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Foreword

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Professor Steve Armfield
Head of School

We are pleased to publish this report which reflects the research strengths and achievements in the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering (AMME) for 2011. The school has a number of world class research groups and has continued to maintain its position as the dominant research school in the faculty, and one of the leading engineering research schools in the country. During the year \$5.5 million of new research funding was obtained, 311 research articles and books were published, 125 research students were under supervision and 16 research students completed. With 29 permanent academic staff members our performance per capita places us on a par with the top engineering schools in the world. I would like to thank all the staff whose hard work and dedication has produced this outstanding research profile, and in particular to congratulate Professor Yiu-Wing Mai on being elected an International Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and Professor Roger Tanner for completing 40 years of service to the University.

Organisational Overview

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Academic Staff

Head of School

Prof Steve Armfield

Professors

Armfield, Steven
Behnia, Masud
Mai, Yiu-Wing
Masri, Assaad (ARC Australian Professorial Fellow)
Nebot, Eduardo
Tanner, Roger
Tong, Liyong
Ye, Lin

Emeritus Professors

Bilger, Robert
Bird, Graeme
Steven, Grant

Honorary Professors

Brandwood, Arthur
Carter, Paul
Henderson, Le Roy
Kent, John

Adjunct Professor

Chamitoff, Gregory

Associate Professors

Dunstan, Colin
Li, Qing
Liao, Xiaozhou (ARC Fellow QEII)
Ruys, Andrew
Rye, David
Sukkarieh, Salah
Williams, Stefan
Zreiqat, Hala (NHMRC Senior Research Fellow)

Honorary Associate Professors

Diwan, Ashish
Wong, Shing-Chung

Adjunct Associate Professors

Lowe, Allen
Parsi, Kurosh

Roger, Greg
Zheng, Rong

Senior Lecturers

Auld, Douglass (Associate Dean, Education)
Brooker, Graham
Gibbens, Peter
Karkenahalli, Srinivas (Deputy Head of School)
Jabbarzadeh, Ahmad
Kirkpatrick, Michael
McHugh, Paul
Wong, Kee Choon

Honorary Senior Lecturers

Bilston, Lynne
Tran, Giang

Lecturers

Li, Chang
Wu, Xiaofeng
Verstraete, Dries

Vio, Gareth

Honorary Lecturers

Boughton, Phillip
Stone, Hugh

Adjunct Lecturer

Bates, Peter

Associate Lecturers

Briozzo, Paul
Fiford, Rod

Honorary Associates

Clarke, Elizabeth
Fan, Xijun
Houghton, Ron
Lu, Chunsheng
Mitra, Ashish
Qin, Qing Hua
Shah, Shruti
Swain, Michael
Zhang, Xin-Ping

Research Staff

ARC Future Fellow

Liu, Hong Yuan

ARC Australian Research Fellow

Li, Wei

ARC Postdoctoral Research Fellows

Pizarro, Oscar
Wang, Yanbo
Williamson, Nicholas

ARC Postdoctoral Fellow- Industry

Nagarathinam, Srinarayana

ARC Research Associate

Tekyeh Marouf, Bahereh

Australian Postdoctoral Fellow

Lu, Ye

University of Sydney Postdoctoral Fellow

Yang, Chuncheng

CRC-ACS Postdoctoral Fellow

Islam, Saiful
Mohammad

Research Fellows

Allen, Thomas
Elinas, Pantelis
Fitch, Robert
Göktoğan, Ali
Hatherly, Peter
Hill, Andrew
Johnson, David
Johnson-Roberson, Matthew

Melkumyan, Arman
Monteiro, Sildomar
Takahashi
Murphy, Richard
Niето, Juan
Nourani-Vatani, Navid
Orchansky, David
Scheding, Steven
Underwood, James
Vasudevan, Shrihari
Velonaki, Mari
Worrall, Stewart
Zhou, Hang (Cathy)
Peynot, Thierry

Post Doctoral Fellows

Aberra, Tilek
Bailey, Tim
Baji, Avinash
Bryson, Mitchell
Chen, Yuhang
Dai, Shao Cong
Juddoo, Mrinal

Kittipoomwong, Prakorn David
Lee Wo, Duane
Luo, Quantian
Qi, Fuzhong
Starmer, Sten
Tang, Youhong
Zhou, Shiwei

Postdoctoral Research Associates

Chen, Bin
Du, Xusheng
Kourmatzis, Agisilaos
Lu, ZuFu
Nakul, Vinayaka
Prasad
Wang, Guocheng

Postdoctoral Researcher

Wang, Dong

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Research Staff

Research Associates

Bertevas, Erwan
Deng, Shiqiang
Douillard, Bertrand

Lawrance, Nicholas
Ramos, Fabio
Reid, Alistair
Rungsiyakull, Chaiky

Uthayakumaran,
Surjani

Senior Research Engineer (CRC-AS)

Beehag, Andrew

Research Assistant

James, Barbara

Administrative Staff

Administration Personnel

Liang, Wendy (Undergraduate Studies)
Martin, Vinita (Head of School's Office)
Olip, Ruth (Admin Manager, ACFR)
Santos, Tessie
Sawtell, Olga (CEO, Operations, ACFR)
Sexton, Bronwyn (Postgraduate Studies & Marketing)

Finance Managers

Connell, Robin
Wang, Christy

Finance Officer

Joshi, Padmini

Administrative Assistants

Gonzales, Susan
Hunter-Smith, Lisa (ACFR)

Workshop Staff

Senior Technical Officers

Elder, Greg (Deputy Manager, AMME Workshop)
Stenger, Duncan (Manager, AMME Workshop)

Technical Officers

Attia, Muhammad Esa
Blekhman, Alexander
Brown, Stuart

Calleija, Mark
Chan, Victor
Chen, Quanjun (Jerry)
Crundwell, Bruce
Durrant, Andrew
Geier, Matthew
Goyal, Abhinav
Hale, Tim
Hennessy, Ross
Karkada, Stanley
Lal, Ritesh
Lees, Christian
Leung, Raymond
Lowe, Alex

Maclean, Andrew
Martinez, Javier
Massey, Alexander
McCouat, Nicholas
Merry, Laura
Miller, Tim
Nguyen, Dai Bang
O'Shannessy, Robert
Ralph, Daniel
Randle, Jeremy
Riviere, Greg
Shearing, Trevor
Sinclair, Malcolm
Todhunter, John

Vitjuk, Ivan
Vlaskine, Vsevolod
Wishart, Stuart
Wohlleber, Cedric
Wright, James
Zigman, John

Technical Assistants

Mear, Paul
Potts, John



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Visiting Professors/ Scholars

