Draft ERA 2015 Journal and Conference Lists Consultation – Fact Sheet

Purpose of the ERA 2015 Journal and Conference Lists

The ARC has released the Draft ERA 2015 Journal and Conference Lists. These lists are designed for the sole purpose of supporting ERA 2015. The lists define outlets that are eligible for institutions ERA 2015 submissions, that is, scholarly, peer reviewed outlets that publish original research and will be active during the ERA 2015 reference period for research outputs.

The journal and conference lists form an integral part of the ERA evaluation process. The lists provide components that will be used in the ERA 2015 methodology, including:

- defining the eligible Fields of Research (FoR) codes that research outputs may be assigned during the submission phase; and
- defining the outlets from which the citation benchmarks are derived.

The public consultation provides an opportunity for individuals to provide feedback on the Draft ERA 2015 Journal and Conference Lists.

The Draft ERA 2015 Journal List

The Draft ERA 2015 Journal List is based on the ERA 2012 Journal list with some additional new eligible outlets listed. The 2012 ERA Journal List resulted from extensive consultation with discipline experts, academic peak bodies and members of the public. Eligible new journals that have been suggested after the release of ERA 2012 Journal List have also been included in the Draft ERA 2015 list. The ARC has endeavoured to process all eligible new journal requests, however please check the consultation list to ensure that previous submissions of new journals have been included.

For inclusion in the Draft ERA 2015 Journal List, the journals must meet all of the following criteria:

- are academic/scholarly;
- publish original peer reviewed research;
- have one or more ISSNs; and
- were active during the ERA 2015 reference period for research outputs.

The Draft ERA 2015 Conference List

The Draft ERA 2015 Conference List consists of the list of Conference Series from the ERA 2010 Conference List (with ranking removed), and additional conferences added as a result of consultation with the Computing Research and Education Association of Australasia (CORE). As yet the majority of these new conferences do not have a Field of Research (FoR) assigned to them.
For inclusion in the Draft ERA 2015 Conference List, the conferences must meet all of the following criteria:

- are academic/scholarly;
- publish original research in peer reviewed proceedings; and
- have been published during the ERA 2015 reference period for research outputs.

**Stages of Consultation**

In preparation for the ERA 2015 round, the ARC is reviewing the Draft ERA 2015 Journal and Conference lists. This process occurs in three phases, the first being a public consultation and consolidation of the suggested changes. In the second phase peak bodies and disciplinary groups will review the consolidated list from phase 1. The peak bodies and academic groups will be responsible for making recommendations to the ARC regarding the final determination of the ERA 2015 outlets. In the third phase the ARC will review comments and finalise the draft outlets lists.

**Phase 1– Public consultation**
The public consultation stage provides an opportunity for individuals to provide feedback on the Draft ERA 2015 Journal and Conference Lists. The consultation provides an opportunity to request changes to outlets and/or submit new outlets that meet the eligibility criteria for consideration as part of the ERA 2015 outlet list development process.

**Phase 2– Review by peak bodies and academic groups**
At the conclusion of the public consultation period, the ARC will ask the peak bodies/disciplinary groups to review the lists according to their area of expertise. The ARC will ask peak bodies and other academic groups to assist with the review of feedback and make recommendations regarding the field of research assignments for the ERA 2015 outlet lists.

**Phase 3– ARC Review of comments and finalisation of lists**
In phase 3, the comments received from the peak bodies/disciplinary groups will be considered by the ARC and the draft lists will be finalised for the ERA 2015 submission round.

**Fields of Research Code**
ERA uses the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC) to define research disciplines. The ANZSRC contains 157 four-digit FoR codes and 22 two-digit FoR codes. For further information regarding the ANZSRC, please refer to: [http://www.arc.gov.au/era/ANZSRC.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/ANZSRC.htm).
Each outlet may be assigned up to three (FoR) codes. As a general rule, an outlet must regularly publish at least 30% of its content relevant to a particular FoR code in order to be assigned that code.

The FoRs assigned to each journal in the ERA 2015 Journal List will be based on the ERA 2012 Journal List and the feedback received during the public consultation period to develop the ERA 2015 list.

Outlets may only be coded at the four-digit FoR code level in the public consultation but the ARC will consolidate this information after the close of consultation. Some examples of possible FoR codings are provided in Figure 1. Where an outlet publishes broadly across more than three four-digit FoR codes, the outlet may be assigned one or more two-digit FoR codes. This allows submitting institutions to assign publications to any of the four-digit codes which sit beneath the assigned two-digit code in the ANZSRC hierarchy.

Where an outlet publishes broadly across more than three two-digit FoR codes, the outlet may be given the code of ‘multidisciplinary’. This allows submitting institutions to assign publications to any of the four-digit codes listed in the ANZSRC.

**Figure 1: FoR coding examples**

**Journal A**

Nominated FoR codes

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Final FoR coding: 02, 09, 01

**Journal B**

Nominated FoR codes

| 1905 | 1602 |

Final FoR coding: 1905, 1602

**Journal C**

Nominated FoR codes

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Final FoR coding: Multidisciplinary