April 2013

LETTER TO THE MINISTER

Dear Minister

In accordance with Section 36 of the University of Canberra Act 1989 we present the Report by the Council of the University of Canberra for the period 1 January to 31 December 2012, together with financial statements in respect of that period.

Yours sincerely

Dr John Mackay AM
Chancellor

Professor Stephen Parker
Vice-Chancellor
FOREWORD FROM THE CHANCELLOR

As Chancellor part of my job is to get out in the community and tell people what a great place the University of Canberra is. It’s the easiest job in the world.

As a graduate I will always be grateful for the head start my degree gave my career. As an employer I know what an asset University of Canberra graduates can be. And as Chancellor I get to be part of decisions that are seeing the University go from strength to strength.

In 2012 more than ever before I have been struck by how intimately and deeply involved the University is in the community. The people I meet already know what a great job the University is doing. They are graduates — often ‘repeat customers’ with more than one degree. They work for organisations that have contracted University of Canberra researchers. They have been to the campus to play weekend sport, see a band or have a meal. They have read about our research breakthroughs in the newspaper or heard our experts analyse the issues of the day on radio or television. They like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

These connections go well beyond the capital. Earlier this year I had the pleasure of conferring an honorary degree on my fellow alumnus Dr Nguyen Xuan Vang. He is now a senior official in the Vietnamese government, but he looks back fondly on his time studying in Canberra and works with other University of Canberra alumni who have risen through the ranks around the world.

Our other honorary doctorates from the year illustrate the breadth of our interest and links to the outside world. The late Dr Bryce Courtenay was a well-loved, best-selling author, who gave a remarkable address to graduating students after receiving his honorary doctorate. We also recognised local midwife Dr Rhodanthe Lipsett, whose career delivering babies spanned five decades, as well as leading Canberra businessman Dr Jim Service and prominent public servant Dr Jeffrey Hamer. These honorary degrees illustrated our national and international connections, our focus on creativity and communication and our roles in business and government.

The Vice-Chancellor’s future plans will see us build on strong foundations to become a truly international university, giving our graduates the skills to operate in the global community and creating lasting relationships with partners and cultures overseas.

As you will read in this report everything from research projects and student internships to sponsorships and capital works is embedding the University of Canberra in people’s lives more than ever before.

The people I meet recognise and appreciate this. It is gratifying to hear expressions like “success story” and “going places” used to describe the University.

This growing reputation and recognition is a credit to the hard work of the University’s staff and the drive of its students.

But what is most exciting is knowing the best is yet to come.

Dr John Mackay AM
Chancellor
2012 was the year the University of Canberra placed itself firmly at the heart of its community. We are committed to finding ways to bring the world to the campus so we can effectively engage with it in our teaching and research. In 2012 we finalised arrangements for a number of initiatives which will bring people to campus to engage with the University in new and mutually beneficial ways.

The ACT Government announced in 2012 that it will build the University of Canberra Public Hospital on the northwest corner of the campus. The hospital will be a sub-acute facility which will significantly increase capacity within the ACT Health system. Our students, clinicians and researchers will play an integral role in the services the hospital delivers to the ACT community. This partnership will improve health services to Canberra and the region; it will improve education and research, it will make Canberra a more attractive education destination and ultimately boost our local economy.

Similarly, in partnership with Ochre Health and with funding from the Commonwealth Government we will establish a new GP Super Clinic on campus. Once again this will allow the community to come to the University of Canberra to receive healthcare within a growing health precinct. This also means further benefits in education, research and jobs.

Our partnerships with several ACT sporting teams, including the Super Rugby side the University of Canberra Brumbies, as they became known, offer a range of mutual benefits. Certainly the profile of the University of Canberra receives a boost from these relationships, which helps attract students, staff and investment, but the benefits are deeper than that. Our researchers are able to engage in projects with our partners in areas that are not limited to sports studies, but encompass marketing, management and design. Our students are able to do work placements in professional sporting organisations.

These close relationships help build a sense of community that I hope might one day mirror the support one sees in American colleges for their teams.

In 2012, in partnership with the Brumbies and the ACT Government, we agreed to establish a new sports hub on the University of Canberra campus. This will be a true collaboration which will see elite and community sports teams, students and researchers share in world class facilities. And it will see the Brumbies relocate their headquarters to the University of Canberra, cementing our relationship with them.

We will also have more students living on or near the campus thanks to increases in accommodation, with support from the ACT Government and the Commonwealth’s National Rental Affordability Scheme. We were able to transform a nearby, disused office building into Weeden Lodge, offering comfortable, modern accommodation for 220 students, which opened in February, and we began work on a new 400 bed complex on campus.

There were plenty of other reasons for the community to come to the campus in 2012. We hosted travelling music festival Groovin’ the Moo for the third year running. Our new campus pub opened to the public, serving beer brewed here in Canberra. A lively public lecture series included addresses from our staff and external speakers such as Member for Fraser Dr Andrew Leigh, Chief of Army Lieutenant General David Morrison and a particularly memorable performance from creative director of the Centenary of Canberra Adjunct Professor Robyn Archer.

It was also a year when we consolidated our position as a successful university. We reached the largest size in our history in terms of student numbers. We posted a solid financial surplus, including an important underlying, operational surplus.

Our research performance reached new heights. The latest data show the University’s research publications have increased by 75.5 percent from 2009 to 2011, while research income jumped from $11.6 million in 2009 to $17.1 million in 2011.

The number of research students enrolled at the University went up by 41.9 percent between December 2010 and December 2012, growing from 377 research students in 2010 to 535 in 2012.

It is from this position of strength that we look forward to 2013 and beyond with a new strategic plan for a new higher education environment.
COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members of the University Council during the year ended 31 December 2012.

CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY


VICE-CHANCELLOR


CHAIR, ACADEMIC BOARD

George Cho, AM, BA Malaysia, MA Br Col, PhD, LLB ANU, Barrister and Solicitor ACT, Barrister Supreme Court of NSW, Barrister High Court of Australia – Appointment commenced 1 January 2008. Tenure expires 31 December 2015.

APPOINTED BY THE ACT CHIEF MINISTER


Dennis Trevor, AO, FASSA, BSc (Hons) (Melbourne), BSc (ANU), MSc. (London) – Appointed 21 December 2010. Tenure expires 20 December 2015.

Barry Mawett, FCPA, FIPA


ELECTED BY THE ACADEMIC STAFF

Monica Kennedy, BA (Comms), MEL (leadership), PhD, Grad Cert HE Canberra – Elected to Council 1 January 2012. Resigned 2 January 2015.

ELECTED BY THE GENERAL STAFF


ELECTED BY THE STUDENTS


GOVERNANCE

The governing body of the University of Canberra is the University Council, which was established under the University of Canberra Act 1989 (ACT).

The Council met on seven occasions in 2012. A strategic planning session was also held to determine strategic priorities for the year and to consider the 2013–2017 strategic planning process and environmental scan. Members of Council were engaged in a range of activities during the year, including University functions, graduation ceremonies and meetings of the advisory committees of Council.

The Council is a 15-member body with eight members appointed by the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Academic Board are members of Council. There are also four elected members, one from each of the following constituencies: academic staff, general staff, undergraduate students and postgraduate students.

Council has adopted the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities, and in 2012 the University was assessed to be compliant with the Code.

The term of office for one of the eight appointed members of Council expired during 2012. Two student members resigned during the course of the year and elections were held to select new members. Two new members, Sue Salthouse and Tom Karmel were also appointed to Council.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee continued to ensure that financial and operational risk management and review frameworks were in place and advised Council in relation to accountability and audit related matters, including internal audit oversight and external audit liaison. The Committee also achieved a stronger, broader oversight and internal control over the UC Group environment, including the controlled entities and affiliates, and reviewed risk management processes for the major projects initiated by the University.

The Finance Committee monitored financial performance against budget and took a lead role in developing strategies to enable the University to respond to financial pressures, maintain growth, and improve the financial management and performance of the University. The Committee also plays a lead role in reviewing the financial and resource impacts of major policy and development projects.
University of Canberra 2012 Annual Report

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Chair – Academic Board
I was particularly pleased to see a whole suite of new degrees, diplomas and certificates offered by the University in 2012, including a new Bachelor of Social Science in Indigenous Studies and diplomas in areas like justice and business informatics, adding to the wide variety of courses already on offer to our students. The new single 3.5 year Doctor of Philosophy program and embedded Graduate Certificate is particularly innovative and replaces the myriad PhD programs in existence.

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FROM THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (EDUCATION)

I was very pleased to join the University of Canberra as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) in 2012. I am proud to be part of such a successful and exciting University that is committed to preparing our students to take their place as professionals in established and emerging professions. The University’s commitment to work-integrated learning and innovative, research-led teaching is evident in everything we do.

For the twelfth year in a row, the Good Universities Guide 2013 awarded the University the maximum five-star rating for ‘getting a job’ and, for the third year, five stars for ‘positive graduate outcomes’. We were also awarded four stars for ‘teaching quality’. Our graduates continue to be among Australia’s highest paid, with a four star rating for ‘graduate starting salaries’.

In fact, graduate salaries were listed as above the national figure according to the 2012 Beyond Graduate Survey. The survey also shows 95.2 percent of graduates were in full-time employment, exceeding the national average of 89.6 percent. Graduates also ranked the University highly in ‘good teaching’ with the University ranked seventh nationally.

The University continues to increase its level of student satisfaction in the University Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement measures, and is ranked in the top third for overall student satisfaction, employability and progressions.

Professor Nick Klomp

STUDENT NUMBERS BY EQUIVALENT FULL-TIME STUDENT LOAD (EFTSL)

The University of Canberra continued to grow in 2012, with total student load up 32.7 percent since 2009¹. In the last four years onshore undergraduate load has grown by 55.5 percent and postgraduates by 19.8 percent. More females than males study at the University, with an increase of 27.3 percent in onshore female EFTSL since 2009. Male student enrolments have grown by nearly 40 percent in the same period. By region, the majority of the University’s domestic students are from the ACT/Queanbayan (5142) and 33 percent of domestic students were from areas outside of this region in 2012.

¹ includes on and offshore, UCC and UCEL I.