Bussiba, Arry
Fan, Jin-tu
Gong, Xiao-Jing
Hosoi, Atsushi

Lee, Jim
Nettleton, Eric
Pyrz, Ryszard

Raman,
Venkatramanan
Wei, Kexiang
Wu, Jingshen

Yang, Ying-Kui
Yu, Zhong-Zhen
Zhang, Donghai
Zhou, Limin

Occupational Trainees

Cazzato, Luigi
Fu, Kunkun
Gang Yang, Miao
Hagel, Philipp

Hattori, Gabriel Da
Silva
Huang, Yuan-Li
Jiang, An
Matela, Michael

Qin, Guo
Shou, Dahua
Sun, Jingli
Torkittikul, Pincha
Wang, Chao

Witt, Nikolai
Won, Dae-Yeon
Zhu, Suqin

Research Highlights

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Research and Teaching Grants Awarded in 2011

[Australian Research Council \(ARC\) Discovery Grants](#)

MAI and Guo **\$345,000**

Toughening thermosets by highly ordered nanostructures

LIAO and Wang **\$300,000**

Interactions between linear and interfacial crystalline defects and their impact on mechanical properties in nanostructured metals and alloys

[Australian Research Council \(ARC\) Future Fellowship](#)

LIAO **\$817,856**

The effect of structure and size on the mechanical behaviour of III-V semiconductor nanowires

WILLIAMS **\$759,836**

Delivering information suitable for studying spatial and temporal variability in benthic habitats using autonomous underwater vehicles

[Australian Research Council \(ARC\) Linkage Grant](#)

NEBOT, Nieto and Brooker **\$480,800**

Development of fundamental perception technology and algorithms for mining safety

[Australian Research Council \(ARC\) Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Grant \(LIEF\)](#)

LIAO **\$200,000**

Joint processing facility for the production of far-from-equilibrium alloy structures

[Australian Research Council \(ARC\) Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards \(DECRA\)](#)

TANG **\$375,000**

Water-swellaible rubber with nanoparticle-enabled super capacity as smart water-leakage

ZHOU **\$375,000**

Topology optimisation for advanced engineered nanostructures

[National Health and Medical Research Council Grant \(NHMRC\) Project Grants](#)

LITTLE (*The Children's Hospital*),
RUYS (*et al*) **\$421,175**

Pre-clinical validation of a novel implant for bone tissue engineering

MURRAY (*Faculty of Pharmacy*),
DUNSTAN (*et al*) **\$835,860**

Pharmacological development of synthetic analogues of cytochrome P450-mediated omega-3 fatty acid epoxides as novel anti-metastatic agents

[National Health and Medical Research Council Grant \(NHMRC\) Early Career Fellowship](#)

LU **\$342,892**

Smart synthetic biomaterial for bone tissue regeneration

[University of Sydney Widening Participation Grant](#)

AULD **\$30,000**

2012 Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School

[Industry Funds](#)

SUKKARIEH *et al* **€195,300**

European Grant - "Multi-UAV Cooperation International Research Exchange Network"
The joint exchange program over 2011-2013 will involve research organizations from Germany, Spain and Australia

SUKKARIEH **\$152,000**

MLA Project - "New Detection and Classification Algorithms for Mapping Woody Weeds from UAV Data"

SUKKARIEH **\$657,000**

Qantas Onshore Research: An Algorithm and Software System for Individual Aircraft Fuel Burn

SUKKARIEH **\$93,000**

Qantas Research- Proof of Concept of New Flight Planning Algorithms

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Appointments and Promotions

Professor **Steve Armfield** reappointed as Head of School for a second term

Dr **Li Chang** appointed as Lecturer in Materials Engineering, starting in 2012

Dr **Matthew Cleary** appointed as Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering starting in 2012

Dr **Matthew Dunn** appointed as Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering starting in 2012

Dr **Ahmad Jabbarzadeh** appointed as Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering, starting in 2012

Dr **Xiaozhou Liao** has been promoted to Associate Professor

Dr **Ian Manchester** appointed as Senior Lecturer in Aeronautical Engineering, starting in 2012

Dr **David Rye** has been promoted to Associate Professor

Dr **Gareth Vio** appointed as Lecturer in Aeronautical Engineering

Dr **Stefan Williams** has been promoted to Associate Professor

Awards and Honours

Professors **Robert Bilger** and **Roger Tanner** have been elected inaugural fellows of the Australasian Fluid Mechanics Society.

Dr **Greg Chamitoff** has made a second successful flight to the International Space Station on NASA's shuttle Discovery on 20th May 2011. This will be Discovery's final flight.

Drs **Yuhang Chen** and **Zufu Lu** were awarded University International Program Development Funding for further developing their international links.

Professor **Yiu-Wing Mai** was elected an International Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Professor **Assaad Masri** and the Research Support team won the Vice Chancellor's award for Excellence.

Dr **Steve Scheduling** has accepted the position of Director of the Rio Tinto Centre for Mine Automation.

Drs **Surya Singh**, **Robert Fitch** and **Stefan Williams** received the Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching 2011 in the Faculty of Engineering & IT.

Associate Professor **Salah Sukkarieh** has taken over from Hugh Durrant-Whyte as ACFR's Research Director.

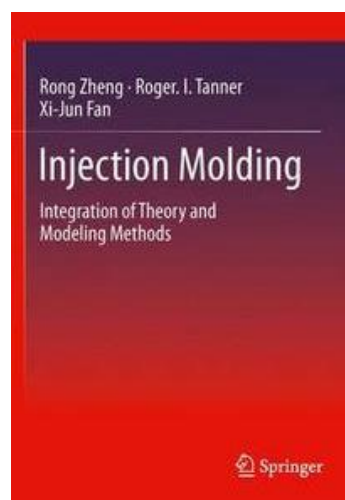
Professor **Roger Tanner** received a silver medal and certificate of recognition for 40 years service to the University.

Ms **Annika Van Hummel** received the Dean's Award and **Mr Lachlan McCalman** high commendation for Excellence in Tutoring 2011 for the School of AMME.

Drs **Stefan Williams**, **Surya Singh** and **Robert Fitch** were awarded a \$35k University Teaching Support (STEPS) Grant towards a project for enhancing robotics education.

Drs **KC Wong** and **Dries Verstraete** were awarded a \$35k STEPS grant for a 'Global Experiential Design Studio for International Engineering Collaboration'.

Professors **Rong Zheng**, **Roger Tanner** and **Xi-Jun Fan** published a very thorough review of Injection Molding.



