

National Research Forum – 30-31 July 2024

La Trobe University City Campus, [Level 2/360 Collins St, Melbourne](#)

Program: Day 1, Tuesday 30 July

Level 2, Room 2.15

08:30 – 9:00	ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome: <u>Professor John Bartlett</u> (Director ACDS National Research Network)
9:05 – 9:15	Welcome: <u>Professor Shaun Collin</u> (Dean of the School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment, La Trobe University)
9:15 – 10:00	Current initiatives of the Australian Academy of Science and the recently announced strategic review of R&D in Australia <u>Professor Chennupati Jagadish</u> (President, Australian Academy of Science) Discussion and Q&A
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Tea
10:30 – 11:15	Outcomes of the ARC Review and ARC Funding Initiatives <u>Professor Christina Twomey</u> (Chief Research Officer, Australian Research Council) Discussion and Q&A
11:15 – 12:00	Preparing HDR students and ECRs for rewarding careers outside academia - the ATSE IMNIS Initiative <u>Laura Navarro</u> (STEM Careers Strategy Manager, Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering) Discussion and Q&A
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH
13:00 – 13:45	EMCR Initiatives of the Australian Academy of Science <u>Dr Mari Kondo</u> (Manager, Early- and Mid-Career Researcher (EMCR) Policy and Programs, Australian Academy of Science) Discussion and Q&A
13:45 – 14:30	Connecting commercialisation and research - powering prosperity by unifying the Australian Innovation System <u>Professor Sharath Sriram</u> (President, Science and Technology Australia) Discussion and Q&A
14:30 – 14:50	AFTERNOON TEA

14:50 – 15:35	<p>Entrepreneurship – how do we encourage it? How do we support it in an Australian context? What are the challenges? How do we manage Royalties, Licensing, etc? How do we measure impact and value to the University?</p> <p><u>Aaron Mentha</u> (Head, Aspen Legal)</p> <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
15:35 – 16:50	<p>The Changing Funding Base for University Science Research – evaluating, supporting and managing impact-focussed research</p> <p>Panel Discussion Session and Q&A moderated by <u>Dr Tony Willis</u> (Executive Director, ACDS)</p> <p><u>Breakout-Session Leads:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Bronwyn Barkla (Southern Cross University) • Professor Heath Ecroyd (University of Wollongong) • Professor Frederic Leusch (Griffith University) • To be confirmed <p><u>Focus Discussion Points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With an increasing emphasis on research impact and entrepreneurship within Australian Universities, what is best practice in evaluating these aspects of academic research performance over yearly or promotion-related timescales? • How do we encourage, support and reward entrepreneurship and impact-driven research? • How do we support academic researchers who are involved in launching start-up companies? How do we manage associated conflicts-of-interest?
18:00 – 21:00	<p>Conference dinner - pre-dinner drinks 6.00 for 6.30pm</p> <p><u>Venue:</u> P.J. O'Brien's Sidebar, Ground Floor, Southgate Restaurant and Shopping Precinct, Southbank (see Map).</p> <p><u>Welcome:</u> Professor John Bartlett, Director, ACDS National Research Network</p> <p><u>After-dinner speaker:</u> Niall Byrne, Creative Director, Science in Public</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> “Communicating the value proposition of Australian University Science to Industry and Government”</p>



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Program: Day 2, Wednesday 31 July Level 2, Room 2.15

08:30 – 09:00	COFFEE SERVED
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Defining the ADR role and strategies for success.</p> <p>Panel Discussion Session and Q&A moderated by <u>Professor Coral Warr</u> (La Trobe)</p> <p><u>Panel Leads:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Steven Reddy (Curtin University) • Professor Alaina Ammit (UTS) • Professor Andy Martin (University of Melbourne) • To be confirmed <p><u>Focus Discussion Points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we develop a consistent set of benchmarks and KPIs for the ADR role? • Can we develop a generic PD for ADRs to take back to their leadership? What elements might be articulated in such a generic PD? • How can we make the role more attractive to prospective applicants? How do you balance the ADR role with your research and teaching? • Strategies for success,
10:30 – 11:00	MORNING TEA
11:00 – 11:45	<p>Australia's National Research Priorities - A Role for Australian University Science</p> <p><u>Dr Cathy Foley</u> (Chief Scientist of Australia)</p> <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
11:45 – 12:30	<p>Engaging with Australia's National Research Infrastructure via NCRIS</p> <p><u>Dr Jane Fitzpatrick</u> (CEO, Australian National Fabrication Facility, NCRIS)</p> <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
12:30 – 13:00	CONFERENCE CLOSE AND WRAP-UP – NEXT STEPS