The ATN approach to enhancing research professionals’ skills to facilitate best practice research management and broaden individual career opportunities

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Introduction

The e-Grad school (eGSA) was established by the ATN to provide online non-award and award courses for research students that enhance the development of their professional capabilities and employability.

These areas are:

(a) Commercialisation processes and strategies
(b) Business and legal management concepts (intellectual property management, financial management, project management, market evaluation etc)
(c) Organisational behaviour (human resources and leadership, teamwork, professional skills)

The coursework programs

Non-Award: Learning Employment Aptitudes Program (8 modules)
Non-Award: Modules Online for Research Education (6 modules)
Award: Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation (4 units)
Award: Master of Research Management and Commercialisation (12 units)

The outcomes

To date there have been over 5000 registrations in non-award units and 1197 award subject enrolments by students from both across Australia and internationally including 242 completions for the Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation, and 8 completions for the Masters of R&D Management which has become Masters in Research Management and Commercialisation later this year. Enrolments have consistently increased annually since 2008 indicating a strong need for formal training in non-technical professional skills among research active individuals (HDR students and early career researchers) and professional/administrative staff, both of whom actively enrol in these offerings.