Associate Professor **Hala Zreiqat's** research story was aired on Catalyst (ABC) in June 2011.

Aerospace Research

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Research Group

Aerospace Design



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- Aircraft design
- Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Micro gas turbines
- Green and renewable propulsion
- Unconventional aircraft configurations
- Hydrogen in aviation
- Propulsion and structures of hypersonic aircraft

Aerospace Engineering



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- Non-linear aeroelasticity
- Non-linear vibration
- Non-linear system identification
- Gust response
- Aeroelastic tailoring
- Design of composite structures
- Morphing structures
- Natural selection optimisation

Design Optimisation Research



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(Also a member of the [Biomedical, Fluid Dynamics Research Groups & Finite Element Analysis Research Center](#))

- Hierarchical Asynchronous Parallel Evolutionary Algorithms (HAPEAs)
- Robust evolutionary methods for multi-objective and Multidisciplinary Design Optimisation (MDO) in aeronautics.
- Grid free flow-solvers and evolutionary algorithms.
- Adaptive aerofoils/wings design and optimisation using evolutionary algorithms.

Flight Simulation and Control



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The Variable Stability Flight Simulator (VSFS) is an exclusive project to the University of Sydney, a national first. In addition to the application of the VSFS to AMME flight mechanics courses, the simulator offers significant potential in other areas. For instance, current post-graduate study is being performed with the aim of producing an avionics course based on the simulator systems. Other post-graduate projects involve guidance and control (landing and flight path) using visual systems - simulated with the VSFS.

Smart Structures Research

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Research interests are mainly concerned with modeling behaviors of composite and smart structures. Current research areas and projects include:

- Failure analysis and damage tolerance of adhesive bonded composite joints
- Modeling behavior of 3D reinforced composite materials, including transverse stitching
- Behavior of composite plates and shells
- Smart structures using PZT sensors/actuators, including damage detection and performance control of thin-walled structures

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Space Engineering Research



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The DSMC (Direct Molecular Simulation - Monte Carlo Method) gas flow simulation technique was pioneered by Emeritus Professor Graeme Bird in this School. The method was originally used for simulation of rarefied gas flow around re-entry vehicles, but has now progressed to the stage of being a useful tool for solving a large range of aerodynamic and aerospace problems such as:

1. Simulation of flow separation in near continuum region
2. Rankine-Heugonot weak/strong shock reflection solutions
3. Nano-Fluid Simulations
4. Investigation of stability of low Reynolds number flows



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- Planetary Rover Systems
- Navigation in GPS denied environments
- Multi-robot systems for Space
- Multi-satellite navigation and control

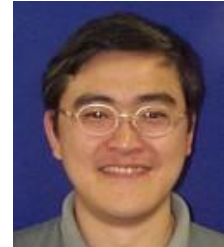


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- Small Satellite bus design
- Fault tolerance systems design
- Remote sensing

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Research

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Current UAV related research activities include the following:

- Autonomous remote sensing using UAVs;
- Decentralised navigation and control of autonomous flight vehicles;
- Simultaneous localisation and map building for autonomous flight vehicles;
- Design and development of rapid prototype UAVs;
- Wind-tunnel and flight based experimental research in aerodynamics and flight performance;
- Modelling of engine/propeller performance and aircraft stability characteristics;
- High fidelity aircraft model development for simulation based control system validation;
- Trajectory optimisation and autonomous guidance for unmanned aircraft;
- Sensor fusion strategies for state estimation using multiple redundant sensors, including Global Positioning Systems (GPS);
- Using GPS for aircraft attitude determination;
- System identification methods and neural networks for fault detection and reconfiguration;
- Robustness analysis of control laws in the presence of uncertain dynamics and wind gusts;
- Robust nonlinear high-performance manoeuvre tracking for autonomous aircraft;
- Autonomous safe recovery and landing of a UAV;
- Terrain Following for autonomous flight vehicles;
- Integration of available technologies into operational UAV systems;
- Real-time flight control software synthesis for UAVs;
- Design and fabrication of airframe components using advanced composite materials.

Aerospace Research

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Emeritus Professors

Prof Bird, Graeme
Prof Steven, Grant

Honorary/ Adjunct Staff

Dr Bates, Peter
Dr Chamitoff, Gregory
Dr Houghton, Ron
Dr Stone, Hugh

Research Fellow

Dr Bryson, Mitchell
Dr Islam, Saiful
Mohammad

Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr Luo, Quantian

Research Students

Abuhashim, Tariq
Anderson, Matthew
Armstrong, James
Awin, Layth Ali
Bai, Xueliang
Bartsch, Ronald
Brown, Sonya
Chung, Jen Jen
De Sousa, Manuel
Dumble, Steven
Gan, Seng Keat

Hemakumara, Madu Prasad
Ho, Derrick
Ho, Ken Po Lam
Hung, Calvin Kai-Yuan
Kassir, Abdallah
Lamburn, Darren
Lehmkuehler, Kai
Lui, Sin Ting Angela
Medagoda, Eran
Nguyen, Joseph
Richardson, Adam
Seiler, Konstantin Martin
Vasista, Srinivas
Williams, David
Wilson, Daniel Briggs
Xiao, Size
Xu, Zhe
Yan, Jun
Yoo, Chanyeol
Zhang, James Yinye

Research Grants *

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator [other AMME investigators]	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (\$)
CRC Advanced Composite Structures Ltd	Tong, Liyong [Ye, Lin]	Structural Repair and Rehabilitation	Jul 2010 - Jun 2015	318,000
CRC Advanced Composite Structures Ltd	Tong, Liyong [Ye, Lin]	Rapid Assembly Methods	Jul 2010 - Jun 2015	430,500
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Tong, Liyong	Design of compliant structure systems with integrated actuators	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	290,000
Defence Science and Technology Organisation/Research Support	Verstraete, Dries	Fuel-Cell Unmanned Aircraft System Hardware-in-the-loop Simulation	Jul 2011 - Jun 2012	12,000

* Figures obtained from the Research Office, University of Sydney

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2011 Publications*

Book Chapters

Bai, X, Wu, X 2011, Customized Processor Architecture for Model Predictive Control in Magnetic Actuated Small Satellites, *Advanced Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Lecture Notes in Electrical Engineering)*, Springer, Chennai, India, 2, 71-79

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Tong, L, Luo, Q T 2011, Analytical Approach to Joint Design, *Handbook of Adhesion Technology*, Springer, Germany, 1, 597-627

Conference Papers

Gibbens, P W, Verstraete, D 2011, Learning aircraft design and flight control system design using flight simulation as a CDIO conduit, 7th International CDIO Conference 2011, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU), Denmark

