

School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences

Research Student Advisory Group

DATE: Tuesday, 25 March 2025

TIME: 11:30 pm – 1:00 pm

PLACE: Room 306, Chemistry Building (68)

Present: Evelyn Deplazes, Mikael Boden, Alex De Sa, Quinn Zhao, Phani Kumari Paritala, Julia Huang, Hui Yi Lim, Lauren Baade, Jasvanti Lala, Diana Sanabria Lozano, Gemma Laird, Vishal Pandey, Genoveva Joe

Absence: Elijah Phelps, Alyssa Peterson, Laura Garzon Flores, Cheng-Yu Chiang, Mikayla Crouch, Claire Cheng

1. Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was spoken by Quinn, in recognition of the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was taking place.

2. Welcome:

Quinn welcomed members to the first meeting of RSAG for 2025 to the committee-each member introduced themselves and indicated their lab affiliation.

3. Appointment of RSAG Executive positions for 2025 SCMB •

Name	Position	Lab Group
Gemma Laird	Chair	PhD (Evans Lab)
Lauren Baade	Deputy Chair	PhD (Lawrie Lab)
Jasvanti Lala	Treasurer	PhD (Tanurdžić Lab)
Diana Sanabria Lozano	Co-Treasurer	PhD (Hugenholtz Lab)
Vishal Pandey	Secretary	PhD (Kobe Lab)

4. Members of the RSAG committee for 2025 SCMB RSAG

Name	Lab Group
Julia Huang	PhD (Robertson Lab)
Alyssa Peterson	PhD (Hobson-Peters Lab)
Laura Garzon Flores	PhD (Kobe Lab)
Cheng-Yu Chiang	PhD (West Lab)
Hui Yi Lim	PhD (Watterson Lab)
Claire Cheng	PhD (Boden Lab)
Elijah Phelps	Honours (Vetter group)
Genoveva Joe	Honours (Grondahl group)
Mikayla Crouch	Honours (Tabor Group)

5. Appointment of representative of RSAG on the SCMB Research Committee and the SCMB Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee (EDIC)

Quinn explained the purpose of the SCMB Research Committee and the expectations of the student representative. They would serve as a conduit between the Research Committee and RSAG (reporting to and from the RSAG committee) and give a voice to this committee that would be heard by the SCMB Executive, via the Research Committee.

Vishal Pandey agreed to serve as the RSAG representative on the SCMB Research Committee.

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Jasvanti Lala agreed to serve as the RSAG representative on the SCMB HDR committee.

The EDIC committee: EDIC, identifies equity, diversity and inclusiveness issues that may exist within the School, to develop and trial measures that address those issues, to encourage the commitment of all staff and students to the process, and to ensure a realistic time frame for resolution of any issues. They meet approximately quarterly.

Laura Garzon Flores agreed to serve as the RSAG representative on the EDIC committee.

6. Appointment of HDR Student representative forum

The Student Leaders forum is held monthly by the Graduate School and is usually attended by the Dean, Deputy Dean and Director of the UQ Graduate School as well as student reps from other enrolling units. It is the perfect venue to both obtain the latest information on HDR matters and share the concerns and /or great initiatives of the SCMB cohort with the Graduate School and other HDR cohorts. It would be expected that this rep would prepare a brief report for RSAG each meeting and act as a conduit of information between the SCMB HDR students and the Graduate School.

Lauren Baade agreed to serve as the RSAG representative on the HDR Student representative forum.

7. Annual SCMB Research Students Symposium

- Major role of the RSAG committee is to organise the annual SCMB research student symposium, usually held at the end of November
- Shared drive (<\\nas02.storage.uq.edu.au\SCI\SCMB\Operations\RSCC>) with student account
- Set a date for this year's symposium (original plan is on 27, 28 Nov)
- Assign jobs

Jobs	Assigned	Progress
Venue	HLO	
Finance and Sponsorship	Jasvanti Lala, Diana Sanabria Lozano, Julia Huang, Vishal Pandey, Lauren Baade	
Plenary Speaker	Dr Alex De Sa	
Opening and Closing Speakers	Jasvanti Lala	
Advertising/Promotion	Genoveva Joe	
Sourcing of Judges	Vishal Pandey	
Catering	Gemma Laird, Hui Yi Lim,	
Booklet Production	Genoveva Joe	

Receipt of abstracts, speaker selection (develop selection criteria), contact selected speakers	Diana Sanabria Lozano,	
General event logistics	All	
Collecting feedback on the event	Gemma Laird, Dr Alex De Sa	
Prizes and Award certificates	Lauren Baade	
Timetable	All	
Printing: e.g. nametags, feedback sheets, marking sheets, etc	Lauren Baade	

7. Other Business

3MT – It will run in the first week of June, Evelyne and Quinn will confirm the date for SCMB 3MT next Monday on DHDR meeting.

8. Next Meeting

16th April 2025 – Room 68-306

21st May 2025 – Room 68-306