU. Please contact [Cormac Corr](#) if you are interested.

## Professional Staff Development Scheme

The University recognises that the contributions of highly skilled and dedicated professional staff are critical to the success and future of the University. These scholarships will support a range of career development programs and initiatives to advance the skills and knowledge of professional staff. The University will offer 50 scholarships each year, each up to the value of \$2,500, during the term of the Enterprise Agreement.

Round 1 for 2015 applications close on 24 April 2015.

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## Director's Office



Congratulations to those who won MEC grants (**Dr Dragomir Neshev, Dr Hua Xia, Prof Andrew Stuchbery, A/Prof Andrey Sukhorukov, Prof Steve Buckman and their co-CI's**) in the 2015 round announced this week. The School was awarded 5 grants (out of 25 in total) worth a total of \$580,000

On behalf of myself and the Executive, wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter break.

## Staff Movements

**Prof John Howard**, HoD PRL TORO, will be in the USA 10 April – 1 May 2015. Dr Cormac Corr will be Acting HoD.

**Petra Rickman**, DA, Nuclear Physics, will be away 16 March – 10 April 2015. Heather Leasor will be helping out the Department Mondays and Fridays until Petra's return.

Claire Ridgewell is Acting Senior Research Management Officer for RSPE until June 9 2015. Mary Gray is Acting Assistant Manager, Research Management, for the Huxley Hub. Please direct all Research Management queries to Claire (x50553) or [rspe.rm@anu.edu.au](mailto:rspe.rm@anu.edu.au) in the first instance.

## Facilities & Services

### Bike Shed Audit

ANU Security will be undertaking a clean out of our two bike sheds in the near future. These sheds (Weigold and Cockcroft Buildings) and the storage out the front of our other buildings are for daily commuters, not for long term storage. If you are storing your bike in these spaces please arrange for it to be taken home else it may be removed in the near future.



## OH&S



### OH&S Training

The following OH&S training courses will be running soon:

- \* Height safety (OHSA16) - 8 April
- \* Compressed gas and cryogenic safety (OHSA07) - 9 April
- \* Manual Handling (OHSG06) - 28 April

## Departmental seminars

Professor Vladimir Chernov - 22 April

Low conjecture, Linking and causality in globally hyperbolic Lorentz spacetimes

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## AINSE funding opportunities

Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)

[PG Research Awards 2015](#) (funding opportunity) - applications close 15th April 2015

[AINSE Winter School 2015](#) - nominations close 20th April 2015

## Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics

Nominations are now open for the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics and the New Horizons in Physics Prize. For more information and to make a nomination, please visit the [Breakthrough Prize website](#).