Bai, X, Wu, X 2011, A Simulation and Visualization Platform for Fractionated Spacecraft Attitude Control System, 2011 IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics and Automation (IEEE ICMA 2011), IEEE, Beijing, China, 2033-2038

Brooker, G M, Randle, J A G, Attia, M E, Xu, Z, Abuhashim, T, Kassir, A, Chung, J, Sukkarieh, S, Tahir (nee Mariam), N, Dickens, J 2011, First Airborne Trial of a UAV Based Optical Locust Tracker, *Australasian Conference on Robotics and Automation (ACRA 2011)*, ARAA: Australian Robotics & Automation Association, Melbourne, Australia, 1-9

Bryson, M T, Reid, A, Hung, C, Abuhashim, T, Sukkarieh, S 2011, Using unmanned aerial vehicles for mapping, classification and monitoring of invasive weeds, 34th International Symposium for Remote Sensing of the Environment, Unknown, unknown, 1-4

Bryson, M T, Sukkarieh, S 2011, A Comparison of Feature and Pose-Based Mapping using Vision, Inertial and GPS on a UAV, 2011 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, IEEE/Omnipress, USA, 4256-4262

Chen, X, Wu, X 2011, Design and implementation of model predictive control algorithms for small satellite three-axis stabilization, *Information and Automation (ICIA)*, 2011 IEEE International Conference, IEEE, China, Article number 5949077, 666-671

Chung, J, Sukkarieh, S 2011, High level risk analysis and decision making regarding the prediction of thermal lift locations for an autonomous mars glider, 10th Australian Space Science Conference, National Space Society of Australia Ltd, Australia, 237-248

Gan, J S K, Sukkarieh, S 2011, Multi-UAV Target Search using Explicit Decentralized Gradient-Based Negotiation, *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation ICRA 2011*, IEEE, USA, CD, 751-756

Hemakumara, P, Sukkarieh, S 2011, Non-Parametric UAV System Identification with Dependent Gaussian Processes, *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation ICRA 2011*, IEEE, USA, 4435-4441

Ho, D, Wong, K C 2011, Low Thrust to Weight Ratio Manoeuvre of a Bio-inspired Bi-mode UAV, *AIAC-14 Fourteenth Australian International Aerospace Congress APISAT 2011*, WALDRONSMITHManagement, Melbourne, Australia

Hung, C, Bryson, M T, Sukkarieh, S 2011, Vision-based Shadow-aided Tree Crown Detection and Classification Algorithm using Imagery from an Unmanned Airborne Vehicle, 34th International Symposium for Remote Sensing of the Environment, Unknown, unknown, 1-4

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Koster, J, Kraemer, E, Munz, C, Verstraete, D, Wong, K C, Velazco, A 2011, Workforce Development for Global Aircraft Design, ASME 2011 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition IMECE2011, ASME International USA, USA, IMECE2011-62273-1-IMECE2011-62273-12

Koster, J, Munz, C, Wong, K C, Velazco, A, Kraemer, E, Verstraete, D 2011, HYPERION UAV: An International Collaboration, 50th AIAA Aerospace Science Meeting, AIAA American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, USA, AIAA-2012-1223

Koster, J, Serani, E, Velazco, A, Wiley, T, Munz, C, Kurz, H, Kramer, E, Wong, K C, Lehmkuehler, K, Verstraete, D 2011, HYPERION: An International Collaboration, 7th International CDIO Conference 2011, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU), Denmark

Lawrance, N R J, Sukkarieh, S 2011, Autonomous soaring for atmospheric exploration of Titan, 10th Australian Space Science Conference, National Space Society of Australia Ltd, Australia, 223-236

Lawrance, N R J, Sukkarieh, S 2011, Path Planning for Autonomous Soaring Flight in Dynamic Wind Fields, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation ICRA 2011, IEEE, USA, CD, 2499-2505

Lee, C-J, Townsend, S, Srinivas, K 2011, Optimisation of Stents for Cerebral Aneurysm, Sixth International Conference on Computational Fluid Dynamics (ICCFD 2010), Springer, Germany, 377-382

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Lehmkuehler, K, Wong, K C, Verstraete, D 2011, Hyperion Flying Wing Aircraft Technology, 7th International CDIO Conference 2011, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU), Denmark

Reid, A, Ramos, F T, Sukkarieh, S 2011, Multi-Class Classification of Vegetation in Natural Environments Using an Unmanned Aerial System, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation ICRA 2011, IEEE, USA, 2953-2959

Srinivas, K, Lee, C-J 2011, Optimisation of Stents for Cerebral Aneurysm Application, Eighth International Conference on Flow Dynamics, GCOE Institute of Fluid Science, Tohoku University, Tohoku, Japan, 448-449

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Verstraete, D, Ling, J C, Wong, K C, Armfield, S W 2011, Development of a micro turboprop for high altitude UAV propulsion, 20th ISABE Conference 2011, International Society for Airbreathing Engines, Sweden

Verstraete, D, Ling, J C, Wong, K C, Armfield, S W 2011, Development of a micro turboprop to extend altitude capabilities of small UAVs, AIAC-14 Fourteenth Australian International Aerospace Congress APISAT 2011, WALDRONSMITHManagement, Melbourne, Australia

Verstraete, D, Thirifay, F, Hendrick, P 2011, Definition and Optimisation of the Structure of a Hypersonic Aircraft Considering Aero-Elastic Deformations, 4th European Conference for Aerospace Sciences, Torus Press Publishing house, Russia

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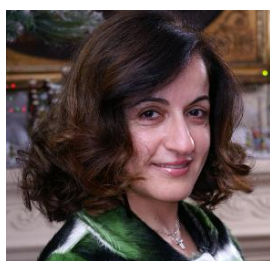


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Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Li, Qing	Topology Optimisation of Periodic Structures for Stent Design	Jan 2010 - Dec 2012	300,000
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Li, Qing [Zhou, Shiwei]	An Engineering Approach to Design of Metamaterials	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	210,000
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Li, Wei [Swain, Michael]	Topography optimization of implants for enhancing osseointegration	Jan 2010 - Dec 2014	600,000
National Health and Medical Research Council/Project Grants	Seibel, Markus (<i>Concord Clinical School</i>) [Dunstan, Colin]	The Role of the Osteoblast in Mediating Glucocorticoid-induced Metabolic Dysfunction	Jan 2010 - Dec 2013	788,900
National Health and Medical Research Council/Project Grants	Zreiqat, Hala [Dunstan, Colin]	Novel coatings for orthopaedic implants	Jan 2009 - Dec 2012	430,125
National Health and Medical Research Council/Project Grants	Zreiqat, Hala [Dunstan, Colin]	Harnessing the physiological effects of strontium and zinc to produce novel biomaterials for orthopaedic applications	Jan 2010 - Dec 2012	539,500
Australian Research Council/Linkage Projects	Zreiqat, Hala	Scaffolds for bone tissue regeneration and use in orthopaedic applications	Jan 2009 - Dec 2012	504,000
Australian Orthopaedic Association Research Foundation	Zreiqat, Hala	Novel coatings for orthopaedic application	Jan – Dec 2011	60,000
National Health and Medical Research Council/Career Awards: Research Fellowships	Zreiqat, Hala	Senior Research Fellowship A	Jan 2011 - Dec 2015	570,640