LOAD BY ONSHORE/OFFSHORE (INCLUDES UC AND UCC)

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LOAD BY UNIVERSITY AND UC COLLEGE

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LOAD BY BROAD COURSE LEVEL

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Accounting accolade

Two University of Canberra accounting students were named as national accounting champions after creating a model to calculate the value of a human life, which saw them earn the chance to shadow a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in Hong Kong.

Peter Gilmore and Kristy Huang won the annual Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia student challenge in October, where they used the skills gained during their studies to take on a real-world challenge. Their task was to look at a scenario involving the road death toll and needed to determine the value of reducing it by one, which required them to develop a model that calculated the value of a human life.

As their main prize for winning the competition, Mr Gilmore and Ms Huang travelled to Hong Kong in December to shadow Mark Shanahan, CFO of Macquarie Group’s Asian operations, giving them a chance to network and learn.

Architects assist around the world

From designing cities in China to building basic amenities in the Solomon Islands, University of Canberra architecture students and staff used their skills to make a difference in 2012.

Part of the group were contracted to design a city in Cheng-Du in Szechuan Province by Beijing company HYHW Architects and Planners, and used their payment from this work to fund a new project in the Solomon Islands.

Ten members of the group then travelled to the Solomon Islands to construct toilets at a community on the small island of Nila.

The project will be accredited to the student’s degrees, with Sha Lambert, a masters student involved in the project, saying he did not expect to design a city in China to build toilets in the Solomon Islands before graduating.

“The chance to be part of a small team involved in such a large and exciting project is not something that comes up very often… we get to have fun, visit all these places and it counts towards our degree as well,” Mr Lambert said.

TOP TEN COURSES – ALL STUDENTS

1. Bachelor of Commerce
2. Bachelor of Arts
3. Bachelor of Nursing
4. Bachelor of Arts in Architecture
5. Bachelor of Science in Psychology
6. Bachelor of Arts in Architecture
7. Bachelor of Advertising and Marketing Communication
8. Bachelor of Information Technology
9. Bachelor of Business Administration
10. Bachelor of Building and Construction Management

Onshore UC load by gender

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Domestic UC onshore EFTSL by region

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Student satisfaction

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<td>Overall satisfaction</td>
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<td>Good teaching</td>
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<td>Generic skills</td>
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<td>Employability</td>
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<td>Further study</td>
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Top marks for UC lecturer

For the second year in a row political science lecturer Michael de Percy was voted the University of Canberra’s top lecturer in the 2011 UniJobs Lecturer of the Year Awards.

Staff and students across Australia nominated lecturers for the national award, with Mr de Percy receiving the most votes for the University of Canberra in the UniJobs poll.

Mr de Percy taught the unit Government and Politics to over 500 students at the University as well as 300 students at University of Canberra College, and also travelled to Hong Kong in 2012 to teach 450 students.

Graduate ratings

Each year after completing a course of study, recent graduates are invited by the university and Graduate Careers Australia to complete the Graduate Destination Survey and an associated Course Experience Questionnaire.

The University’s results (see table below) show improvement in both its performance and ranking against other universities (out of 57 nationwide), with some particularly strong rankings recorded on the ‘good teaching’ scale.

UC received five stars for ‘getting a job’ from the Good Universities Guide, and graduate James Chapman credits the University for helping him secure work in the Intensive Care Unit at The Canberra Hospital, saying the practical nursing experience allowed him to hit the ground running.

Michael de Percy receives his UC lecturer of the year award from Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Professor Nick Klomp.
TEACHING AWARDS

Two University staff were awarded national Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning in 2012. These awards are made by the Australian Government’s Office for Learning and Teaching and recognise the diverse contributions made by individuals and teams to the quality of student learning.

- Dr Deborah Hill was recognised for making grammar accessible to intending teachers through a creative, integrated grammar curriculum that links teaching grammar and teaching English.
- Ms Sally Webster was recognised for creating a culture of trust and respect through engagement agreements that inspire and motivate marketing communication students to develop communication skills that inspire and motivate marketing communication students to develop.

As part of the 2012 Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Awards, University Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning were conferred upon:

- Dr Deborah Hill, Faculty of Arts and Design
- Dr Elke Stracke, Faculty of Arts and Design
- Dr Yanyin Zhang, Faculty of Business, Government & Law
- Adjunct Professor Mark Harrison, Faculty of Business, Government & Law
- Ms Diane Phillips & Mr Greg Boland, Faculty of Business, Government & Law
- Professor Ali Quazi, Faculty of Business, Government & Law
- Ms Lubna Alam, Faculty of Information Sciences & Engineering
- Dr Antony Eaton, Faculty of Information Sciences & Engineering

The Vice-Chancellor also presented awards for Teaching Excellence, including by Early Career Academics:

- Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Teaching Excellence:
  - Professor Ali Quazi, Faculty of Business, Government & Law
  - Dr Ting Wang, Faculty of Education
  - Ms Sally Webster, Faculty of Arts & Design

UC BOOK PROJECT

The UC Book Project, announced in 2012, will see all commencing undergraduates given the same book to read no matter what course they are starting with, with a new book chosen each year and its themes incorporated into different units and programs and extra-curricular activities.

The UC Book of the Year for 2013 is Jasper Jones by Craig Silvey, with the author visiting campus to deliver a reading at the launch of the project on 29 November.

The book is offered in either paperback or eBook format to staff and students of the University, as well as commencing University of Canberra College students and Year 12 students at UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra.

Staff and students who chose the paper version are encouraged to share or recycle the book, with pre-loved books collected and distributed to local high schools.

The University is one of only two in Australia to take up such an initiative, which has proved successful overseas.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

In 2012, students took increasing advantage of the University’s flexible learning options with:

- almost 4 million logins to the Moodle learning management system
- more than 1 million viewings of Echo 360 lecture recordings, and
- approximately 3000 enrolments in intensive Winter Term unit options.

Student use of the Unit Outline Repository to inform their enrolment choices grew exponentially, with some 400,000 downloads in 2012 compared to 15,000 in 2011.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

University of Canberra staff were engaged in 11 new or continuing educational projects funded by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DISRTE) Office for Learning and Teaching. New grants with the University as the lead institution or partner organisation awarded in 2012 include:

- GOog and receiving written feedback in HDR supervision: enhancing supervisors’ and candidates’ skills in a cross-cultural context. Dr Elke Stracke, led by the Faculty of Arts and Design ($28,700)
- Working from the centre: supporting unit/ course co-ordinators to implement academic integrity policies, resources and scholarship. Associate Professor Michele Fleming (partnered with Victoria University $150,000)
- Supervising the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) thesis: addressing the needs of candidates and supervisors. Professor Deborah Blackman (partnered with Southern Cross University $220,000)
- Re-casting terra nullius blindness: empowering Indigenous protocols and knowledge in Australian university built environment education. Dr Scott Heyes (partnered with Deakin University $220,000)
EDUCATION FUNDING BOOST

It was announced in November that the University of Canberra will receive $25.95 million under the Commonwealth’s Structural Adjustment Fund (SAF) to develop pathways through the University of Canberra College, provide additional learning support for students, re-design the University’s curriculum, invest in flexible learning technologies and scale up through collaborations and partnerships with other tertiary institutions.

The funding will support five key projects, including investing in the latest teaching and learning technologies to support flexible and connected learning environments, providing increased access and support for students, and expanding the University’s regional delivery programs in southeast New South Wales.

The funding also includes new headquarters for the College on campus to accommodate its growth and to assist the development of effective teaching and learning initiatives.

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA COLLEGE

As the final year of the College’s five-year strategic plan, 2012 saw the development of the new strategic plan 2013 to 2018. The new plan will position the College so that it can expand its reach and impact in its traditional role as a leading provider of pathway programs into the University of Canberra.

Highlights at the College in 2012 include:

• Contributing to the successful outcome of the University’s SAF funding, which will enable the College to introduce a number of flexible and digital learning and enhanced student support programs for pathway students.
• Planning for the relocation of the College into new premises in one single location on campus. The new location will give the College the capability to support new growth initiatives.
• Continuing to expand the UCan REACH Program as part of a longer term plan to establish 10-12 locations in the ACT Capital Region. Planning in 2012 will result in delivering the program in Merooona, Batemans Bay, Moniya and Corrimal in 2013.
• The introduction of new courses including the Diploma of Design, the Diploma of Justice Studies, the Diploma of Science and the Graduate Certificate in Academic Foundations. The new diplomas provide domestic students with another pathway opportunity and contributed to a 12 percent growth in domestic students in Semester One, 2012.

LIBRARY SUPPORT

In 2012 the Library upgraded its services to provide increased access to a range of study environments, including extension of the Library Commons hours to 24 hours a day and the addition of an extra 150 student seats in the Library building.

The Library also provided mobile device access to the majority of the catalogue, major search engines, electronic journals and books, and transactional services. There was also the creation of over 60 content-rich subject-based portals to information resources and support services relevant to the disciplines and course groups within the academic program, which replaced text-based web pages using Web 2.0 applications.

Their Research Repository now includes 4,395 bibliographic citations, 12 percent of which have online public access to full-text content – discoverable globally in Google Scholar.

The University and the Library also sponsored the ‘Boundless’ festival of Australian children’s literature in partnership with the Lu Rees Archives of Children’s Literature at the University. This festival featured a series of events over 45 days highlighting the wonders of Australian literature, including 88 rare items on display from the Archives at libraries across Canberra.

FYLEING SAUCERY

Heritage conservation students got some hands-on experience restoring a rare 1960s ‘Flying Saucer’ building in December.

A team of cultural heritage undergraduate students, led by conservation PhD student Mona Soleymani and director of the University’s Donald Horne Institute for Cultural Heritage Dr Tracy Ireland, began the latest stage of cleaning and restoration work that will see the building restored to its former glory.

FORENSICS COLLABORATION CONTINUES

The National Centre for Forensic Studies (NCF) is set to continue following the signing of an agreement to operate the centre for a further five years.

The new Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed on 7 December by representatives of the NCF’s joint partners: the University of Canberra, Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) and Australian Federal Police (AFP).

The NCF is located at the University and develops and delivers education, training and research opportunities to benefit the partner agencies and the wider forensic science community. It also offers programs overseas, including courses to teach forensics in Pakistan and Iraq, the first of their kind in these regions.

