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Theme: Professional research management as an embedded practice

Title: Research Education and Research Support two pieces in the same puzzle

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Abstract:

The operational challenges inherent in a complex institution such as USYD may lead to potential disconnects among researchers, professional staff, and various administrative entities. In order to better align with the strategic objectives of USYD and its faculties, and to address these potential gaps within the Faculty of Science, the Research and Research Training unit has been established. This initiative aims to enhance cohesion and collaboration, fostering a more streamlined and effective research ecosystem within the institution. This was done through the creation of two teams within the unit; the Science Graduate Research School and the Science Research Support team. These teams focus on their specific remits of research education and research support, respectively. They have each formed local partnerships to improve the researcher experience, streamline processes and increase engagement. However, we have discovered the value of not only forming partnerships with the various University services available in these areas, but also and more importantly for this presentation we have recognised the value of partnering research education with research support. We have discovered that by taking a holistic approach, collaborating on strategic planning and maintaining open communication across the unit we provide a more efficient and comprehensive service to researchers of all levels. In this presentation we will share our experience and discuss the benefits of considering elements of both Research Education and Research Support to streamline Research Management processes.