



Making the most of your PhD:

The Vitae Research Development Framework and the APR intern program

THE CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM SOLUTIONS PRESENTS:

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Time: 16:00 - 17:00

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Refreshments will be provided

ABSTRACT

In addition to ensuring that Australia's HDR outputs are of high quality, it is increasingly recognised that a statement of the skills and knowledge gained by the candidate is needed. Australian Higher Education Graduation Statements therefore need to be populated with evidence from HDR milestones, confirmation of candidature, preparation of a "skills portfolio", seminar presentations, industry and international placements, and oral examinations. In her capacity as Associate Dean Graduate Research, Research & Innovation Division, Sharon will provide an overview of two recently announced programs:

APR INTERN is the only recognized national postgraduate internship program. Run as a not-for-profit organisation, APR Intern draws together funding from both industry and the Federal Government. APR Internships are designed to utilize the skills of bright PhD students to solve real-world challenges in industry, whilst imparting essential work-ready skills and industry contacts to the interns.

VITAE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK is an international program designed to assist students in developing a portfolio of the skills gained through HDR research.

BIOGRAPHY

Senior Professor Sharon Robinson is recognised internationally as a high performing leader for her research into Antarctic terrestrial ecosystems. She has built and led international trans-disciplinary teams and networks researching Antarctic Climate Change Biology and is currently developing novel methods for measuring plant productivity remotely. After completing her PhD at University College London in 1990, she held postdoctoral positions at Duke University (USA) and the Australian National University before her appointment as a Lecturer in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Wollongong (UOW). She has a long tradition of leadership and mentoring at UOW including ten years on the Promotion & Probations Committee. She is currently Associate Dean Graduate Research and leads research student training. She is recognised as an effective and influential research leader internationally and nationally as demonstrated by her membership of the United Nations Environment Programme Environmental Effects Assessment Panel, the Australian Research Council College of Experts, the Antarctic Science Advisory Committee and as an Editor for the journal *Global Change Biology*.



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