DEVELOPING EDUCATION STANDARDS

In 2012 the Faculty of Education worked with the ACT’s government, Catholic and independent schools, the Australian Catholic University and the ACT Teacher Quality Institute to develop a jurisdiction-wide common approach to pre-service teacher professional experience. This program is based on the new National Professional Standards for Teachers and was supported by the launch of a mentorship and professional learning program for ACT teachers offered by the Faculty’s Education Institute. Over 350 teachers from the ACT and surrounding regions completed the professional mentoring program in 2012. The programs can be used as credit towards the revamped Master of Education degree.

The Education Institute was also contracted by all Australian government education systems to develop and research online learning materials to support teachers in implementing the recently revised Disability Standards for Education. This involves the development of learning packages,
**UC Schools**

The unique UC Schools partnership between the University of Canberra, University of Canberra Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra and University of Canberra High School, Kaleen continued to grow in 2012. A major project that began in 2012 was the $55,000 Academic Partnership Program, where University faculties partnered with relevant faculties in the two UC schools to develop plans that provide master classes to students and support in areas such as literacy and maths. One of the six Academic Partnership Plans is through the Faculty of Arts and Design saw 20 UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra students involved in joint writing and illustrating a number of children's books, in conjunction with University students, for the GET REAL Exhibition in November 2012. The new UC Accelerate Program began in 2012, designed to improve pathways to tertiary education by providing opportunities to extend advanced students through providing H courses. H courses are extension courses for high achieving ACT Year 11 and 12 students, set in a university environment, which provide benefits such as credit towards undergraduate courses at the University and count as part of their Year 12 Certificate. In 2012, the program delivered the first two of its planned suite of courses in accounting and design foundation.

The University’s Literacy Mentoring Program, which ran at UC High School, Kaleen in 2012. Students in Year 7 and 8 were paired with an undergraduate secondary pre-service teacher who acted as a literacy mentor. Students benefited from over 500 hours of additional literacy support as part of this program throughout 2012.

UC High School received new $10,000 sports uniforms from the University, designed by the University’s graphic designers to lift the school’s profile at territory and regional sports events. Special needs students from UC High School, Kaleen undertook work experience at UC for two school terms, UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra IT students also had the opportunity to undertake structured workplace learning at the University in September.

UCAN Dance began in 2012, where students in Years 7-10 had the opportunity to participate in weekly contemporary dance classes, in collaboration with ACT contemporary dance company Kulture Break. UC High School Kaleen students also performed a flash mob at the University in December.

**Canberra Documentary**

A University of Canberra student has created a documentary that explores perceptions of Canberra and gives local residents a chance to tell their stories. Rachel Lee, 21, made the documentary as her final project in the Bachelor of Media Arts and Production, and was inspired to focus on Canberra after hearing the experiences of local residents.

The documentary includes interview subjects ranging from university students who had just arrived in Canberra to a woman in her 80s who moved to the capital in the 1970s. The film will be shown as part of the Centenary of Canberra 2013 celebrations, including a screening as part of the 100-year celebration Parties at the Shops in March.

UC student Rachel Lee was inspired by the stories of local residents to make a documentary on Canberra.

**UC represented in student Law contest**

University of Canberra law students Thilini Perera, Elke-Jane Flettig, Karen Gomes, Teiera Hone and Angela Wing Yan Yiu received an honourable mention after competing in the Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

The Vis (East) Moot, as it is known, involves teams taking part in simulated court proceedings, which usually include drafting briefs and participating in oral arguments. The team was awarded an honourable mention for their Memorandum for Respondent, which is used by the party defending their claims (the respondent) to put their argument forward and identify any issues.

It is the first time the University has participated in this international competition, which was held on 19-25 March in Hong Kong.

**Council Honour**

In 2012 a University of Canberra student became the youngest person ever elected to the Goulburn Mulwaree Council. Arts/law student Sam Rowland, 20, received the second highest number of votes at the local government elections held in September, which saw him earn a seat on council.

Mr Rowland is looking forward to the chance to represent people of all ages and backgrounds and hopes his election can particularly help local youth.

The second-year student is adjusting to combining his council role with his University studies, saying his degree will help support him in the council role.

**Academic Skills Centre**

In 2012, the Academic Skills Centre (ASC) continued its core work in providing students with access to individual and group support from academic learning advisers, while also further expanding its work in supporting faculties to provide embedded literacy and learning support in disciplines. In particular, the ASC took a leadership role in the University’s English Language Policy, working with the Faculty of Arts and Design to trial early language diagnostic testing and curriculum-integrated follow-up learning support for students identified as being at risk.

University of Canberra High School Kaleen Year 10 ambassador Georgia Harris, Bronte Cameron, Bonnie Taylor and Luke Simmonds joined a charter in August to show their commitment to their future education.

Other notable features of the ASC’s work in 2012 included:

- project managing the University’s trial of Smartthinking Online Tutoring, a learning support service delivered by a third party provider
- continuing the popular Study Passport student orientation program, and developing online versions of several of its modules
- doubling the number of units in which Peer Assisted Learning Sessions are offered
- maintaining the Retention Program to provide supportive intervention for students on Academic Condition
- presenting several intensive workshop series in grammar and writing, primarily for international students
- providing targeted support to HDR students via workshop series in thesis writing and oral communication, as well as a facilitated Research Writing Group and specialised individual consultations.

All UC Schools students and teachers have access to the University’s Academic Skills Centre programs, which provide them with a range of support services to enhance learning and teaching. In 2012, UC Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra students accessed support from the centre and cohorts of students from both UC Schools attended collaboratively planned sessions with their teachers and staff from the University.
GIANT TEA CUP BUSINESS BREW

An idea by University of Canberra students to place giant tea cups around Canberra to promote the city’s cafe culture and Hasty won the Ultimate Business Design and IT Challenge competition.

The aim of this competition – a joint venture between the University and the ACT Government – was to inspire students to design ways to market and promote Canberra as a business destination, a location and a place to study, work and travel.

Sarah Busby, who is studying a Bachelor of Business Administration and Rachel Clovery, studying a Bachelor of Advertising and Marketing, won the ‘Best overall portfolio of collateral’ prize of $1500 for their idea entitled ‘Tea cup juggles’.

Dianne Phillips, a lecturer of management studies, said it was a successful event that showcased the University’s focus on work-integrated learning.

STUDENT BUSINESS SUCCESS

Drink bottles, bags and clothing designed by University of Canberra student Mick Spencer went on sale on campus in 2012.

Mr Spencer, who is studying a Bachelor of Business Administration, designed the products for his lifestyle brand OnTheGo. The former Young Canberra Citizen of the Year founded the company in 2010, saying it was designed to encourage people to enjoy the fun times and love life.

‘OnTheGo is now an international brand but it started right here at the University of Canberra. I hope it will remind students to be entrepreneurs and think outside the box,’ Mr Spencer said.

Having been named as one of Actos magazine’s Top 30 Under 30, Mr Spencer also delivered guest lectures at the University throughout the year to encourage other students to chase their dreams.

NEW COURSES

During 2012, 31 new courses were accredited and in August a new courses and units website was released. The new site offers more comprehensive course and unit details, clearer formatting of information and consolidates information on past and future courses.

New courses that commenced in 2012 include a Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy and Bachelor of Social Science and Bachelor of Social Science in Indigenous Studies. New diplomas also commenced in Semester One, including diplomas of International Studies, Science, Justice Studies, Design, and Business Informatics. A Diploma of Pharmacy and a Diploma of Accounting were made available in Semester Two.

The University also announced a new Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Pharmacy degree to commence in 2015, along with plans to offer a civil engineering degree from 2014.

MATHS TRUST

The Australian Mathematics Trust is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra and is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to challenge and encourage school students to pursue a career in mathematics and informatics.

The trust celebrated the success of two ACT students in December who won the secondary section of the Australian Statistics Project Competition. The competition is run by the Trust and sponsored by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. It aims to provide students with a fun way to learn statistics and to generate interest and highlight the importance of mathematics in schools.

For their project the winning students used a method known as the Poisson distribution to determine the probability of mistakes on each page in a newspaper. This method enables an event, in this case errors, to be plotted and presented in a graph to show the probability of that event occurring over space or time.

MEDIA SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Canberra-Australian Broadcasting Corporation Scholarship for Indigenous Students in Journalism and Media Arts and Production was awarded to Tess Ryan, a Bachelor of Communications and Media Studies student. This scholarship stemmed from a commitment by the University to encourage more Indigenous students in journalism or media, arts and production.

As the winner Ms Ryan received $3,000 and an internship at ABC News, The 7.30 Report, as well as with ABC’s 666 Radio programs. At a joint ceremony on 31 October, Bachelor of Journalism and Bachelor of International Studies student Ashley Leal was awarded the 2012 Peter Leonard Scholarship. She received $5,000 and a four-week placement at WIN Television.

The University of Canberra student Adriana Clarke was selected to be the ACT’s 2012 youth ambassador for the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

The UNICEF role aims to support children’s rights and raise awareness of issues facing Australian children, as well as those in developing countries.

Nine ambassadors aged 15-24 were selected from 180 applicants Australia-wide. 19-year-old Ms Clarke, studying a Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Laws at the University, was motivated to apply by her passion for children’s rights.
FROM THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH)

A comprehensive program of academic renewal and strategic investment in specific research areas has seen the University reach several of its research goals ahead of schedule. Our reportable research income reached $17.1 million in 2011, an all-time high for the University and more than double the income received in 2007 at the beginning of the current strategic plan. The University is now performing in the top half of Australian universities on research income per capita and research publications per capita. We have been publishing more and higher quality research papers than in previous years. We have more research students undertaking PhDs and masters degrees than ever in our history.

Our researchers are also increasing their collaborations with international partners, particularly in China, India and the Asia-Pacific region. Our research centres and institutes are another important aspect of our work and in developing research culture at the University.

Research at the University in 2012 continued to focus on important problems in environment, health, education, communication and governance. It was an exciting year for research development at the University as we embedded a strong research culture in those key areas, where our expertise can make a difference to the world around us.

MEASURES OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Measures of Research Activity as reported to the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education show increases in research activity for 2012:

- Reportable research income increased from $16.1 million in 2010 to $17.1 million in 2011
- A total of 98 new research contracts were signed in 2012 to a value of $9,551,806
- Staff produced 675 research outputs, an increase of 44 percent from last year
- In 2012 the University enrolled 160 new research students, taking the University to a total of 350 EFTSL enrolled in higher degree by research courses, an increase of 9 percent from 2011 and double the figure from 2007.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS

(CATEGORY 1)

The University recorded a strong performance in competitive funding schemes in 2012.

