Sydney researchers receive OLT grants for new projects

Congratulations to Professor Paul McGreevy (Veterinary Science) [pictured], who is leading an Australasian project which will develop nationally shared curriculum resources for veterinary undergraduate learning and teaching in animal ethics. The team includes members from all Australian veterinary schools and Massey University, New Zealand.

Congratulations to Dr Martin Tomitsch (Architecture, Design & Planning) and colleagues Dr Jen Scott Curwood (Education & Social Work), Dr Kate Thomson (Health Sciences), and Dr Graham Hendry (Institute for Teaching & Learning). Their project will develop a world-first tablet app that will offer interactive resources and networking opportunities to help academics make better use of their Unit of Study Evaluation results.

The funding of these projects completes a year of successes in which a number of other Sydney applications were also funded by the national Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT):

- Dr Susan Banki and her team, which includes members from six other universities, received funding for 'Filling the Social Justice Gap'.
- Associate Professor Manjula Sharma became a 2013 National Teaching Fellow to work on 'More active lecture approaches in science and mathematics: using expert cultural capital to drive change'.
- Associate Professor Mark Freeman will provide an OLT Good Practice Report on 'Assuring Learning Outcomes and Standards', which is a summative evaluation of good practices and key outcomes for teaching and learning from national projects and fellowships.
- Associate Professor Judy Anderson is the leader of the Sydney team contributing to 'Inspiring mathematics and science in teacher education', a project led by the University of Queensland.
- Dr Abelardo Pardo is the Sydney member on two projects, one led by the University of South Australia on 'Using video annotation software to develop student self-regulated learning' and the other 'Radical transformation: reimagining engineering education', led by the University of Queensland.
- Professor Derrick Armstrong and Professor Marie Carroll are project partners in The University of Western Sydney’s 'Student leadership in curriculum development and reform'.

All the grants, apart from that for Mathematics and Science Teaching, qualify as Category One funded grants on the Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR).

In addition a number of Expressions of Interest from Round 2, 1 2013 were developed into full
applications for Round 1, 2014. Final decisions about this round are pending.

To find out more about applying for an OLT grant, see the Teaching@Sydney article below.