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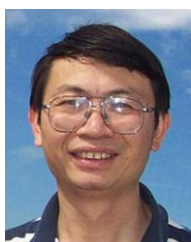
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Group of Eight/Germany Joint Research Co-operation Scheme	Chang, Li [Ye, Lin]	Nanomechanical characterization of the ultra-thin transfer film in polymer tribology	Jan 2011 - Dec 2012	20,000
Australian Research Council/Linkage Projects	Liao, Xiaozhou	In-situ transmission electron microscopy nanoindentation investigation of advanced structural metallic materials	Jan 2010 - Dec 2012	301,338
Australian Research Council/Future Fellowships	Liu, Hong	Fatigue Life Prediction of Nano- filler Modified Composites	Nov 2009 - Dec 2013	624,300
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Wang, Yanbo	Effects of grain size on the deformation mechanisms and mechanical properties of Gum Metals (Ti alloys)	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	255,000
DVC Research/Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Scheme	Yang, Chuncheng	Development of high-efficiency thermoelectric materials by nanostructuring bulk silicon for power regeneration applications	Jan 2011 - Jan 2014	352,789
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Ye, Lin	Fibrous fabric with directional transplanar transport properties for moisture and water	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	360,000
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Materials & Structures Research

Finite Element Analysis Research Center

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The Finite Element Analysis Research Center was (FEARC) has been a part of the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at The University of Sydney since July 1992. The center's primary aim is to serve as a national focus for research in Finite Element Analysis.

Research Group

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- FE analysis for the draping of cloth structures for aircraft or garment.
- Error estimation in dynamic and buckling FEA analysis.
- FE Modelling of Piezo-elastodynamics for the control of very flexible structures.
- Evolutionary structural optimisation.
- FE Modelling and design optimisation of dental structures.
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- Crack tracking algorithms for fracture mechanics.
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Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator [other AMME investigators]	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (\$)
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Jabbarzadeh, Ahmad	Multiscale modelling of flexible fibrous suspensions under flow	Jan 2009 – Dec 2011	360,000
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Tanner, Roger	Modelling soft viscoelastic solids	Jane 2010 - Dec 2012	400,000
Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Tanner, Roger [Fan, Xijun]	Rheology of suspensions with viscoelastic matrices	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	360,000

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Australian Centre for Field Robotics (ACFR)

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The Australian Centre for Field Robotics (ACFR) is based in the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at The University of Sydney, and is dedicated to the research, development, application and dissemination of field robotics principles.

The group has substantial experimental facilities including three laboratories and a field test site, a range of experimental and production vehicles, industry-quality mechanical and electrical design and fabrication facilities, and employs the latest in embedded computing, sensing and control technologies.

The ACFR is now the largest robotics and automation research group in Australia and is also one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Research and Industry Partnerships

- ARC Centre of Excellence for Autonomous Systems (CAS)
- CRC Mining Australia
- Rio Tinto Centre for Mine Automation
- Centre of Expertise in Defence Autonomous & Uninhabited Vehicle Systems, DSTO, Australian Government
- Centre for Autonomous Aerospace Systems
- Centre for Social Robotics
- IMOS AUV Facility
- Academic Capability Partner - BAE Systems

Key Research Areas

The Fundamental Research Program focuses on enabling technologies in four key areas. These areas draw together common themes and research priorities from the applied research program with the goal of supporting long-term developments across the whole field robotics area.

- **Perception**, sensing, representations of information, the modelling and management of uncertainty, data fusion and perceptual interpretation.
- **Control**, of individual micro and macro machines, of heterogeneous groups of platforms and sensors, and of contact and interaction with the environment and each other.
- **Learning**, supervised and unsupervised learning in unstructured and dynamic environments, multi-agent learning, pattern recognition and concept formation.
- **Systems**, design and optimisation of “systems of systems”, modelling and management of complexity, large scale systems theory, and modelling of information flow.

These themes define the science of field robotics and represent the main focus of ACFR. The projects ensure that the many threads of the fundamental research programs are brought together and that a bridge exists to further commercial development of research results.

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Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Douillard, Bertrand	Multi-scale recognition: generating meaning from multi-resolution data	Jun 2011 - Jun 2014	255,000
Australian Research Council/Federation Fellowships	Durrant-Whyte, Hugh	Data Fusion and Perception in Autonomous Networks	Oct 2007 - Oct 2012	1,606,210
Technological Resources P/L	Durrant-Whyte, Hugh	Rio Tinto Centre for Mine Automation	Aug 2007 - July 2014	34,649,940
BAE Systems	Durrant-Whyte, Hugh	Agreement for CIMS	Mar 2010 - Feb 2012	900,000
CRC Mining	Nebot, Eduardo	CRC	Jan - Dec 2011	583,355
AOARD	Peynot, Thierry	Sensor Data Integrity and Mitigation of Perceptual Failures	Oct 2010 - May 2013	261,993
Australian Research Council QEII	Pizarro, Oscar	Cost-effective autonomous systems for large scale monitoring of marine protected areas	Jan 2010 - Dec 2014	798,000
Meat & Livestock Australia Limited	Sukkarieh, Salah	New Detection and Classification Algorithms for Mapping Woody Weeds from UAV Data	Jun 2011 - Aug 2012	152,813
University of New South Wales/Shared Research Support	Sukkarieh, Salah	Pathways to space: Empowering the internet generation	Jun 2010 - Mar 2013	300,196
Qantas	Sukkarieh, Salah	Proof of Concept of New Flight Planning Algorithms	2011	93,000
Qantas	Sukkarieh, Salah	An algorithm and software system for individual aircraft fuel burn characterisation	Oct 2011 - Feb 2013	656,830
Republic of Korea Agency for Defence Development	Underwood, James	Multi-Modal Adaptive Simultaneous Localisation and Mapping (SLAM) for Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGVs) in complex urban and unstructured environments	May 2011 - Oct 2013	420,000
Australian Research Council Future Science	Williams, Stefan	Machine Assisted, Multi-scale Spatial and Temporal Observation and Modeling of Marine Benthic Habitats	Jul 2010 - Jun 2013	278,400
Science and Industry Endowment Fund	Williams, Stefan	John Stocker Postdoctoral Fellowships	Oct 2011- Oct 2014	276,000
University of Western Australia administering funds from ENI Australia Ltd	Williams, Stefan	South East Asia (SEA) node of the Scientific & Environmental ROV Programme using Existing Industrial Technology (SERPENT)	Mar 2011 - Mar 2012	13,400
NCRIS	Williams, Stefan	Use of Autonomous Underwater Vehicle at IMOS AUV facility	Jul 2008 - Jun 2013	1,582,499
Australian Research Council/Linkage Projects	Williams, Stefan	Autonomous repeatable surveys for long term monitoring of marine habitats	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	320,000
Australian Research Council/Linkage Projects	Williams, Stefan	Supervised autonomy for autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) using limited bandwidth communication channels	Jul 2011- Jun 2014	245,538
Thales	Williams, Stefan	Autonomous repeatable surveys for long term monitoring of marine habitats	Jan - Dec 2011	54,545