ARC FUNDING

- Five new Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects were awarded to University of Canberra academics, three led by the University and two through partner organisations:
  - Professor Laurie Brown and Dr Binod Nepal: Revisiting the ‘Fourth Age’: health, socioeconomic and cultural transformation of, and diversity in, Australia’s oldest-old population, 1981-2011 ($901,188)

Professor Frances Shannon

Professor Laurie Brown
OTHER CATEGORY 1 GRANTS:

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
- Professor Barbara Pamphilon: Examining women's business acumen in Papua New Guinea. Working with women smallholders in horticulture ($799,916)
- Professor John Spriggs: Social research workshop linkages for livelihoods for ASLP2-Pakistan ($29,200)

Australia-China Science and Research Fund
- Professor Xi Huang: Intelligent data mining and information fusion ($337,720)
- Dr Reena Ghildyal: Genomics and bioinformatics for human health and the environment ($31,800)

Australian Academy of Science
- Professor Xi Huang: An empirical study of elliptical curve cryptography for secured satellite communication ($70,000)
- Dr Reena Ghildyal: Elevating the nuclear transport mechanisms in entamoeba histolytica ($48,700)

Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering
- Dr Duane White: How much have we already lost? Deglaciation timing of North-East Greenland ($31,720)

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- The cost of inaction on the social determinants of health report received an overwhelming response by the political, academic and community sectors, as well as the media. This report was instrumental in the call for a Parliamentary Senate Inquiry into the social determinants of health. The Senate Community Affairs Committee is now using the report in its deliberations on Australia’s domestic response to the World Health Organisation’s Commission on Social Determinants of Health report. Closing the gap in a generation.

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In January 2012, the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) organised an International Research Workshop titled ‘Child Care, Work, and Family: issues for Australian Policy’. This workshop gathered a wide range of renowned economists and opened discussions on topics including child care, labour supply, and family.

NATSEM continued to influence public debate on economic and social policy issues, with a number of major research reports released during 2012:
- Outside school hours care: survey, gradients and patterns of use, March 2012, Rebecca Cassells and Dr Priyanka Murti
- Prices three days: the cost of living in Australia report found that cost of living pressures were well contained and that for most socioeconomic groups households were, when compared to their incomes, well ahead of cost of living pressures
- The cost of inaction on the social determinants of health report received an overwhelming response by the political, academic and community sectors, as well as the media. This report was instrumental in the call for a Parliamentary Senate Inquiry into the social determinants of health. The Senate Community Affairs Committee is now using the report in its deliberations on Australia’s domestic response to the World Health Organisation’s Commission on Social Determinants of Health report. Closing the gap in a generation.
In 2012, ANZSiG developed new partnerships:

- with the strategic engagement team at the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to explore community engagement issues in the context of the implementation of the Basin Plan
- with the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship for a Globalisation and Cities Research Program led by Dr Richard Hu

ANZSiG also worked closely on some of Australia’s most critical governance problems with key stakeholders in the ACT Chief Minister’s Department, the Department of Defence, Department of Infrastructure and Transport, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Regional Australia on applied projects. An international collaboration on ‘Studying Communities under Stress’ has been launched with colleagues at the University of Southampton in the UK. ANZSiG’s European Union (EU) funded project on social participation in Brazil has led to the launch of a new federal social participation initiative in Australia. AnZsiG’s public lecture series.

EMERGING UNIVERSITY CENTRES

Centre for Research and Action in Public Health (CeRApH)
The Centre continued to undertake influential policy–relevant research for improved health practice in 2012. In the last year, CeRApH expanded its research capacity by attracting approximately $645,000 in research funding to support several innovative, multi-disciplinary projects with key government, industry and NGO partners. Some of these were:

- The Crace Study: this research project is a two-year case study that tracks the built and social development of the new suburb of Crace as a healthy, sustainable environment.
- The HeartLink Project: aims to: develop a comprehensive approach to the prevention of cardiovascular disease (CVD) for patients found to be at high risk in general practice. Collaborators include the ACT Medicare Local, the Heart Foundation ACT and the ACT Government Health Directorate.
- Dynamic Population Modelling in collaboration with Oxford University. CeRApH is developing methods to estimate the burden of disease that can be attributed to modifiable behavioural risk factors for CVD such as smoking, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and examining associations between socio-economic, environmental and other factors.

- Forest Conflict and Wellbeing: funded by the Victorian Department of Primary Industries and the Cooperative Research Centre for Forestry, this unique work is examining the health and wellbeing of forest industry workers and of communities dependent on forestry. The project aims to understand how working in an industry that is the subject of ongoing protest and contention affects wellbeing of workers and of communities whose identity and culture is associated with the industry.
- Healthier People, Healthier Places: This MDBfutures-funded study is working with rural landholders across the Murray-Darling Basin to better understand how working to address environmental degradation affects health and wellbeing of landholders and rural communities.

In the past year, CeRApH held a number of seminars and lectures by high profile academics as well as senior policy makers, including Louise Sylvan, CEO of the Australian National Health Preventive Agency and Jane Halton, Secretary of the Australian Department of Health and Ageing.

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In 2012 CeRApH was awarded seven new external grants including a large NHMRC grant to find ways to prevent potentially fatal asthma attacks caused by rhinovirus infections. CeRApH researchers published 13 new publications and one patent has been filed. A seminar titled ‘Epigenomics in the Capital’ was one of the highlight events organised by CeRApH in 2012.

The event, hosted at the University of Canberra, brought together key experts on the field for the first time.

CeRApH was also part of various community engagement events in 2012, including the Slim Competition, the Family Spectacular Science Fair, and the Crystal Growing Competition.

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FOX RESEARCH

Research by University of Canberra ecologists and colleagues published in the British Ecological Society’s Journal of Applied Ecology in December shows time is running out to stop the irreversible spread of foxes in Tasmania, risking the extinction of native species.

Using novel DNA detection techniques developed at the University, the team mapped the presence of foxes in Tasmania, predicted their spread and developed a model of their likely distribution as a blueprint for fox eradication.

University of Canberra professor in wildlife genetics and team leader, Dr Stephen Sain, found foxes are widespread in northern and eastern Tasmania and the model developed by his team forecasts that they will spread even further, with likely devastating consequences for the island’s wildlife.

Their detective work, in partnership with Tasmania’s Fox Eradication Program, represents one of the largest surveys of its kind worldwide and provides the first systematic examination of the distribution of foxes in the island, following evidence and allegations that indicate a long history of isolated introductions.

FUNDING TO RESEARCH DEPRESSION, POETRY AND THE FOURTH AGE

A computerised tool that will help doctors diagnose depression more accurately, the study of creative processes in poetry and the diversity of Australia’s oldest-old (those aged 85 years and over) are the focus of three University of Canberra research projects awarded new funding in November.

The University received three prestigious Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project grants for these projects, totalling $767,888.

Software engineering researcher Dr Roland Goecke will lead a project to develop reliable and effective sensing technology and evaluating, as an objective measure of depressive disorders, which are a leading cause of disability worldwide.

The $560,000 funding for the project will enable Dr Goecke’s team to develop a laptop-based prototype as well as identify a new generation of objective ‘markers’ of mental illness in subjects’ expressions.

The research is a joint project between the University of Canberra, the Black Dog Institute at the University of New South Wales and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research.

Professor Jen Webb received $215,000 for a project that aims to understand creative excellence by focusing on poets as a case study to inform the development of ways to enhance creativity in other professional groups.

Professor Webb’s team see creativity as the engine of a healthy and successful society and argue that in order to learn how best to encourage and generate creativity, there needs to be a greater understanding of how successful creative professionals operate.

The oldest-old (those aged 85 years and over) is the fastest growing segment of the Australian population, and Professor Laurine Brown was awarded $192,888 to expand the knowledge base on this group.

Her team’s research aims to help inform policy and to improve discussions on what the ‘Fourth Age’ really means in Australia.

UC student wins research scholarship

A University of Canberra science honours student was awarded an international scholarship to conduct research in Japan from May to August.

The scholarship, conferred by the Japan Student Services Organisation, gave Robert Hawley the chance to research Biomolecular Engineering at the Kyoto Institute of Technology (KIT).

The scholarship is a result of the collaboration between the University of Canberra and KIT, which co-supervise honours and PhD students studying at both institutions.

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MENOPAUSE RESEARCH

In 2012 the University’s head of nutrition and dietetics, Professor Lauren Williams, began the second stage of her research into menopausal weight gain.

Building on a longer research project with colleagues at the University of Newcastle, Professor Williams is conducting a randomised controlled trial aimed at testing an intervention that specifically prevents the weight gain that happens around the time of menopause in women.

Her research has already shown that although weight gain in women over 45 is due to a normal series of changes in the metabolism of women at this age, it could be easily prevented targeted intervention, including consultations with experts.

While menopause has been identified as a high risk time for weight gain, Professor Williams said there are few obesity prevention interventions targeted to this age group.

Helping the pig-nosed turtle

One of the most unusual turtles in the world has a better chance of survival thanks to a project led by the University of Canberra and the Papua New Guinea Institute of Biological Research.

The large turtle (carettochelys insculpta), with its distinctive pig snout-like nose, is the last remaining species of a once widespread family of turtles.

The meat and eggs of the pig-nosed turtle – known as Piku in the local dialect – are an important source of food for the local people of the Kikori delta.

University researcher Dr Carla Eisenberg and her team have shown that levels of harvest have increased over the past decades resulting in a decline in the number of turtles in the area.

With the support of the PNG Liquefied Natural Gas Esso Highlands project, Dr Eisenberg and her team are working with the local community to address the issue of sustainable harvest. They are working with landowners to establish protected beaches to help boost turtle numbers.

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ECC@UC showcased the latest academic research in commercial computing, featuring presentations from leading industry thinkers and practitioners.

Over 80 industry representatives and students attended the conference, opened by Senator Kate Lundy, and sponsored by computing company IBM.

The conference, supported by the Faculty of Information, Sciences and Engineering, was motivated by the prevailing skills shortage in enterprise systems and to explore options for creating a sustainable workforce.

World leaders in enterprise computing gathered at the University of Canberra from 15-16 May to discuss the modern IT landscape.

