



2010 ERA Submission Guidelines: Update

Work is continuing on the *ERA Submission Guidelines* and the *ERA-SEER Technical Specifications* for the full ERA evaluation in 2010.

Comments received as part of the previous consultation processes on these documents are being considered by the ARC and will be incorporated into the documents for 2010.

The guidelines and the technical specifications for 2010 'Big Bang' will be released to the sector in early December.

What does the full ERA evaluation mean?

It means all eight clusters will be submitted at the same time.

Closing Soon: Feedback on the Journal Title List

A reminder that feedback to the journal title list for the full ERA process is due by Monday, 2 November 2009.

The list and new journal form are available at www.arc.gov.au/era/journal_title_list.htm.

If you have any questions, please contact the ERA Helpdesk on 02 6287 6755 or era@arc.gov.au.

ERA Trials

Research Evaluation Committees

Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences (PCE) Research Evaluation Committee

The Research Evaluation Committee has finished its evaluations for the PCE trial. Institutions will receive their results by November. The ARC will publish a PCE national report on its website in addition to the institution reports.

Humanities and Creative Arts (HCA) Research Evaluation Committee

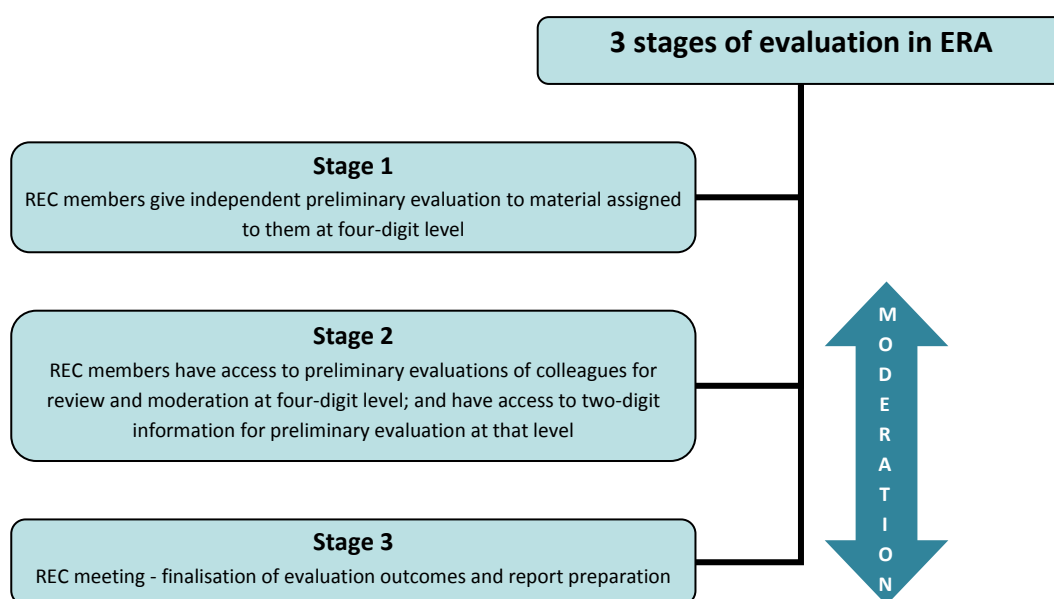
The Research Evaluation Committee has commenced evaluations of HCA disciplines. The Committee will meet to finalise evaluations in November and institutions will receive their results in December. The ARC will also publish a HCA national report on its website in addition to the institution reports.

Update

As most of you are aware the ARC is conducting a trial of ERA in 2009 involving two discipline Clusters: Cluster 1 (Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences) and Cluster 2 (Humanities and Creative Arts).

The key difference in the processes for the two trial RECs is that peer review is a feature for HCA but not for PCE, which is consistent with advice which the ARC received from the sector during consultation in 2008 and earlier in 2009. The HCA trial will also test arrangements for the presentation and peer review of creative works research outputs.

There are three stages of evaluation in ERA:



Outreach

The following presentations on ERA are being given by ERA staff during November:

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| 2 November | Presentation on ERA at Central Queensland University. |
| 5 November | Presentation on ERA - Australian Research Council (ARC) / National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Research Administrators' Seminar, held in association with the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) |
| 17 November | Innovative Research Universities (IRU) workshop on ERA and the creative arts in Brisbane. |
| 26 November | Collaborative Research Administrators Group (CRAG) – ERA Wash Up and Lessons Learnt Forum |
| 26-27 November | Presentation on ERA at Edith Cowan University and Murdoch University. |

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