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Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Masri, Assaad [Bilger, Robert]	Strongly Transient Processes in Turbulent Combustion	Jan 2010 - Dec 2012	653,555
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Australian Research Council/Discovery Projects	Armfield, Steven [Kirkpatrick, Michael]	Investigation and optimisation of displacement ventilation and cooling systems	Jan 2009 - Dec 2012	300,000
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Formula SAE is a student engineering competition where teams design, construct and race a small open-wheeled racing car intended for use in weekend autocross competitions. All research, design and manufacture must be completed within a period of 12 months to prepare for the annual event held by the Society of Automotive Engineers Australasia. The three-day event scores teams on their design, costing and marketing skills as well as dynamic events of skid pad, acceleration, autocross and endurance.

Dr Andrei Lozzi on this year's FSEA Competition

We are thrilled and more than a little relieved to have returned from Melbourne having placed fifth in the 2011 Formula SAE competition – an amazing result to end a big year. The field consisted of 24 local and overseas teams. Doing well in Australia has to be seen as an achievement, at least because since 2004 three local teams have at times been the world's best. These have been Wollongong, RMIT and University of WA.

This year our team has shown the attributes necessary to finally turn an inspiration that came to us in 2008 into a reliable, fast and drivable car. We have built a great deal on the imagination, hard work and progress of past teams. There have been quite a few baffling problems that have baulked our progress, but ultimately this year thanks to intelligent and persistent good work, most plans have reached fruition.

Many of the members that are graduating this year have been in the team for three years. Each 'year' really begins in the previous December and ends in the current December. In 2011 the team has met during the week before Semester I, to debrief, discuss and distribute tasks. Designs were analyzed and manufacture got under way, before the July break. The almost completely new car was on the road to be tested and developed before the end of August.



Figure 1: Our successful 2011 team with many 3rd year students preparing for the 2012 competition

Undergraduate Research- FSEA Racing Car

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There have been many junior students, technicians and academics that have been very helpful, to whom we are grateful, but here I will just mention the thesis team that will graduate, the drivers and one resident technician.

Edward Jarvie	Frame & suspension, team co-leader, inspiring, pushy & committed
Gwylim Johnstone	Shafts & engine and team co-leader, inspiring, pushy & committed
Clare Young	Human resources & management (an honorary and valued member)
Alex Chen	Electronics, data logger, ECU, wiring & potential driver, an important chap
Ted Hackney	Everything about brakes and good fun
Jonathan Stables	Lubrication & cooling system, provided a revealing piece of work
Benn Reid	Futuristic drive shafts & the reincarnation of Ben Hur on the track
Brayden Mead	Aerodynamics, lift & drag and the Pinin Farina of our styling department
Jordan McCulloch	Suspension & frame flexure properties, possessing great strength
Daniel Bartos	Air intake, the most in-depth & complete engine modeling
Shannon Beneforti	Design & manufacture of advanced practical wheel uprights
Luke Henry	Research & testing into novel, light and cheap wheel centers
Carmel Wilson	Steering system, a very difficult mechanism to perfect
Hamish Johnstone	A very quick and scary driver
Ian Salteri	A very quick and less scary driver
Greg Elder	Most excellent machinist, test driver and advisor in all things practical

Car #	Team	Skid pad	Acceleration	AutoCross	Endurance/Econ	Cost	Presentation	Design	Total	Final Rank
		(/75)	(/50)	(/100)	(/425)	(/100)	(/50)	(/200)		
66	Monash University	75.00	31.26	90.92	378.87	82.90	44.93	160.00	863.87	1
2	University of Western Australia	55.46	50.00	100.00	390.16	47.47	45.15	99.00	787.24	2
7	Edith Cowan University	23.66	47.47	76.15	323.28	64.97	36.76	200.00	772.30	3
47	The University of Auckland	33.43	8.50	63.32	273.87	72.59	50.00	175.00	676.71	4
22	University of Sydney	51.75	32.80	48.37	288.91	59.52	47.71	143.00	672.06	5
12	RMIT University	5.51	32.27	65.55	180.20	67.59	46.99	185.00	583.11	6
10	University of Wollongong	36.42	35.96	56.10	232.19	80.02	46.91	95.00	582.60	7
6	Osaka University	39.32	40.92	15.12	218.46	75.75	37.41	134.00	560.98	8
14	Curtin University	3.50	49.35	28.47	247.97	57.80	39.75	105.00	531.83	9
67	Nippon Institute of Technology	48.77	31.78	19.61	224.81	73.22	30.92	97.00	526.10	10
46	Queensland University of Technology	35.41	34.87	47.27	247.50	37.63	43.90	76.00	522.56	11
101	University of Melbourne	47.23	47.47	29.38	162.96	62.28	49.02	120.00	518.34	12
8	University of Adelaide	28.90	40.38	37.41	178.76	62.94	45.29	94.00	487.68	13
3	University of Newcastle	6.81	39.22	6.31	202.31	55.36	41.18	92.00	443.19	14
41	University of Queensland	37.48	37.59	7.48	148.15	53.73	48.49	98.00	430.92	15
63	University of New South Wales	28.38	42.66	32.00	32.00	60.21	47.84	138.00	381.09	16
59	University of Technology , Sydney	35.75	43.26	55.04	32.00	60.13	38.91	116.00	381.08	17
15	University of NSW - ADFA	42.86	45.67	5.00	1.00	77.22	45.74	150.00	367.48	18
88	RMIT University - EV	0.00	0.00	5.00	32.00	92.50	49.58	146.00	325.08	19
21	Toyko Denki University	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	80.71	34.29	126.00	250.99	20
17	Swinburne University - EV	3.50	24.49	5.00	0.00	70.70	41.85	101.00	246.54	21
5	Deakin University	0.00	22.66	5.00	14.00	59.52	42.65	101.00	244.83	22
9	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00	73.50	38.60	74.00	218.10	23
4	Bangalore Institute of Technology	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24
18	NED University, Pakistan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24

