

Griffith Medical Research College

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The Griffith Medical Research College (GMRC) was established in 2004 as a joint initiative of Griffith University and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research with the aim of encouraging collaboration between researchers of both organisations.

The GMRC has been up and running for well over a year now and currently comprises more than 60 staff and students carrying out medical research across a broad range of areas, including cancer, infectious diseases, and other disorders. I have recently taken on the role of part time Executive Officer for the GMRC and hope to be able to provide a link between GU and the QIMR. I am delighted to be able to welcome Luke Meredith and Thanh Tran as our first PhD students enrolled through the GMRC. Please contact me if you require any information regarding the GMRC or if you have news that you would like to share with other GMRC members.



Kathy Andrews, Executive Officer

GMRC News:

1. GMRC Research Collaboration Scheme

A reminder that grants for the GMRC Research Collaboration Scheme are due on the 31st August. Grants can be submitted to either the GU Research Office or to the QIMR Research Office. Details are attached and can also be found on the following GU Web address: <http://www.gu.edu.au/or/>

2. GMRC Retreat

A one day GMRC retreat will be held on Friday the 1st December 2006. Details will be available in the next Newsletter.

3. HREC and AEC review processes at QIMR and GU

A single institutional animal and human ethics approval arrangement has been agreed to by the QIMR and GU. Any new projects to be undertaken under the GMRC involving either HREC or AEC approvals should advise Kathy Andrews (kathy.andrews@qimr.edu.au) or Agnieszka Mitchell (Agnieszka.Mitchell@qimr.edu.au) of the relevant P numbers so that the GU ethics committee can be advised.

4. How to get a password to access GU protected web sites

Several of the GU sites are password protected (eg Office for Research internal grants etc). To arrange for a password over the phone, call GU InfoServices on 3735 5555 or 07 5552 5555. Note: You will need to know your GU Staff ID (please contact me if you don't have this).

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5. Enrolling PhD students through the GMRC

- PhD Students with a Credentialed GU Staff member as Primary Supervisor can enrol through the GMRC.
- In 2006, PhD candidates enrolling through the GMRC were eligible to apply for, and be awarded on a competitive basis, an APA through the Health Faculty.
- GU has agreed to provide support money for students enrolled through the GMRC (currently ~\$10,000 p.a.) to QIMR after each year of completion.
- Scholarship applications are due on Tuesday 31 October 2006. Information can be found on the following web address: <http://www.gu.edu.au/postgraduate/>

6. GMRC Membership.

- QIMR Staff who would like to apply to become Credentialed GU Staff member through the GMRC should send a 3 page CV to Kathy Andrews (kathy.andrews@qimr.edu.au). Nominations will be made by the Chair of the GMRC, Professor Michael Good, at the next GMRC Committee Meeting in October.
- GU staff who would like to join the GMRC should contact Daina Garklavs (d.garklavs@griffith.edu.au) for nomination by Professor Lesley Johnson at the next committee meeting in October.

7. Congratulations:

Congratulations to GMRC members Vicky Avery (GU), Tony Carroll (GU), Michael Good (QIMR), and Kathy Andrews (QIMR), and who are part of a team of researchers from GU, QIMR, Monash University and the Australian Army Malaria Institute who have recently been awarded a grant from the Medicines for Malaria Venture. This grant leveraged funding obtained under the GMRC Research Collaboration Scheme.

For further information or submissions for the next
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