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Excellence in Research for Australia 2015 Update

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Introduction

There have been several changes to the Submission Guidelines for ERA 2015. However, the **ERA objectives are unchanged**:

1. establish an evaluation framework that gives government, industry, business and the wider community assurance of the excellence of research conducted in Australian higher education institutions;
2. provide a national stocktake of discipline level areas of research strength and areas where there is opportunity for development in Australian higher education institutions;
3. identify excellence across the full spectrum of research performance;
4. identify emerging research areas and opportunities for further development; and
5. allow for comparisons of research in Australia, nationally and internationally, for all discipline areas.



ERA 2015 Reference Periods

| Data type | Reference period | Years |
|------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Research outputs | 1 Jan 2008-31 Dec 2013 | 6 |
| Research income | 1 Jan 2011-31 Dec 2013 | 3 |
| Applied measures | 1 Jan 2011-31 Dec 2013 | 3 |
| Esteem measures | 1 Jan 2011-31 Dec 2013 | 3 |

Staff census date: 31 March 2014



ERA 2015 Submission Dates

| Stage | Start | Finish |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 0 | 19 Jan 2015 | 19 Feb 2015 |
| 1 | 23 Feb 2015 | 13 Mar 2015 |
| 2 | 16 Mar 2015 | 7 Apr 2015 |
| 3 | 8 Apr 2015 | 13 Apr 2015 |
| 4 | 14 Apr 2015 | 20 Apr 2015 |



High Level Changes

- Nomination of Research Outputs for Peer Review
- Submission Stage 0
- Publication Association for Staff Employed at Less Than 0.4 FTE
- Gender Data
- Treatment of Revisions, Reprints and Multiple Editions
- Digital Storage of Research Outputs Nominated for Peer Review
- ERA Submission Publisher ID
- ERA Submission Conference ID
- Open Access
- New Category of Non-Traditional Research Outputs



Conference Submission List

Conference Series e.g.
Australian Software Engineering
Conference

**Conference
Submission List**

Conference Proceeding e.g.
Proceedings of the 21st Australian
Software Engineering Conference

Conference Publication e.g.
The significance of learning style with
respect to achievement, in first year
programming students.



Publisher Submission list

- ERA 2012 requirement - each institution chose the name for publishers for books and book chapters
- Large degree of variation

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- Publisher Submission List was constructed by the ERA Team from ERA 2012 data
- 'Other' category available



Research report for an external body

A written research report **commissioned or solicited by an external body** such as a government department or private company.

To be eligible to be submitted, a research report must:

- meet the definition of research;
- not be eligible to be submitted as a traditional research output; and
- have been published or made publicly available during the reference period for research outputs.



Staff eligibility rule for less than 0.4 FTE

For staff who are employed at less than 0.4 FTE to be eligible to be submitted they must:

- be employed as ‘research only’ or ‘teaching and research’
- have at least one eligible research output associated with the submitting institution
- the ARC recognises there may be instances where a staff member does not meet the publication association due to significant career interruptions because of personal circumstances. In such circumstances, institutions may write to the ARC to explain why the staff member should be included in the institution’s submission



Key Documents

The following documents are **available now** at:

http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_2015/2015_keydocs.htm

- ERA 2015 Submission Guidelines
- ERA-SEER 2015 Business Rules and Verification
- ERA-SEER 2015 Technical Specifications
- ERA 2015 Discipline Matrix
- ERA-SEER 2015 Technology Pack

There is a FAQs page which we will update regularly:

http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_2015/2015_FAQs.htm

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(9.00am and 5.00pm, Canberra time, Mon-Fri)



Key Documents

The following documents will be released as part of the **ERA 2015 reporting**:

- **ERA Journal List**
 - *Unlike other years, this will be released after the evaluation, and will include a full list of journals where ERA-eligible publications have been submitted.*
- **ERA Conference List**
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