The enterprise computing conference,
NEW VACCINE TECHNOLOGY

A new vaccine technology is being developed at the University of Canberra, designed to treat and protect against a series of infectious diseases for which there is no viable vaccine. A team of Canberra-based researchers, led by University of Canberra immunologist Dr Michael Frese and Adjunct Professor in immunology Ian Ramshaw, are looking at generating vaccines and treatments for liver diseases.

The project will involve developing, implementing and evaluating a facilitated professional support network – or ‘buddy network’ – for medical supply chain workers, considered to be an important part of ensuring reliable access to vaccines and all medical supplies.

To assist in the development of these treatments, BioDiem Ltd, a Melbourne-based biotech company with extensive experience in the area of vaccines, has recently licensed this platform technology from the University.

BioDiem will collaborate with the researchers to further develop the technology and evaluate new vaccines in clinical trials.

The research will be undertaken at the University’s Centre for Research in Therapeutic Solutions (CRuTS).

UC AND DIAC JOIN FORCES TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH

The University of Canberra and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) will work together on a number of research projects designed to address issues related to immigration and contemporary globalisation.

The two institutions signed a MoU on 19 September to develop research of mutual interest and benefit on a range of topics, including an initial project focussing on migration and global cities.

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION GRANT

People in the Pacific Islands will soon have more reliable access to vaccines thanks to a University of Canberra research project, which received funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in November.

UC researcher Ben Gilbert, recipient of a prestigious grant to improve access to vaccines in the Pacific Islands.

MEDIA LOGIC IN INDIGENOUS POLICY

Media coverage of Indigenous issues influences the way Indigenous affairs policies are developed, communicated and implemented, according to a report led by the University of Canberra launched in 2012.

The Media & Indigenous Policy Symposium at the University of Canberra on 23 November, the report’s findings were discussed by high-profile academics and news makers including Olga Haven, former Northern Territory’s coordinator general of remote services; Professor John Altman, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research and Jack Waterford, editor-at-large Canberra Times.

Pharmacy researchers Ben Gilbert and Assistant Professor Andrew Brown were awarded US$100,000 in Round 9 of the Grand Challenges Exploration, an initiative funded by the prestigious US-based foundation.

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BOOSTING BUSINESS SKILLS OF PNG WOMEN

The University received a large research grant to assist in the development of the business skills of women smallholders who grow vegetables on small plots of land in Papua New Guinea.

The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research awarded the $999,918 grant for researchers to examine whether improving the business skills and financial literacy of women running small agriculture businesses in Papua New Guinea will improve their ability to make a profit and be more financially secure.

The four-year project is also designed to raise the business and financial literacy of women in remote villages. The project team will work with the village women to assist them in matters such as micro-financing and business management.

The research is led by Associate Dean (international) in the University’s Faculty of Education, Professor Barbara Pamphilon, who travelled with her team to Papua New Guinea in August to begin the project.

The University of Canberra study is partnered by Papua New Guinea organisations: the National Agricultural Research Institute, Pacific Adventist University and Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea.

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**UC STUDIES VOLUNTEER LEGACY**

Why do people volunteer at the Olympic and Paralympic Games? What benefit does volunteering provide to a host nation? Do volunteers continue to volunteer in their community after the Games finish?

University of Canberra researcher Dr Tracey Dickson is looking to answer these questions in a study she is leading on the legacy of volunteers at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Dr Dickson, an Associate Professor in tourism and events, visited London in July to begin her research at the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games. Dr Dickson and her team conducted similar research at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada.

The group also helped design a post-Games volunteer legacy survey for the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, used to gauge the experiences of volunteers at the Games and their intentions to volunteer afterwards.

Dr Dickson said the research is important for those planning major sport events, such as the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, as well as those organisations hoping to benefit from the potential volunteer legacy of these events.

The project is approved by the International Paralympic Committee’s Sport Science Committee. Dr Dickson is working with Dr Angela Benson of the University of Brighton and Anne Terwiel from Thompson Rivers University on this project.

**LEARNING IN CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS**

A University of Canberra led project to guide the application of technology interaction in informal learning environments, such as galleries or museums, won a prestigious research grant in 2012. A group of researchers led by Professor Byron Keating were awarded a $225,000 linkage project grant from the Australian Research Council (ARC), to better understand how location-based technologies can enhance learning in cultural institutions.

The grant was announced by Science and Research Minister Senator Chris Evans in June. In total, the project will receive more than $1.2 million in funding — including cash contributions of $470,000 (ARC, $225,000, industry $245,000) and in-kind contributions from the participating universities and industry partners of almost $740,000 over the life of the project.

**DIRT MAKES SAFER PHARMACEUTICALS**

An invention by a University of Canberra researcher to make safer and more affordable pharmaceuticals is a step closer to being realised thanks to a Discovery Translation Fund (DTF) grant of $100,000 awarded in July.

Assistant Professor in biomedical sciences Dr Ashraf Ghanem was awarded the funding to take his research project from the lab to the market. Dr Ghanem and his team discovered a new source of enzymes drawn from unique Australian flora and fauna, particularly soil. These enzymes have the potential to survive the high temperatures and chemical stress required to be used effectively in pharmaceutical processing and related industries.

Dr Ghanem’s innovative biocatalysts are made up of hair-thin enzymatic columns that will assist in simplifying the drug manufacturing process as well as reducing costs.

The DTF was created as a way of funding and developing high potential commercial projects of ACT-based research institutions at an early stage. It is managed by Australian National University Connect Ventures on behalf of a larger grant from the ACT Government.

**Organ donation decisions**

In 2012 University of Canberra nursing researcher Assistant Professor Holly Northam set out to collect the stories of people who have been asked to make a decision to donate their deceased relative’s organs for transplantation.

It was the second phase in a study which seeks to understand factors that influence a decision to decline organ donation for transplantation following death.

Ms Northam explains that “transplantation is the most effective treatment for patients with end stage organ failure, which affects an increasing number of Australians.”

“However, evidence suggests only about one in six patients with kidney failure requiring dialysis is listed on the transplant waiting list because of low organ donation numbers.”

Ms Northam aims to understand the factors that influence grieving families to say no, an innovative approach, with research traditionally focusing on reasons people agree to the potentially lifesaving donation.

**Questacon will partner in the project.**

Dr Ashraf Ghanem’s research, funded by a Discovery Translation Fund grant, involves using Australian dirt that can produce specific enzymes.

The University’s second annual Research Festival was officially opened on 18 October by Senator Kim Ludwig and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Frances Shanahan. The festival showcased the University’s latest research and career opportunities to the wider community.

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In 2012 the University of Canberra formed many new partnerships, announced several developments to the campus and surrounds, and established the beginning of new health and sporting precincts. These exciting changes place the University firmly at the centre of the ACT community, as well as further supporting students and staff.

HEALTH PRECINCT
The University of Canberra campus is emerging as a ‘health precinct’ having been named as the site for the ACT’s new sub-acute hospital and the new GP Super Clinic.

These new facilities and services complement the University’s Faculty of Health and student-led health services.

University of Canberra Public Hospital
The ACT Government announced in September that the Territory’s new sub-acute hospital will be located at the University of Canberra.

Co-locating the hospital with the University provides the ideal basis to build an innovative ‘learning hospital’ for Canberra, where high quality service delivery, clinical education and research to improve quality of care and patient outcomes go hand-in-hand.

To be known as the University of Canberra Public Hospital, the new facility will be built on the northwest corner of the campus, bounded by Ginninderra Drive and Adaminy Drive.

The University of Canberra Public Hospital will provide patient focused care delivered by multi-disciplinary teams, as well as services and advice to people with chronic disease or disability living in their own homes. It will be equipped with tele-health capacity and be a centre of excellence in rehabilitation and the management of chronic disease.

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The partnership between the University and Ochre will open up health placement and research opportunities across this network, including giving students a taste of rural healthcare.

In 2013 construction will begin on the 4800 square metre, four-storey building, which will also include space for tenants from the health sector. It is expected to cost around $15 million to build.

The new clinic will be built with funding from the Department of Health and Aging, Health Workforce Australia and the University.

Its research capacity will be enhanced by the involvement of National ICT Australia (NICTA), while the University’s long association with headspace will continue with the youth mental health service operating from the new building.

NEW FACILITIES
The University of Canberra campus was reinvented in 2012 with the opening of new facilities and services for the University community to enjoy, as well as work beginning on new projects for 2013.

INSPIRE
The University’s $7 million INSPIRE centre opened in May 2012. The new centre is designed to lead professional education and applied research in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in education.

Opened by ACT Deputy Chief Minister Andrew Barr, the centre is a partnership between the ACT Government and the University of Canberra, and is funded through the Federal Government’s...
Located in the hub, the new pub Zierholz @ UC has already become a campus favourite.

The Co-op Bookshop
The Co-op Bookshop at the University re-opened in a new location on campus in Building One in May. The new book shop is continuing its tradition as a feature on campus by providing the latest textbooks for students and a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books for general readers.

Bike shelters
Work completed in 2012 on three new bike shelters across campus, with each shelter having the capacity to hold up to 17 bikes on racks, and a bicycle repair station complete with tools for basic repairs.

Parking
The University began a range of parking upgrades in 2012, including beginning work on a new permanent car-park behind the Library, and upgrades to the northern and southern car parks.

Teaching labs
Construction began on the University’s new $14 million laboratory building on 25 January, due for completion in 2013. The four-story Teaching Laboratories building will house seven labs, including a ‘mega-laboratory’ to accommodate classes of up to 100 students in chemistry and biology.

Located adjacent to Building Three, the building will also host a laboratory for intensive and detailed work to conserve sensitive cultural materials, and a state-of-the-art Pharmalab to serve the needs of students interested in a career in pharmacy or the pharmaceutical industry.

IT infrastructure
The University upgraded its IT infrastructure by building a state-of-the-art hub for its data systems off-campus, completed in May 2012. The new data centre complements an existing centre on-campus, which was established in 1985 and is currently undergoing remodeling due to completion in early 2015. The centres house the equipment to support more than 140 of the University’s IT systems, including the website, emails and corporate applications.

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The University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the White RIBBON Foundation to take part in their Workplace Accreditation Pilot Program, which aims to support workplaces to prevent and respond to violence against women. The program calls upon organisations to take steps to promote safe workplaces for women by adapting organisational culture, practices and procedures. As part of their support, students and staff were an oath to end violence against women at a White Ribbon Day event.


