Funding Announcements

AHURI’s National Housing Research Program (NHRP) 2019 funding
Things have been busy at the AHURI Research Centre at UniSA over the last 6 months. We are very pleased to note that thirteen UniSA researchers were involved in AHURI’s NHRP 2019 funding round. This includes two applications led by UniSA researchers and a further six led by the AHURI research centres at RMIT, UNSW, the University of Adelaide, and Curtin. We wish to congratulate and thank all the researchers who contributed to funding submissions in the 2019 NHRP round, and particularly the two UniSA led teams.

We are delighted to announce the successful funding of a UniSA led application in the Stand-Alone Research category titled: ‘Urban Indigenous homelessness: much more than housing’.

The research aims to review policy, practice and service delivery, explore culturally safe responses to homelessness from Indigenous perspectives, and consider options for more holistic and better targeted, coordinated and operationalised support for Indigenous people experiencing homelessness in urban settings.

We warmly congratulate chief investigator Associate Professor Deirdre Tedmanson, and her team: Associate Professor Alwin Chong, Dr Skye Akbar, Professor Ian Goodwin-Smith and Associate Professor David MacKenzie from UniSA, Daphne Habibis from University of Tasmania and Selina Tually from University of Adelaide.

Congratulations also to Professor Andrew Beer, who is a member of a successful application led by the University of Adelaide for the Investigative Panel titled: ‘Warm, cool and energy-affordable housing solutions for low-income renters: A Panel Investigation’.

Whether or not your team’s application was successful, we strongly encourage you to continue to foster the connections that you have established through the application process with colleagues in other AHURI Research Centres.

Research Centre Workgroup Initiative, RTIS and other funding
As noted in our previous bulletin, several members of the UniSA AHURI Research Centre’s interdisciplinary workgroups submitted funding applications in the 2018 RTIS funding round. Congratulations to chief investigator, Dr Ali Ardeshiri (now employed at UNSW, but a member of the UniSA Ageing-specific Housing Workgroup throughout 2018), Dr Alpana Civism, Dr Sada Karuppanan, Prof Kurt Lushington and UniSA AHURI Research Centre Deputy Director Dr Braam Lowies. Their project is titled: ‘Housing, neighbourhood & life course: Understanding housing milestone decision making’ and responds to the big question in ‘An Age Friendly World - How can we enable development and well-being across life course?’

In addition, Dr Lowies together with Prof Christine Helliar, Dr Rob Whait, (all from BUE) and Prof Kurt Lushington (EASS), secured funding from the ANZ Bank to further investigate the financial capability and wellbeing of older people in Australia. The focus of the project is on responsive communication from the financial services industry including communication that involves financial and housing decisions older people make.

Upcoming Events

Australasian Housing Researchers’ Conference, University of Adelaide 6 – 8 February, 2019
The AHURI Research Centre at UniSA is co-hosting the Australasian Housing Researchers’ Conference (AHRC 2019) with the University of Adelaide. Early bird registrations will be open on the conference website until 4 January 2019: https://www.ahrc.org.au

The call for abstracts for AHRC 2019 has closed, but if you missed the deadline and still wish to submit an abstract, please contact the conference secretariat as outlined on the website.

AHURI Top-up Scholars Symposium in Adelaide, February, 2019
Prior to the AHRC 2019, AHURI will hold its annual PhD Scholars’ Symposium in Adelaide. If you are an AHURI Top-up Scholar, the symposium organiser, Professor Wendy Stone will contact you with further details.

AHURI Research Centre at UniSA Workgroup Meetings in early 2019:
• Housing & Homelessness, Tuesday 19 February, 2 - 4pm
• Ageing-specific Housing, Wednesday 20 February, 2 - 4pm
• Urban (inaugural meeting), Thursday 21 February, 2 - 4pm

Centre Administrative & Management News
Christine, Braam and Kyra, the leadership and administrative team of the AHURI Research Centre at UniSA, have thoroughly enjoyed working with our centre members and external partners in 2018. We wish you all a restful and joyful filled festive season and we look forward to our collaborations in 2019.