Figure 2: Formula SAE Australasia 2011 Overall Results

Student Research Showcase

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Engineering Sydney hosted its annual Research Conversazione on Friday 28 October 2011. Heading into its 23rd year, Research Conversazione has become the premier research event within our faculty. Held annually in October, this event allows the faculty to showcase high calibre research and projects undertaken by undergraduate and postgraduate students with a focus on innovative, applied research that responds to national and international needs, as well as engaging with various new approaches and applications.

There were 42 posters presented from the School of Aeronautical, Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering which were judged by the relevant industry representatives and academics from the Faculty for the following prizes generously sponsored by Shelston IP and Watermark Patent Attorneys.

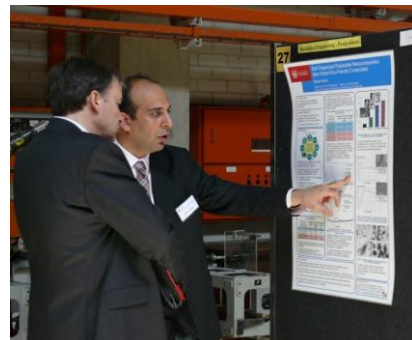


Shelston IP Best Poster Awards - Undergraduates

[Henry Langston](#) (Aeronautical)
[Alisa Pham](#) (Biomedical)
[Zichao Wu](#) (Mechanical)
[Sarah McDonald](#) (Mechatronics)
[Rishi Verma & Jiro Funamoto](#) (Space)

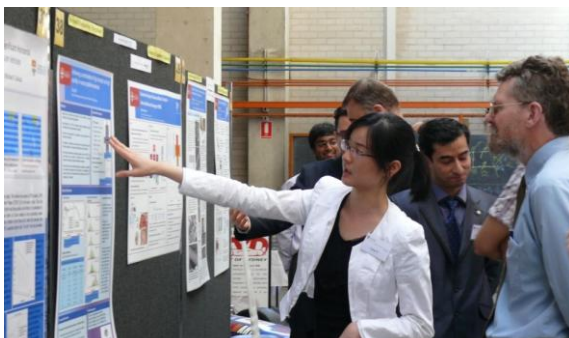
Shelston IP Best Poster Awards - Postgraduates

[Srinivas Vasista](#) (Aeronautical)
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[Song Ni](#) (Mechanical)
[Lashika Medagoda](#) (Mechatronics)
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Watermark Best Poster Awards in Biomedical Engineering

[Ben Davies](#) (Undergraduate)
[Ashkan Javadzadegan](#) (Postgraduate)



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Research Income Awarded in 2011 for Projects Commencing in 2012*

ARC Grants	\$3,606,797
NHMRC Grants	\$746,067
Industry/ Private Funds	\$ 1,154,676
Total	\$5,507,540

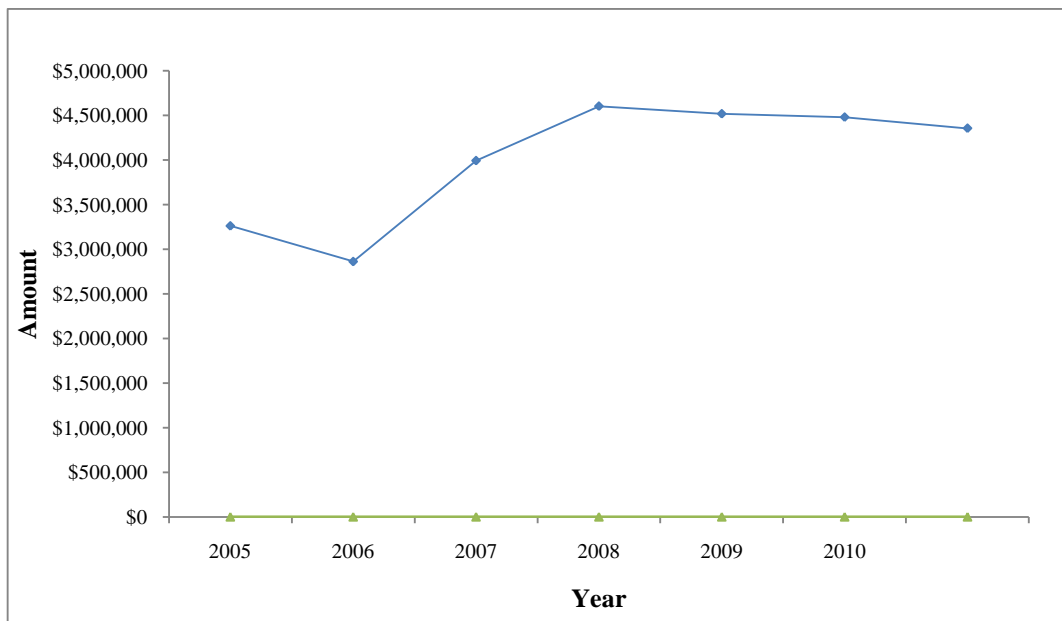


Figure 1: Successful ARC and NHMRC Funding/ Year (2005 – 2011)

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Research Output

The publications reported and approved for the University's **Higher Education Research Data Collection** (HERDC) are reported below.

