Dear colleagues and students,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year! I hope that our newsletters have helped to keep you updated with our latest news and stories. Enjoy our December edition and please do not hesitate to reach out to share your own accomplishments so we can include them in the 2022 edition. I would also like to wish you a lovely end-of-year break with your loved ones.

Best wishes,
Professor Kimberlie Dean
Head of School
Australian Mental Health Prize 2021

Congratulations to Prof Ian Hickie AM and Honor Eastly for winning the Australian Mental Health Prize! Click here to see all the finalists and watch the 2021 Awards Ceremony.

Beverley Raphael New Investigator Grant 2022-2023

Congratulations to Dr Nabilah Islam and her supervisors, Dr Daniel Lin and Professor Valsa Eapen on being awarded the Beverley Raphael New Investigator Grant 2022-2023 sponsored by RANZCP. Led by Dr Lin, this project is to explore the role of microRNA in metabolic adverse effects associated with second-generation antipsychotics for patients with a first psychotic episode. Read more here.

Neuroscience, Mental Health and Addiction Theme Award

Dr Daniel Lin was successfully awarded the Neuroscience Mental Health and Addiction Theme and CAG seed funding to study how visual attention bias can predict the severity of emotion dysregulation in young children. Read more here.

Autism CRC Award 2021

Dr Samuel Arnold and Julianne Higgins are co-leaders of a project exploring autistic burnout that has won the Inclusive Research Practice category. Read more here.
Rethink My Drink

CHeBA has launched a world-first online study designed to help Australians aged 60 – 75 years consider their alcohol consumption and be guided to reduce their intake and help prevent dementia. Read more here.

Media

Health Minister Announces Karitane Funding

The Australian Government has today announced a $9.44 million grant to Karitane – Australia’s non-profit leader in parenting support services – for its National Perinatal and Infant Mental Health: Connect and Care program. Read more here.

‘It’s changed my life again’: New drug offers hope for some with depression

UNSW Professor Colleen Loo of the Black Dog Institute and member of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists said the availability of Spravato was remarkable for people with treatment-resistant depression. Read more on this treatment here.

How you can reduce your risk of dementia

CHeBA Co-Director Professor Henry Brodaty speaks to the Sydney Morning Herald about some modifiable risk-factors for dementia. Read more here.

Turning your life around after lockdown

CHeBA Dr Suraj Samtani spoke to Seven News about coping with mental pressures of coming out of lockdown. Read more here.

Education
Education Focussed School Grant 2021
This highly competitive program attracted a range of exemplary applications for projects that seek to improve the student experience and make use of EF academics’ expertise. Congratulations to Dr Megan Kalucy on being awarded a $50,000 EF grant and funding!

Meet the EF Academics
The EF community is growing and spans across UNSW’s Faculties and academic levels. Read more here.

Events
UNSW Sydney partnering with iconic Sydney Festival
The new partnership will see academics on stage, students volunteering and engagement with the UNSW community. Read more here.

Conjoints
Congratulations to Andrew Ellis and John Kasinathan for their promotion to Conjoint Associate Professor!
Click here to apply for a Conjoint appointment with the School.

Students
The Dean’s Award for Outstanding PhD Theses
Congratulations to our students, Sophie Xi Chen and Hamish Fibbins for winning this award! Further details about this award have been published on the HDR Hub.

Arc PGC Student Award
Scientia PhD scholar Gurjeet Kaur Virk has received the Arc PGC Student Award for her efforts to continue researching and contribute to the UNSW higher degree research community during the COVID19 pandemic.

New Starters

- Professor Kimberlie Dean, Head of Discipline, Psychiatry
- Jane Clarke, New Discipline Manager
- Louis Klein, Central Psychiatry

We would like your feedback and suggestions! Please contact us [here](#).