To celebrate NADOC week, the Ngunnawal Centre hosted a morning tea for staff and students and events for local children.

UC Forum on Indigenous Wellbeing

To form an overview of Australia’s current focus and future direction, the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was discussed by a panel of keynote speakers at the University of Canberra on 24 August 2012.

The lecture titled ‘Affecting Our Future’ was part of the Ngunnawal Lecture Series and was co-hosted by the University of Canberra and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation. The lecture also covered suicide prevention among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In the lecture, University of Canberra Deputy Chancellor and Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group, Dr Tom Calma AO, discussed life expectancy and mortality rates to provide an overview of the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and where it is headed. He named some problems facing Indigenous life expectancy such as smoking, obesity, overcrowded housing, health education and access to nutritious foods such as fruit and vegetables, saying these things could be changed.

LONDON GAMES ATHLETES

As an Elite Athlete Friendly University, the University supports student athletes by helping them manage their study alongside their training commitments. In 2012 the University had over 70 student elite athletes enrolled, one of the highest numbers in Australia.

The University of Canberra athletes won a total of 14 medals at the London Paralympic Games and Olympic Games, with gold medallist and landscape architecture student Evan O’Harlon carrying the flag for Australia at the Paralympic closing ceremony.

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Paralympic Games
Institute for Applied Ecology researcher Dr Susan Powell won Australia’s first gold medal of the Paralympics in the C4-5 50m individual pursuit.

Coaching science student Ellie Cole brought home six medals from the pool – winning gold in the 100m freestyle 59 and 100m backstroke 29 and bronze in the 50m freestyle 59 and 400m freestyle 59. Cole was also part of the 4×100m freestyle relay (54 points) and 4×100m medley relay (54 points) teams that won gold. Ms Cole also was also named UCCLC Athlete of the Year.

In athletics, O’Harson won two gold medals, breaking his own world records to run 10.79 seconds in the 100m T38 class and 21.82 seconds in the 200m T38.

Brad Scott, studying a double degree in sports coaching and exercise science and sports management, nabbed two medals silver in the T37 1500m and bronze in the T37 800m.

Education student Scott Reardon ran to silver in the T37 800m.

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MUSIC
2012 was another busy year for UC Live, who brought over 40 shows to the University of Canberra’s venues. The Refectory continued to bring big names to Canberra, presenting the third installation of the All Our Friends At Night dance festival and hosting side shows from the Soundwave tour as well as the sold-out Canberra leg of the Hilltop Hoods tour.

March saw the opening of Canberra’s newest live music venue Zierholz @ UC, instantly becoming a favourite of artists and music lovers alike and scoring a nomination for Live Venue of the Year in the inaugural Music ACT Annual Music Awards (MAMA), along with the Refectory.

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The University also marked the anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone in October through the new-look Stone Day event, which saw the University grounds turned into a carnival, complete with live music, rides and circus acts for students to enjoy.

In 2012, the Aspire UC schools program, which is designed to build aspiration and achievement for young people from low SES and regional backgrounds, was extended to include more schools across the south-east and Riverina districts of NSW. A total of 3000 high school students participated in the program in 2012, with the program delivered principally within the school setting but also on-campus for students in Year 9. Teachers from these schools attended a two-day forum to support them in building aspiration and achievement for their students.

In partnership with the Country Education Foundation Australia, a successful University Experience Camp was held for financially disadvantaged students from regional and remote schools in NSW. Additionally, a variety of literacy intervention projects were delivered to school students and/or their parents across the region, including the UC-CAN READ program undertaken in partnership with the ACT Direc

The mission of the Alumni Office is to develop institutional pride among the University’s alumni (over 65,000 graduates) through relationship building activities, tailored communications, and promotion of achievements of the University and its graduates.

In 2012, over 200,000 pieces of electronic communication were transmitted between the Alumni Office and alumni subscribers. Alumni’s presence on social media continued to develop and major alumni events were held throughout the year.

The new alumni website was launched in June with interactive features including a digital archive with functionality.
2012 HONORARY DOCTORATES

The University of Canberra awarded five honorary doctorates at graduation ceremonies held in March and September 2012. For a full list of honorary appointments, emeriti and adjuncts please see the appendices on page 52.

Bryce Courtenay

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Dr Courtenay sold over 20 million books ($10 million in Australia). His success began with his 1989 debut, The Power of One, which he wrote aged 55. He began his career in advertising, where he became creative director of three major advertising agencies, was also patron of a number of charities, awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 1995, and named Canberra’s Australian Day ambassador in 2012.

Dr Courtenay delivered a rousing speech to graduates, at the ceremony in one of his final public appearances before he passed away.

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Rhodanthe Lipsett

Dr Rhodanthe Lipsett OAM, 90, was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University on 27 March in recognition of more than 50 years of service to maternal health as a midwife, nurse and author. Dr Lipsett has cared for tens of thousands of new mothers, for which she was also honoured with the Order of Australia Medal in 1992.

“Never lose the dream, but make sure whatever you are required to do before it comes about is going to contribute when your time comes,” – Bryce Courtenay.

Jeffrey Harmer

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Amongst his leadership roles Dr Harmer was Secretary of the Department of Education, Science and Training and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. He oversaw key policies and programs for housing assistance, child support, mental health, people with disability, health insurance reform and Indigenous Australians under the Howard, Rudd and Gillard governments.

“Be optimistic and take some risks that the confidence of having your degree should allow,” – Jeffrey Harmer.

Jim Service

ACT businessman Dr Jim Service AO was awarded an honorary doctorate on 27 September, to mark a career spanning over 50 years and to recognise his outstanding contribution to the Canberra community through his business, voluntary and philanthropic activities. Dr Service has held positions as chairman, director or president of over 50 companies and organisations, such as ActewAGL, the National Museum of Australia, Property Council of Australia and National Building and Construction Committee.

“If life isn’t a rehearsal, make the most of it,” – Jim Service.

Nguyen Xuan Vang

Alumnus Dr Nguyen Xuan Vang, the Director-General of International Education Development, Ministry of Education and Training in Vietnam, received an honorary doctorate from the University on 28 September for his outstanding contribution to education.

Dr Vang’s visionary approach and dedication to the development of English language education in Vietnam has been greatly honoured, including through a University of Canberra Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008.

“Continue to learn, believe in yourself, love what you have chosen and focus on implementation,” – Nguyen Xuan Vang.

UC FOUNDATION

The UC Foundation’s key objective is to support areas of need that cannot be financed through the normal funding sources of the University. Priority funding areas include scholarships, research and research facilities, capital works and endowments.

The UC Foundation raised more than $2.6 million in philanthropic income in 2012 which supported a number of key projects, including UC Foundation scholarships, the U-CAN READ literacy program, the Gallery of Australian Design and the Australian Maths Trust.

The UC Foundation assisted in raising over $2.5 million in funding for the Aspiration Initiative as part of the Aurora Project partnership (see page 43) from the Commonwealth Government, corporate sponsors, philanthropic trusts and foundations.

ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

In 2012, the focus of the UC Foundation Annual Giving Appeal was to raise funds for scholarships to support rural, regional, Indigenous and refugee students. $55,000 was raised and thanks to the generous donations from our alumni and supporters the UC Foundation awarded 26 new scholarships to students including Bal Kama, Ayeshia Milner and Aung Aung.

“Heartfelt financial support has allowed me to continue my studies at a time when I thought about giving up. I hope that if you supported the scholarship program, you will feel pleased to know what a crucial impact it had on my life.”

Bal Kama

“I am completing a double degree of arts and law at the University of Canberra and my dream is to use my degree to bring better law and order human rights and education back to my home country of Papua New Guinea. I cannot fully explain what a wonderful difference this scholarship has made towards reaching this goal.”

Ayeshia Milner

UC PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

A new partnership between the Aurora Project and the University of Canberra will help Indigenous high school students realise their academic potential.

In August 2012 the University entered into a three year agreement with the Aurora Project to support the Aspiration Initiative, which provides academic enrichment programs for Indigenous high school students and a range of other initiatives to support Indigenous education.

The national Aspiration Initiative aims to increase opportunities and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students, helping them realise their potential at school, university and beyond.

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- Australian Marketing Institute Forum
- Basketball ACT (Canberra Capital)
- Ben Donohoe Run and Walk for Fun
- Canberra International Film Festival
- Canberra Short Film Festival
- Capital Football (Canberra United FC)
- Council of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences National Forum
- InnovationACT
- Layton Claim Literacy Project
- Live in Canberra program
- MICE ACT Children’s Christmas Party
- Movember
- National Science Teachers’ Summer School
- Peter Cullen Trust
- Rehabilitation International Housing Forum
- South East Regional Academy of Sport
- The Conversation
- The Smith Family Christmas Giving Tree Appeal
- The Smith Family Government House Open Day
- The Smith Family Learning for Life Scholarships
- Young Canberra Citizen of the Year Awards

PUBLIC LECTURES

The University launched the ‘Challenge Your Mind’ lecture series in July, designed to get Canberra thinking about the big issues facing society today. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Federal Member for Fraser Andrew Leigh (above), entitled ‘The Naked Truth? Media and Politics in the Digital Age’.

Other public lectures held during 2012 included:

- Andrew Metcalfe, secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) – 9 March: how DIAC contributes to national security
- His Excellency Paul Madden, British High Commissioner to Australia (above) – 29 March: United Kingdom national security developments
- Alan Berin, Assistant Secretary of International Affairs for the US Department of Homeland Security – 24 April: security as an organisational principle
- Jane Halton, secretary of the Australian Department of Health and Ageing – 2 May: tobacco and chronic disease as global public health issues
- Dr Rashmi Sharma (pictured above with Professor Jon Stanhope), Chair of the ACT Medicare Local – 20 June: progress and challenges of Medicare Locals
- Peter Baxter, Director General of AusAID – 29 June: AusAID’s role in assisting developing countries
- Professor Mick Dodson, University honorary doctor and Indigenous advocate – 11 July: constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

A forum on 29 November titled ‘Understanding Afghanistan – from relief to development’ saw a panel of international experts discuss the successes and failures of delivering aid in Afghanistan, held at the National Press Club.