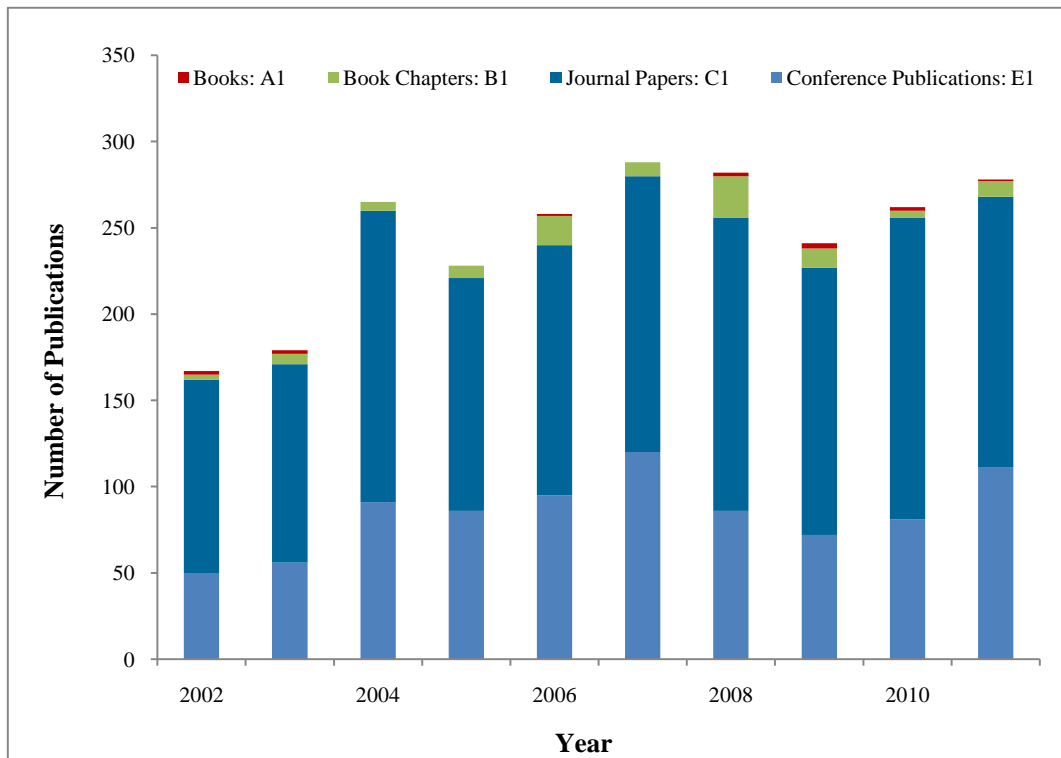


Figure 2: Research Publications 2002- 2011

A1: Authored research books published by commercial publisher

B1: Authored research chapters in commercially published books

C1: Refereed articles in peer reviewed journals

E1: Full length peer reviewed papers published in conference proceedings

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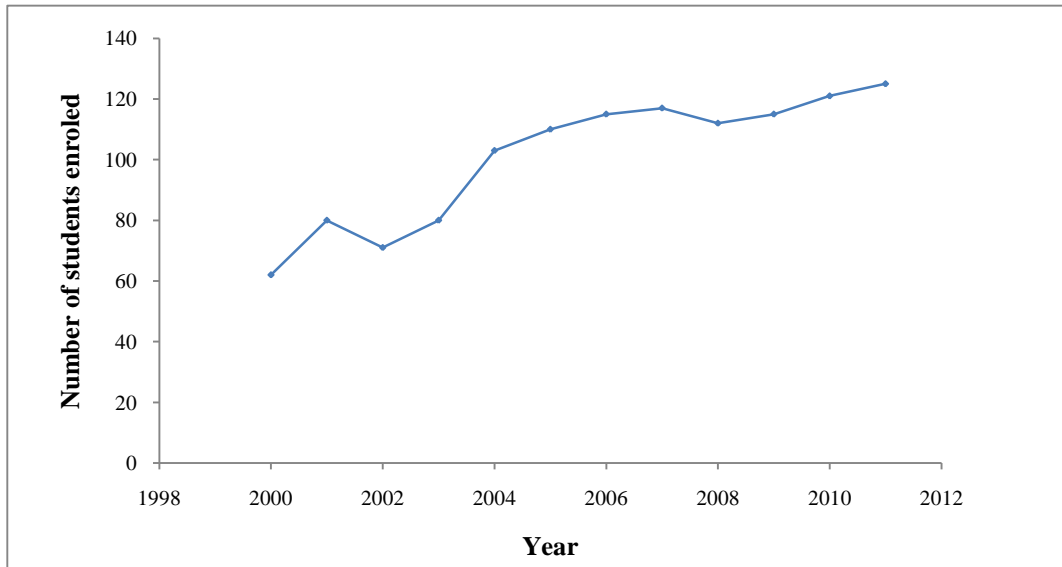


Figure 3: Total number of enrolled Master of Philosophy and PhD students (2000- 2011)

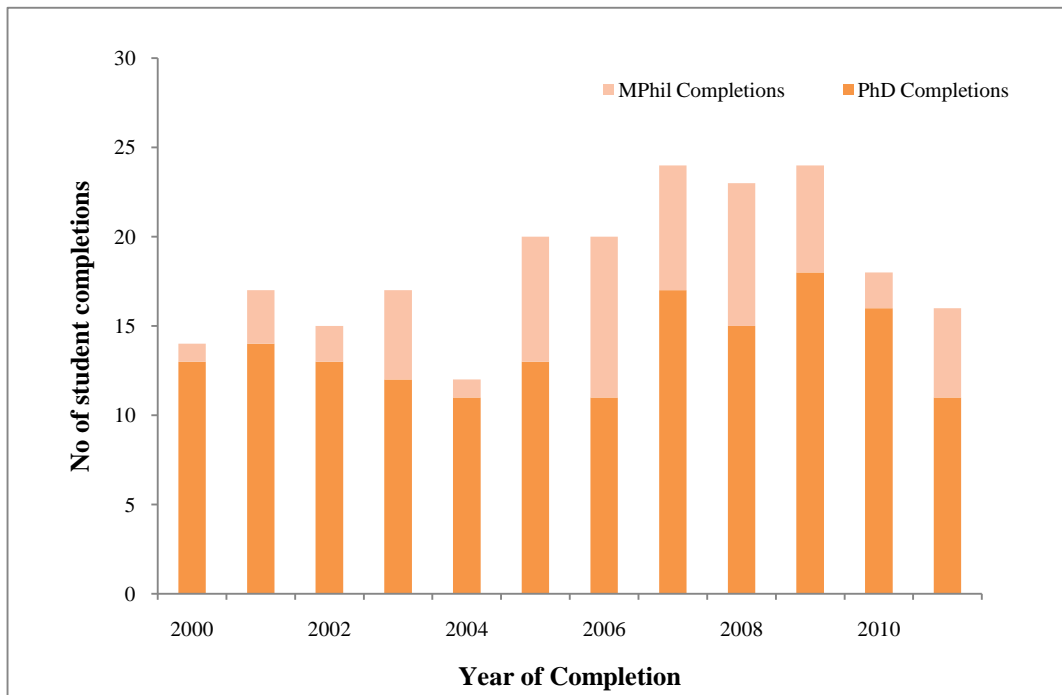


Figure 4: PhD and MPhil completions. (2000 – 2011)