Organised by the University of Canberra’s ANZSOG Institute for Governance (ANZSOG), the event featured ANZSOG director Professor Mark Evans, founding director of the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit at the University of York Professor Sultan Barakat, medical researcher and leader of education initiatives in Afghanistan Dr Noura Saleh OAM and ANZSOG researcher Adbi Farhadi.

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CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Dr Helen Watches OAM, ACT Human Rights and Discrimination Commissioner (above) – 18 July: Bimberi Youth Justice Centre

Dr Vivienne Thom, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security – 27 July: overseeing security activities

Chris Faulks, Chief Executive Officer of the Canberra Business Council – 27 August: business opportunities in Canberra and the region

John Lawler AM APM, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Crime Commission (above) – 31 August: organised crime as a national security issue

Shelby Penn, Chair of the National Capital Authority – 12 September: the Authority’s long-term plan for Canberra

Dr Rhonda Dickson, Chief Executive of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority – 21 September: inaugural Murray-Darling Basin Futures CRN lecture on achieving water reform in the Murray-Darling Basin

Lieutenant General David Morrison AO, Chief of Army – 26 October: the Australian Army as a fundamental element of Australia’s maritime strategy

Dr Grant Willson, Dr Greg Kyle and colleagues – September/October: healthy sleep series

Professor Robyn Archer (above) – 12 November: 2012 Don Aitken/Challenge Your Mind lecture: 100 chants to challenge the mind

Professor Mark Evans, colleagues and guests – 29 November: ANZSOG forum on aid provision in Afghanistan

Professor Helen Berry, University psychiatric epidemiology professor – 11 December: Australian marginalisation
INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NUMBERS

The University of Canberra experienced strong growth in international student numbers, despite a trend towards declining numbers across the sector. International student load has increased 62.9 percent from 2009 to 2012.

International students from 117 countries were enrolled at the University of Canberra in Semester Two, 2012. The top five countries were:

• China
• Vietnam
• Saudi Arabia
• India
• Pakistan

Top ten courses taken by international students

1. Bachelor of Commerce
2. Bachelor of Business Administration
3. Bachelor of Information Technology
4. Bachelor of Nursing
5. Bachelor of Advertising and Marketing Communication
6. Bachelor of Business Informatics
7. Bachelor of Software Engineering
8. Master of Business Administration
9. Master of Business Administration
10. Master of Professional Accounting

TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION

UC continues to grow strong transnational education student numbers at both undergraduate and post graduate levels, the EFTSL has increased by seven percent from 2011 to 2012. China is slightly the largest source of students, just ahead of Hong Kong.

STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT EXCHANGE

The Study Abroad and Student Exchange programs continued to experience a significant period of growth in 2012. The University had 305 students involved in outbound mobility (exchange, study abroad; or short term programs) and 146 students involved in the inbound mobility program (exchange, study abroad; or short term programs). This was an increase of 53 percent from 2011 for outbound programs, and four percent for inbound programs.

A group of 15 graphic design students took part in a study tour of Shanghai, China, where they drew inspiration for work they exhibited in a local gallery.

Highlights for 2012 included four new faculty led outbound programs: media arts and production to Mumbai, graphic design to Shanghai, Chinese language study to Taiwan, and biology to Africa.

The program received funding from the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DISRTE) for scholarships for the exchange program to Finland, Ireland, USA, Japan, and Canada. DISRTE also funded four short term programs for scholarships to Taiwan, India, China and Canada/USA.

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BoLlYwoD ADVENTURE

University of Canberra students travelled to India in 2012 to learn about the wonders of the Bollywood film industry. The students spent four weeks in Mumbai in June/July, visiting sets to watch the making of films and television shows, and also getting the chance to meet directors and cinematographers to discover the secrets behind film-making.

They also had the opportunity to work on making their own short films that documented their time in the city.

Having never been overseas before, Sam Tremayne, a media arts and production student, said the trip was “impossible to pass up,” as it gave him the chance to gain real world skills and learn about the largest film industry in the world.

“Coming back to Australia I had more confidence in my own skills and believe in myself more as a movie-maker. Also, now I have an understanding of how another country approaches film, which was enlightening in my pursuits of being successful in the future.”
Kenyan High Commissioner graduates

His Excellency Kenyan High Commissioner Stephen Kipkiyeny Tarus graduated with a Master of International Economic Law from the University of Canberra at a ceremony at Parliament House on 27 September.

Mr Tarus, who was appointed to the role of High Commissioner in 2009, thanked the University for supporting him during his studies, including the flexibility of being able to attend classes outside of work hours or online.

His wife Jane Jepatru Rotich Tarus also graduated with a Master of Business Administration in Strategic Procurement from the University.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

The University continued to develop strong links with international partners in 2012. It hosted a wide range of overseas delegations during the year and made high level visits to key institutions overseas.

From 10-14 January, Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen Parker travelled to China with Pro-Vice Chancellor International and Major Projects Professor Monique Skidmore and University representatives to visit partner universities: Hong Kong Baptist University, Ningbo University, Hangzhou Normal University, and Soochow University. On the final day the group met Jen Tyrrell, Australia’s Acting Minister-Counselor for Education in China.

Professor Parker also travelled to New York later in the year to meet with David Golomber, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy at the New York City Charter Schools Center. He also visited Albany and met with staff from the New York Charter Schools Association, and the State University of New York’s Charter Schools Institute. A group of 18 delegates from the Bei Feng University of Nationalities in China visited the University’s Australian National Museum of Education and INSPIRE centre on 14 June. The academics were interested in finding how historical context and innovation can impact on the understanding of pedagogy and evaluation.

On 5 October the University welcomed a delegation from the Kingdom of Bhutan, including His Honourable Excellency Dorji Wangjb, Minister for Labour and Human Resources and chairman of the Royal Institute of Management (RIM), and Karma Tshering, the Director of RIM.

The University is currently delivering a Master of Public Administration and Master of Management courses intensively at RIM in Bhutan, the first Masters courses to be delivered in Bhutan by any university.

Also in October, the University celebrated a 10-year partnership with Huabei University in China with a visit from the founding dean of the International College Professor Li Xiangjun. The visit marked the decade long collaboration between the two universities which began with a joint program in advertising/marketing communications. A group of academics from the Naresuan University in Thailand visited the University on 10 October to discuss collaborative research, training programs and student exchange.

Delegates from the Naresuan University in Thailand pictured with University of Canberra staff.

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The Faculty of Education’s inaugural China Study Tour in November saw senior education leaders and Faculty staff visit schools and universities in Shanghai, Hangzhou and Suzhou. The tour provided senior educators with an insight into the educational practices of the region and aided their understanding of how schools and universities in the region are collaborating on learning outcomes for students. In addition to the China study tour, the University’s Faculty of Education partnered with the Faculty of Education at Soochow University, Suzhou, to hold a two-day research collaboration workshop. Senior academics from both faculties met to exchange information about their current research projects, with one outcome of the meeting being the agreement to publish several jointly authored journal articles.

CENTRE FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE STUDIES

The University’s Centre for Customs and Excise Studies was active overseas in 2012.

• 62 students completed the new MBA in International Trade and Logistics in August, jointly developed and delivered with the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. At the World Customs Organization Academic Conference held in Marrakech, Morocco in September, the centre signed an MoU with the Institute of the International Business and Law, National Research University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics of St Petersburg, Russia which will see an increased level of cooperation between the institutions.

• On behalf of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Centre conducted a Customs Management Program in November for officials from Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, the Oceania Customs Organisation, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu.

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UC students help in Japan

University of Canberra student Olivia Cribb was the only Australian student selected to participate in a field work course in Japan that aimed to assist in the recovery effort of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Ms Cribb travelled to Sendai City in northern Japan in September to attend the Reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Industrial Restoration (Miyagi Prefecture) field work course, the first of its kind since the natural disasters last year.

The course explored the conditions of communities, industrial restoration and initiatives for reconstruction, as well as giving participants an opportunity to help establish revitalisation of the area.

Later in the year, another University student Andrew Seach was one of only four Australian students selected for a study program to visit Japanese earthquake and disaster areas.

The third year Bachelor of International Studies and a Bachelor of Media Arts Production student presented what he learnt on the trip to students, staff, embassy officials and researchers at the University when he returned. He told them it was an adventure that also gave him the chance to help in the rebuilding effort, including visiting Ohsangwa, which was almost completely destroyed by the disaster.

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APPENDICES

A1. HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Adulyadej, Bhumibol
Ramia IX of the Chakri Dynasty, 2 January 1996

Akint, Donald Alexander
AO, 18 January 2011

Archib Rosey
AO, 31 January 2011

Blackburn, Joan Edna
(Deceased), 16 January 1999

Bryce, Michael
AM, AE, 31 January 2005

Cahill, Ronald
OAM, 24 January 2011

Carmichael, Laurence Norman
Richard, 2 January 2001

Connors, Lindsay
Genevieve, 1 January 1992

Courtney, Bryce
(Deceased), AM, 28 January 2012

Craw, Wendy
AM, 5 January 2009

Cullen, Peter Wray
(Deceased), 19 January 2001

De Castella, Robert
MBE, 17 January 2008

Dodson, Michael James
AM, 5 January 2010

Dutton, Geoffrey
Piers Henry, 21 January 1993

Edie, Graham Mclean
28 January 1994

Giorgioli, Romaldo
AO, 2 January 1997

Gott, Michelle
29 January 1994

Harmer, Jeffrey
AO, 27 January 2012

Home, Donald Richmond
5 January 1996

Horton, Warren
OAM, 28 January 2000

Hughes, Philip
(Deceased), 24 January 1996

Lipschetz, Rhodante
OAM, 27 January 2012

Mackay, John Angus
AM, 18 January 2008

O’Kane, Mary Josephine
AM, 1 January 2011

Peters, Christopher
(Deceased), AM, 5 January 2009

Pike, Andrew
OAM, 17 January 2007

Richardson, Sam
Scruton, 19 January 2000

Robertson, James
AM, 18 January 2007

Ross, Eric
(Deceased), 27 January 1995

Ryan, Susan Maree
22 January 1998

Sayers, Andrew George
5 January 2010

Service, Jim Glen
AO, 27 January 2012

Stanhope, Jon
27 January 2011

Vang, Nguyen Xuan
27 January 2012

Veenker, Peter
27 January 2012

Vang, Nguyen Xuan
27 January 2012

Veenker, Peter
27 January 2012

A2. EMERITUS AND ADJUNCTS

EMERITUS PROFESSORS

Aitchison, Gordon
(Deceased), MSc, PhD Adelaide, 25 January 1982

Akint, Donald
AO, MA UNE PhD ANU, FASSA, FACE, 1 January 2009

Alderman, Belle
AM, BA Guang, MSc, Emory, DLS Col AAILA, 7 January 2005

Bonello, Elvis
(Deceased), BE(Hons), MEngSc, PhD Melbourne, ARMTC (Mech Eng), ARMIT (Prod Eng), (TTTC, COORD, MIE Aust, CEng, MIE, AADM), 1 January 2003

Clark, Edward
BA St Marys, Med (Hons) Wichita, JD (Hons) Wabash, Med St Sc, PhD TAS, 7 January 2005

Cullen, Peter
(Deceased), 20 January 1999

Gorton, John Grey
(Deceased), 20 January 1999

Mitchell, Rae Elise
(Deceased), 24 January 1992

Solly, Elise Hope
(Deceased), AM, 28 January 1998

Goodrum, Denis
BSc, Med Sydney Ed D, 4 January 2009

Green, William
NDO Newcastle UK, PRSA, MESA, MDIA, 2 January 2002

Houston, Hugh
BA NZ, BEd, DipEdUWA, PhD Massey, 22 January 1977

James, Jennifer
(Deceased), AM, RN, RH, DNE NSW Coll Nursing, BHA UNSW, MEd CCAE, FCN NSW, FChGE, FINA (NSW/ACT), 28 January 1998

Jory, Rodney
BSc Adelaide, PhD ANU, FAIP, 5 January 2001

Kayross, Carole
PhD Melbourne, MSc Tech, PhD UWA, 5 January 2005

Keahey, Robert
BSc (Hons), UNE PhD, DSc UQ, 1 January 2000

Kearley, Robert
BSc (Hons), UNE PhD, DSc UQ, 1 January 2002

Lien, Andrew
BA (Hons) Sydney, DU Paris IV, Sorbonne, 5 January 2005

Mandis, William
Oxon, 12 January 2000

Mitchell, Robert
ME UNSW, 20 January 1997

Mosefeld, Peter
MA, DipEd UON, 7 January 1978

Moses, Ingrid
DipSoc Wrt Etappegen-Neunberg, MA, PhD UQ, HonDlitt UTS, CSU 5, GradDipTertEd, DOlAE USQ, 4 January 2006

Nandan, Satendra
BA (Hons), BedDints, MA

Linguistics, MA Cawth Writ Leeds, Cert Env Teaching London, PhD ANU, 7 January 2005

Norris, Richard
(Deceased), BSc Zoology (Hons) ANU, Dip Ed CCAE, PhD Zoology Tasmania, 1 January 2011

Pearson, Colin
AO, AO, MBE – BSc Tech (Hons), MSc Tech, PhD Marc, FTTIE, FIRC, 2 January 2002

Pollard, Graham
H BSc Sydney MSc PhD ANU AM AusF, 28 January 2005

Richardson, Sam
(Deceased), AO, AO, CBE MA Osen, LLD A Bells, Hon DUC, 10 January 1984

Ride, William
David
(Deceased), AM, AM, DPhilOn EPIS, 24 January 1988

Robertson, Brian
BScSurv
Otago, DipTownPlan Auckland, DipUrbanDes, MA Osen Brooks, DipBScMan C UQ, PhD QUT, 15 January 2005

Shaddock, Anthony
BA (Hons) Med (PhD) ANU, 12 January 2010

Taylor, Graham
MSc UNSW, PhD ANU, 5 January 2000

Taylor, Kenneth
AO, BA Shell, DipTP Marc, MLArch Malb, FAILA, 1 January 2005

Taylor, Peter
BSc University of Adelaide 1967, BSc (Hons, Math), PhD University of Adelaide 1968, Ph D, (Applied Math)

University of Adelaide 1972, Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Rousse, Bulgaria, 2003, 31 January 2012

Tomasic, Roman
LLB, MA Sydney, PhD UNSW, S D Wisconsin, Solicitor (NSW), 31 January 1999

Traill, Ronald
BA, DipEd UTAS, MA, Ed D Calif, 29 January 1986

Wattenthal, Roger
AM, MA, DipPubAdmin UTAS, PhD ANU, 28 January 1994

ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

Archer, Robyn
BA(Hons), Adelaide, Dip Ed Adelaide, Dr. of Uni Pinders, Officer of Order of Aus, Chevalier du Ordre des Arts et Lettres(France), Officer of Order of the Crown(Belgium), Int. Citation of Merit Int Soc of performing Arts, Federa, Med(Aus), 1 January 2011

Aulich, Christopher
PhD UNSW, MPA UCLA, BSc Econ (London), BA, Dip Ed (U TAI), 28 January 2011

Barnes, Chris
BSc (Hons) ANU 1971, PhD ANU 1975, 1 January 2012

Bartholomew, Andrew
(Taxology) RMIT, BPh Sydney, Introductory Vitrification CIT, Explosives Supply Management RAAF, 17 January 2011

Bell, Robert
PhD ANU, 1 January 2012

Bellantonio, Nina
BA(Hons Canberra, Master Environmental Design

APPENDICES
A3. WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

The University of Canberra is committed to promoting, maintaining and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its workers, students, contractors and visitors. Workplace Health and Safety is managed in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

The University’s commitment is supported by health and safety systems, policies and initiatives. Measures taken by the University in 2012 to ensure health, safety and welfare included:

- providing information in relation to safety performance and proactive compliance with, and training on, safety obligations at an executive level
- improved risk management of high risk operations including hazardous substances, contractor safety management and roof safety
- completion of an annual workplace inspection program
- the emergency control organisation, which brings together the various wardens and first aid officers, frequently meeting to undertake training, development and review of systems and processes including regular emergency evacuation exercises; and
- providing training, awareness seminars and guidance material on safety related topics.

Health and wellbeing initiatives provided and promoted included:

- provision of an Employee Assistance Program service for all staff
- employer-funded influenza immunisation for staff and students identified as at risk or presenting a potential risk to clients
- onsite corporate weight watchers programs
- Red Cross blood donor program that supports employees volunteering as blood donors; and
- access to a corporate health plan for staff private health cover.

The University of Canberra acknowledges the importance of maintaining the health and safety of its workers and commits to minimising the human and financial costs of injury and illness through timely and effective early injury management, including early intervention strategies to return employees to work, in accordance with Comcare legislation and University policies and guidelines.

During 2012, no directions or notices under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 were served on the University by WorkSafe ACT, Health and Safety Representatives, or Comcare.

A4. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

This information is given in relation to the Freedom of Information Act 1989 (ACT).

ESTABLISHMENT

The University is established under the University of Canberra Act 1989. The functions of the University include:

- to transmit and advance knowledge by undertaking teaching and research of the highest quality
- to encourage and provide facilities for postgraduate study and research
- to provide facilities and courses for higher education generally, including education appropriate to professional and other occupations, for students from within Australia and overseas
- to award and confer degrees, diplomas and certificates, whether in its own right, jointly with other institutions or as otherwise determined by the Council
- to provide opportunities for persons, including those who already have post secondary qualifications, to obtain higher education qualifications
- to engage in extension activities.

In performance of its functions the University is required to pay special attention to the needs of the Australian Capital Territory and the surrounding region.
procured documents relating to student administration, financial statements and accounting records, registry files, and various other administrative records.

ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS

The University has a policy of openness with respect to its activities, and seeks to provide maximum access to its records. Individuals can obtain information regarding access to their personal information by reference to the University’s Personal Information Digest at www.canberra.edu.au/privacy/personal-information-digest.

For other documents, depending upon the nature of the documents, the University may be willing to provide them to applicants without the need to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act. Requests for access to documents should be directed to the Secretary to Council, University of Canberra ACT 2601, telephone (02) 6201 2908.

FOI PROCEDURES

Freedom of Information (FOI) requests should be made in writing to the FOI Officer. The address for the FOI Officer is: Ms Maria Storti, Secretary to Council, University of Canberra ACT 2601. Applications should include details of where any notices under the Freedom of Information Act can be sent. Applicants should provide sufficient information to enable the University to identify and locate relevant documents. All requests will be acknowledged within 14 days. The Freedom of Information Act provides for fees to be charged for time and resources used in meeting a request. There is no charge for making an FOI application and the University will notify the applicant as soon as possible to provide them with any details of charges and a copy of the FOI fee schedule. The FOI Officer is authorised to make a decision in respect of a request for access to a document.

For more information see www.canberra.edu.au/university/governance/freedom-of-information

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE

University staff or other persons are encouraged to report suspected corrupt conduct by University staff and allegations of maladministration within the University. Submissions made to the University under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1994 (ACT) should be directed to the Disclosure Officer: Ms Maria Storti, Secretary to Council, University of Canberra ACT 2601.

The ACT Ombudsman and the ACT Auditor General are also proper authorities to receive disclosures.

The procedure for management of public interest disclosures is set out in the Fraud Prevention and Control Framework, which sets out the procedures for investigation of disclosures and requires protection for disclosers in accordance with the provisions of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1994. The procedures are available on the University’s Policy Database or by contacting the Secretary of Council at the address specified above.

The University did not receive any Public Interest Disclosures during 2012.

A5. RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

The University of Canberra regards effective risk management as an integral component of the University’s efficient operation, enabling the University to identify, assess and manage significant business and operational risks and minimise their impact on the University.

Risk management is an important component of the broader University Resilience Management Framework which outlines the activities aimed to prevent, prepare for, respond and recover from incidents and disruptive events. Oversight of the resilience management framework and risk management policy is the responsibility of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, a committee of the Council of the University.

The Committee is responsible for evaluating and reviewing the implementation strategy relating to operational aspects of the University’s resilience management framework, including physical security, IT security, maintenance, insurance, workplace health and safety, physical security, risk management, fraud control, emergency management, crisis management and business continuity management.

The University’s risk management policy and practices are designed to ensure that risk is effectively assessed and managed at the strategic, operational and project levels. The University maintains a Strategic Risk Register documenting the highest level business risks. Additionally, each Faculty, Research Centre and controlled entity has an operational risk register that documents key risks as well as their specific risks. These risk registers are used to develop a group wide risk profile for the University. The University’s risk management program is coordinated through the Office of the Group Chief Operating Officer.

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